

# Soccer Nova Scotia Competition Structure



2016-17

Starting in summer 2017, the Sport Chek National Championships will be moving to two youth age categories: U15 & U17. As a result of these national changes, our competition structure in Nova Scotia will be changing as well.

## 1. How will our competition structure change?



The Soccer NS competition structure will be divided into three streams:

- A. Performance
- B. Community
- C. Mini



The Performance Stream will be divided into A, AA & AAA while mini and community will be divided into A, B & C.



The AAA streams will be eligible to compete at the Sport Chek National Championships at the U15, U17 & Senior levels.

## 2. When will the changes happen?



The new competition structure will take effect winter 2016-17 throughout all leagues across the province.

## 3. Why are we changing?



The new youth age divisions of U13, U15 & U17 are mandated by Canada Soccer and all provincial organizations must follow suit.



Our new labeling of AAA, AA, A, B & C creates a more simplified and easily understood competition structure. Many other provincial soccer organizations and other sports have adopted this labeling with success.

## 4. Long Term Player Development



LTPD playing standards will continue as usual at each age group.



Stage	Playing Standards
U4 Active Start	No games
U6 Active Start	No scores & standings
U8 FUNdamentals	No scores & standings
U9, U10 Learning to Train	7-side with no scores & standings
U11, U12	9-side with no scores & standings
U13, U15, U17, U21 & Senior	11-side with scores and standings
Ladies 7-side	7-side with scores and

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Outdoor  
Season

Mini

## Mini

**U9/10 A, B & C**

Learning to Train

No scores and standings

**U8 A, B & C**

FUNdamentals

No scores and standings

**U6**

Active Start

No scores and standings

**U4**

Active Start

No games

Community

## Senior

**B & C**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**Masters & 7-aside**

11-aside/ 7-aside  
scores and standings

## Youth

**U21 A**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U17 A, B & C**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U15 A, B & C**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U13 A, B & C**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U11A, U12 B & C**

9-aside no scores and  
standings

Performance



## Senior

**Premiership AAA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**Championship AA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

## Youth

**U17 AAA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U15 AAA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U15 AA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**U13 AA**

11-aside scores and  
standings

**12 A**

9-aside no scores  
and standings



*As a continuation of the  
Soccer NS U12 Academy,  
the U13 AA division will be  
a standards based league.*

