



BSC Middle League Level Definitions



ML Tier Distinctions

Cross Quad/Option I

Basic Player Traits

- Tends toward aggressive play;
- Is not afraid of the ball or hesitant;
- Is looking to participate in competitive play in U11-up

Player Experience Level

- Has played for many seasons;
- Plays both seasons/year;
- Engages in off-season training and play

Player Skill Level

- Very Advanced;
- Has mastered all of the basic skills of the game;
- Is a consistent, reliable player; and
- Is interested in advanced moves and tactics

Tier A

Basic Player Traits

- Tends toward aggressive play;
- Is not afraid of the ball or hesitant
- Is looking to participate in competitive play in U11 and up

Player Experience Level

- Has played for many seasons;
- Plays both seasons/year;
- Engages in off-season training and play

Player Skill Level

- Advanced;
- Has mastered all of the basic skills of the game;
- Is a consistent, reliable player;
- Is interested in advanced moves and tactics

Tier B

Basic Player Traits

- Has moments of aggressive play;
- Not often afraid of the ball or hesitant
- Is considering competitive play in U11 and up

Player Experience Level

- Has played for a number of seasons;
- Usually plays both seasons of the year;
- May engage in off-season training or play

Player Skill Level

- Intermediate to advanced;
- Has mastered many of the basic ball control and passing skills;
- Is becoming more consistent day-to-day

Tier C

Basic Player Traits

- Generally non-aggressive on the field;
- Sometimes afraid of the ball or hesitant to challenge for the ball

Player Experience Level

- Newer to the game;
- May play alternating seasons;
- Little to no off-season training or play

Player Skill level

- Beginner to intermediate;
- Still working on basics of ball control and passing;
- Focus remains on basic skills of passing, kicking, and control.



ML Tier Distinctions - Continued

Cross Quad/Option I

Family Commitment

- Three day/week practice commitment;
- Makes attending all practices, scrimmages, and games a top priority;
- Participates in off-season camps, leagues, etc.;
- May have much longer commutes for games; and
- Higher program fees - \$130/season - and numerous potential additional tourneys add to overall cost.

Player Desire

- Learning and playing the game at a high level are very important

Tier A

Family Commitment

- Three day/week practice commitment;
- Makes attending all practices, scrimmages, and games a top priority;
- Participates in off-season camps, leagues, etc.;
- Higher program fees - \$130/season - and numerous potential additional tourneys add to overall cost.

Player Desire

- Learning and playing the game at a high level are very important

Tier B

Family Commitment

- Willing to commit to potential extra practices;
- Is okay with some longer journeys off-season tournaments;
- Enjoys participating in one or two tournaments/season
- May be interested in summer and/or winter programs; and
- Higher program fees - \$110/season - and potential additional tourneys add to overall cost.

Player Desire

- Enjoys being part of team;
- Wants to develop to play soccer at a higher level.

Tier C

Family Commitment

- May have many commitments outside of soccer;
- Requires/prefers a set schedule;
- Prefers only two practices per week;
- Usually not interested in off-season activities;
- Appreciates that game commute is generally North Metro; and
- Least expensive option - \$90/season.

Player Desire

- Enjoys being part of team;
- Learning soccer is part of the fun



Middle League Tier A/Cross Quad/Option I

- Intended for players and parents who want the highest level of competition and training with a focus on preparing for competitive play;
- They are willing to invest additional time for practice, training, and travel. Kids often play year-round in summer camps, summer tournaments and leagues, and winter indoor leagues;
- 8v8 format, 50 X 70 field, and full-sized goal;
- Two ninety-minute weekday practices/week;
- Teams have third practice (run by coach) or training session (run by outside trainer) during each week;
- Target Team Size = 12;
- Teams typically play in multiple tournaments during the year;
- Games are usually on Saturdays, but some are on Sunday and/or weekdays;



Middle League Tier A/Cross Quad/Option I - Continued

- Teams play in either the Flatiron Interleague A Flight (both U9 and U10) or one of the CYS programs: Cross Quadrant (U9) or Option I (U10);
- The CYS programs - Cross Quadrant (U9) and Option I (U10) - are intended for higher-level teams. Teams compete against teams from across the extended Greater Denver areas, such as from Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver South Metro, and Fort Collins; and
- Coaches, Age Group Coordinators, and the Middle League Director work together to make determination on whether teams will play in Flatirons Interleague (both U9 and U10) or in a CYS program: Cross Quadrant (U9 only) or Option I (U10 only).



Middle League Tier B

- Intended for kids & parents who want a higher level of competition and training. They are willing to invest additional time for practice, training, and travel; Trying to reach a higher level of play.
- 8v8 format, 50 X 70 field, and full-sized goal;
- Two ninety-minute weekday practices/week;
- Many teams have third practice (run by coach) or training session (run by outside trainer) during week;
- Target Team Size = 12;
- Typically play in at least one tournament/season;
- Teams play in the Flatiron Interleague B Flight;
- Games typically played on Saturdays; and
- BSC teams travel beyond Broomfield for most Away games.



Middle League Tier C

- Intended for kids and parents who enjoy soccer, but who are not ready to dedicate additional time for practices, training, and travel;
- 8v8 format, 50 X 70 field, and full-sized goal;
- Two sixty-minute weekday practices/week;
- Target Team Size = 12;
- Games typically played on Saturdays;
- Teams play in Flatiron Interleague C Flight; and
- BSC teams travel beyond Broomfield for most Away games.