

## Region 275 Player Evaluation

Again this season, all coaches are strongly encouraged to evaluate each player on their own team, and they may also offer an evaluation of other players in their division. This information will NOT be released publicly, but will be used by Division Coordinators in their 'team-balancing' efforts in the subsequent AYSO season. In particular, player evaluations should not be discussed with players or their parents.

Please fill out the accompanying form with the players from your team. As you play other teams in our region, you may add other team's players to the form (separate boxes provided for each team). Information on the top 30-40% of the players in each division would benefit the balancing process.

**Please turn in your completed form to Susan Gunn (either by email or dropping it in the blue shed)**

**By April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Player evaluations should be made on the basis of a 'best-faith' estimate of a player's soccer ability with respect to an 'average' player in that division. Evaluations will be made on a '5-star' basis, with a 5-star rating being reserved for the best players in that division (about the top 10%). A player with an 'average' soccer ability for his age-group would be given a '3-star' rating. A 'one-star' rating would be given to those players with 'significantly below average' soccer skills, compared to other players in that age division.

| <u>'Stars Rating'</u> | <u>Meaning</u>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 5                     | Significantly Above Average in Soccer Skill/Ability (for that age group)<br>(one of THE BEST Players in the Division) |
| 4                     | Above Average (Solid Skills, perhaps some weaknesses/growth potential)  |
| 3                     | Average Player (Basically Average, or Strong in certain areas/Weak in others)   |
| 2                     | Below Average (Weaker skills than average/a developing player)  |
| 1                     | Significantly Below Average (typically reserved for a new or very inexperienced soccer player (for that age group)    |

Additionally, coaches may further distinguish relative player strengths and/or weaknesses with the addition of a '+' or '-' (plus, or minus) to the stars rating. Thus, a 5+ classification could be used to designate the most highly skilled (or 'impact') players in a division. A '3-' might be used to indicate that a player is essentially an average player w/ perhaps some areas that need additional improvement compared to other 'average' players.

In order that all coaches have a similar basis for evaluation, the categorizations (below) could be loosely followed. It has been our experience that this sort of evaluation process will result in a (slightly skewed) bell-shaped curve, so that (on average) more players will probably end up being classified as a '3' than any other rating, and 5-star players might represent only a small percentage (perhaps 5%-15%) of the total number of players, as follows:

| <u>'Stars Rating'</u> | <u>Approximate %</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 5                     | 5-15                 |
| 4                     | 15-30                |
| 3                     | 25-40                |
| 2                     | 15-30                |
| 1                     | 15-30                |

If you have questions concerning the evaluations and/or relative strengths, you may check with other coaches, **OR** contact your Division Coordinator.