

The Team Registration Process



Why This Presentation

- Noticed correlation between explanation and the requested division to the final placement
- Help teams put the correct information on the form to eliminate confusion (i.e. training)
- Increase the opportunity to get the desired division
- Reduce the number of unhappy coaches and teams that did not get their requested division
- It is the most important thing each team will do for the season.

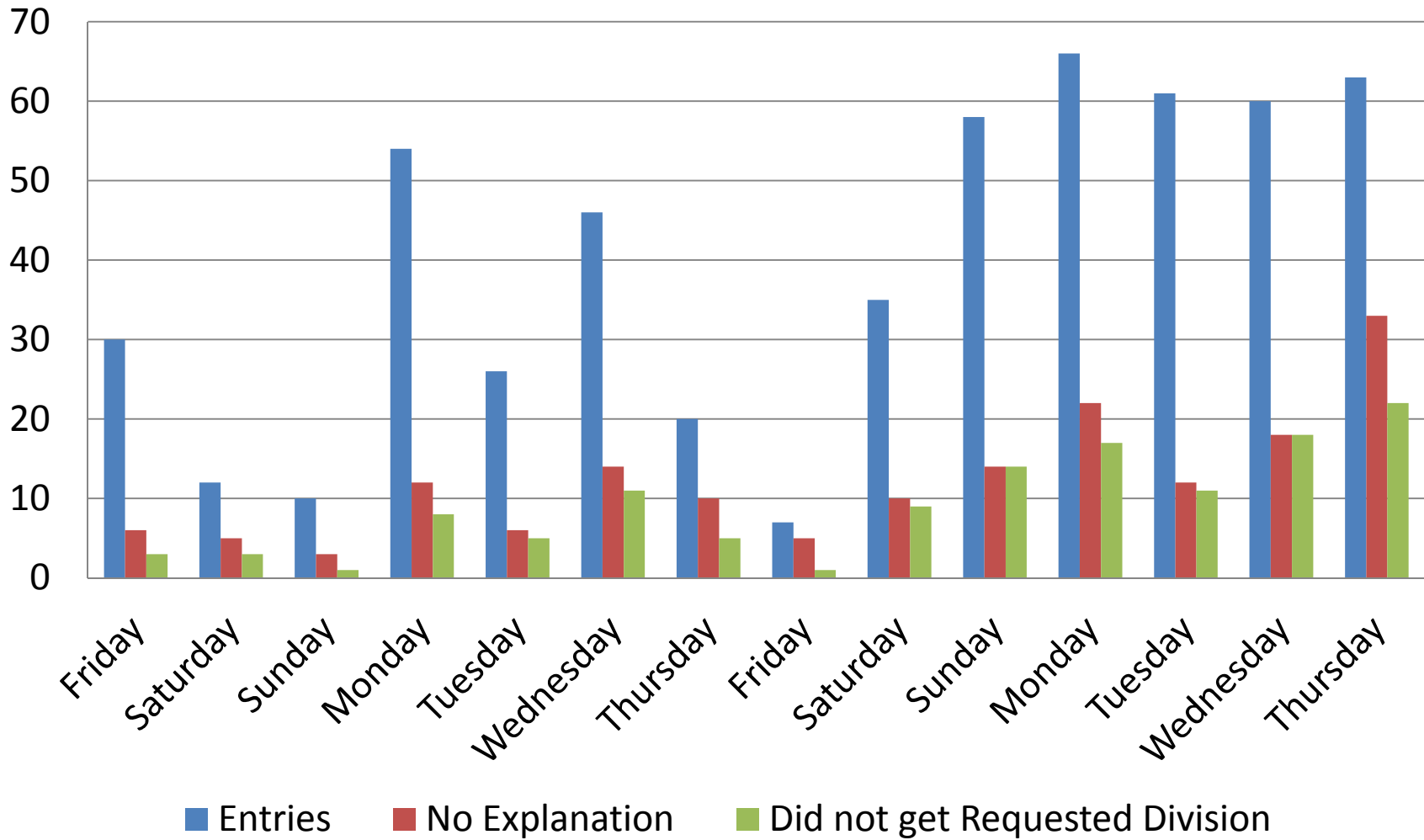
Background

- Three forms or web pages involved
 1. The team registration form
 - Read and follow the directions on form
 - Know the registration start and end dates
 - Do you know where to find the dates?
 2. Team count tracking table
 - Webpage is sometimes referred to as the “Bingo Board”
 - Use this to make sure all teams get registered
 - Critical, important, imperative, paramount, urgent
 3. The DC team placement tool

Some Facts

- Based on actual data from 2012 season
- 548 total entries (teams)
- 420 teams got their requested division (76%)
 - Actually better because not all age groups have all divisions.
- One club put all their teams (~20) in the last day between 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- The last entry was input 3 minutes before the form closed

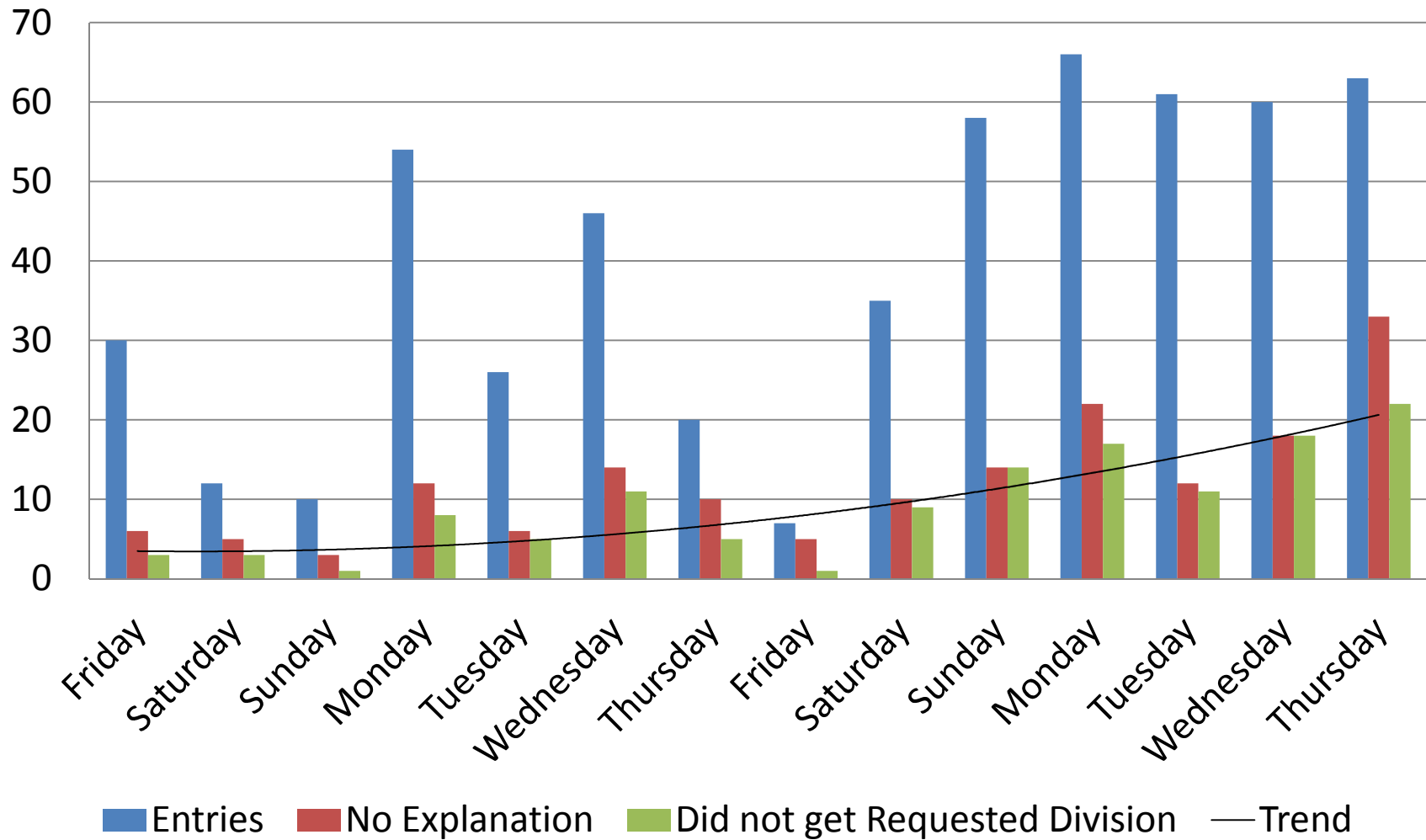
Data By Day



Observations on Data

- More than half registered in the last five days
- Increase in “No Explanation” in last five days
- Increase in “Teams not Getting Requested Division” throughout registration period
 - First day 3 out of 30 (10%)
 - Last day 22 out of 63 (35%)

Trend Line Did Not Get Requested Division



The Explanation for Division Requested

- So if I put in an explanation I will get the division I want
 - No guarantee because some explanations are poor
- A good explanation is long
 - No quantity is not quality
- OK then what makes a good explanation
 - New or additional information that does not appear elsewhere on the form
 - Be specific
 - There are examples in the directions
- Additional reasons for including an explanation
 - Played well (move up a division)
 - Played poor (justify to stay in same division)
 - Played ok (want to move down a division)

Examples of Poor Input #1

- This team finished last in division 3 but has a new coach and new players
 - No new information here that isn't elsewhere on the form
- We missed winning our division by 1 point. We have added players from premier club
 - This is a returning team and the league already has last season's record
 - There is no definition of a premier club or premier team. Anyone can label themselves as premier
 - There are "A" teams and "B" teams in many of the clubs that call themselves premier.
 - Did not specify names of added players

Examples of Poor Input #2

- Move up based on last years record
 - Not very specific
- Very strong in division 2 last year
- Had 8-0-4 record in D2. Division champions.
 - Again returning team and the league already has the last year's records and standings
- Same as last season
 - This comment is of no value at all
- Want to be in Division 3
 - They already selected a requested to be in division 3 elsewhere on the form

Examples of Poor Input #3

- All new team, new to travel, 50% U-9
- All new team, new to travel soccer
 - This is known by the new/returning team type and the team breakdown
- Age breakdown had all 19 year old players. Explanation said team preparing for varsity season.
 - This does not seem right. 19 year olds preparing for varsity? Too old for varsity. This is what you usually see on a U17 team.

Examples of Good Input #1

- Team wanting to move up
 - The team should be stronger this year having lost one of our weaker players and added two new players. One new player is an AGR goalkeeper who is also an outstanding field player. He will play primarily a field position as the team already returns an outstanding goalie. The 2nd new player was a 1st team all-county mid-fielder. Both new players played at the premier level last year (one for RFC and one for Empire). The coach is new to the team but not new to RDYSL or the BU19 Division 1 having coached the Xxx team in this division the last two years. I have coached in RDYSL at the Division 1 level for the past 10 years. Although there is not a BU18 division, the players on this team are 100% in the U18 age bracket. Tournament Participation - 2011: The team played in the Spencerport Tournament (finalist....3-1 record); Niagara Pioneer Tournament (finalist....2-1-1 record) and Erie Admirals Flagship Cup (0-1-2 record).

Examples of Good Input #2

- Team does not want to move down
 - This team's record last year does not indicate its talent and competitiveness. The first 5 games of the 2011 season were extremely competitive, with a 1-goal differential in every game except for a 4-0 game that we won. We started suffering injuries to key players (two on defense, and one of our top scorers) and struggled at times after that. We've added both a strong defender Debbie and a striker Sally to our roster this year, while retaining virtually all the girls from last year's team. The part-time goalie from last year wants to be our dedicated full-time goalie. And last now that we are a U16 we can use the call-up rule to supplement our roster should any injuries occur. We have increased our practice schedule and have excellent attendance. In our opinion, being relegated to D3 will not provide them sufficient challenge to spur continued growth.

Summary

- Take time to prepare your team registration input before starting the form
- Give specific explanations that support your division request
- Read the form directions
- Do not wait until last minute and hurry input
- If in doubt start a dialog with your division coordinator during the registration period.

Questions

- Was this helpful?