

15th Region Soccer Super Region Proposal

Due to the fact that there are only two districts with so few teams overall in the region and the circumstance that some teams may field a team one year but not the next, it is in the best interest of all teams to go directly into a super region and not play district tournaments. Therefore, this proposal would have all teams in the region play each other at least one time. This already seems to be the case for most teams within the region.

For the purpose of seeding and to determine a regular season champion, the standings will be based off the first regular season meeting for each of the teams. (All-A games will not count toward the regional standings even if that is the first meeting). At the end of the season, the teams will be seeded based on the overall records for the season within those specified first game regional matchups. Since there will not be a district tournament and to align with how most soccer leagues and conferences are structured, the first-place team at the end of the season will be awarded the 15th Region Gold Cup as the regular season champion. The second-place team will be awarded the 15th Region Silver Cup.

In the event of a two-way tie in the standings, that first head-to-head regular season meeting will serve as the tie break for seeding. If there is a three-way or more tie in the standings, goal differential between the teams involved in the tie will be used to seed the teams. If a tie still exists, total goals scored in the games involving the teams will be the second tie-break. In the unusual event that a tie still exists, the teams still tied will draw for seeding.

Because the number of teams can fluctuate from year to year, the bracket will be drawn based on the number of teams. In the event that there are eight teams, a traditional bracket of 1-8, 2-7, 3-6 and 4-5 will take place for the first round with all first-round games being hosted by the higher seed. If there are less than eight teams, the highest seed or seeds earn a bye into the semifinals to maintain the bracket. For example, if there are seven teams participating, the number one seed will earn a bye. If there are six teams, the number one and two teams will earn a bye. If the region grows to nine or ten teams or more, the bracket will be expanded to a 16-team bracket with appropriate byes. For instance if there are ten teams, the 7-seed will host the 10-seed and the 8-seed will host the 9-seed as play-in games to move into the rest of the bracket.

Since there is no district tournament, there will be two weeks to complete all regional games. Under this model with our current configuration of no more than eight teams, all first round boys' games will be played on Monday and first round girls' games will be on Tuesday of week one. The semifinals will move to a host site on Wednesday for girls and Thursday for boys. The regional championship games will be played on the following Tuesday for boys and Wednesday for girls to crown the two regional champions.