

Super 2 and Division I - "D1"

Super 2 and Division I teams register with one of the six local clubs but play under the direction of another association, the Eastern District Division One Association "EDDOA". EDDOA is the most competitive league within the Eastern District of STYSA. It is more demanding in terms of time (travel) and financial commitment (usually paid trainers and additional tournament participation). However, it provides the most competitive play opportunities for dedicated and skilled players.

-- **Super 2 (S2)** Super 2 is a division of EDDOA and is the next level of play above D2.

-- **Division I (D1)** D1 is a division of EDDOA and is highest level of play available in this area. There is frequent promotion and relegation (i.e., teams transferring from one level to another based on results) within each league (D1 or Super 2) and also between the two leagues (D1 and Super 2). D1/Super 2 provides the most competitive and consistent play opportunities for highly dedicated and skilled players, because of the number and quality of teams that are drawn every year from the Greater Houston area that comprises EDDOA.

EDDOA coaches must apply and obtain the approval of their local club's Board of Directors and the Spindletop Association Board to hold tryouts. The application/approval process takes place in February and tryouts are held in May for U11 and in June for U12 and older teams. EDDOA coaches are required to attend a clinic and obtain an "E" license (a weekend course). The coach, assistant coach and/or trainer must pass a background check. Additional coaching education and training is encouraged and generally offered locally.

- Any club is allowed to field an EDDOA team, although most EDDOA teams are fielded by the Spindletop Select (SSSC) Club. You will receive a letter from the Association, likely in the Spring, explaining tryout and team-formation procedures for next year's Fall Season.
- At U13 and above, there is no guarantee that a team will qualify for D1 or Super 2. Based on their performance and standings, sometimes, the teams are relegated to play D2 until improvement qualifies them to move up.
- EDDOA teams practice locally but play out of town, usually in the Houston area (Humble).
- In each season, fall and spring, there are generally ten weeks of play with one game per Saturday. However, the number of games can vary depending on the number of teams participating.
- EDDOA teams often use paid trainers instead of coach-directed practice sessions, resulting in training fees being charged to the parents and players. However, there are many fundraising and scholarship opportunities to assist parents and players with these fees.
- Super 2 coaches are required to make every effort to ensure that all players get at least 50% of playing time in each game; but this is only encouraged and not required in D1.

EDDOA has District advancement - but only for teams U13 and older. At U11 and U12, the focus is developmental so there is typically no district or state advancement at these younger age groups in EDDOA. EDDOA requires teams to participate in the developmental league at U11 and U12 to qualify for D1 or Super 2 during the U13 season. If a team does not qualify by playing in EDDOA during the U11 and U12 years, it is much more difficult to play in the EDDOA at U13 and older, although it is possible to qualify by advancing through D2 competition or in other ways.

If you are interested in coaching or assistant-coaching with a club for an EDDOA team, you should contact the club you desire to associate with and express that interest.

If you have any further questions, please contact: Jimmy Park, SYSA President (409) 755-6022.

- Beaumont Youth Soccer Club (BYSC)
<http://www.bysc.net>
- Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Club (GCYSC)
<http://www.gcysc.com>
- Hardin County Youth Soccer Club (HCYSC)
<http://www.hcysc.com>
- Orange County Youth Soccer Club (OCYSC)
<http://www.orangetexasoccer.com>
- Sea Breeze Youth Soccer Club (SBYSC);
<http://www.eteamz.com/seabreeze/index.cfm?>
- Spindletop Select Soccer Club (SSSC)
<http://www.spindletopselect.org>

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