



Championship Division Assignment Rules

To keep the Championship fair and balanced, divisions will be assigned following these rules:

1. Returning Teams (and Promotion & Relegation)

Teams that continue together will keep their **earned position** from the previous session, based on **final standings** (including promotion and relegation).

- Example: Team A finishes 1st in Division 2 → promoted to Division 1 next season.
 - Example: Team B finishes 4th in Division 3 → remains in Division 3 next season if they register again.
 - If a team repeats in the next session, we respect their exact place in the division, as well as their promotion or relegation status.
 - If a team does not repeat, the slot becomes available for new teams.
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2. Broken or Split Teams

- If one player stays and brings a partner of **similar level**, the team may keep the division.
 - If the new partner is much weaker/stronger, organisers may move the team to another division.
 - If both players split and form new teams → both are treated as **new entries**, no priority.
 - Example: Player X from Div 2 finds a beginner partner → may be moved to Div 3.
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3. New Teams & New Players

- **Complete new teams** (two new players): treated as new entries, placed by coach assessment.
 - Example: Two strong new players may enter Division 2 if there is space, but not Division 1 directly unless a clear gap exists.
 - **Mixed teams** (one returning + one new): the returning player's division right counts, but final placement depends on the new partner's level.
 - Example: Player Y from Div 1 with a strong new partner → stays in Div 1.
 - Example: Player Z from Div 1 with a weak new partner → moved to Div 2.
 - **Single new players without a partner**: organiser assigns a partner. The pair is treated as a new team.
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4. Division Capacity

- Each division has a fixed number of teams.
 - First, fill with returning teams (promotion/relegation).
 - Remaining slots go to new teams, respecting level balance.
 - Example: Division 2 has 8 slots → 6 returning teams + 2 strongest new teams.
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5. Principle of Fairness

- Returning teams are respected for their performance.

- New entries are placed where they fit best to keep balance.
- Organiser reserves the right to adjust 1–2 teams if needed, to avoid unbalanced divisions.