



### Announcement of a Pilot Program for Upper House Divisions in the Vikings Fall Youth Soccer League

As discussed at the AGM, we are instituting a pilot program to form Upper House divisions within the Vikings Soccer League for the Fall 2008 season. This pilot program will be restricted to the U10 and U11 age groups ONLY (both boys and girls). Older age group divisions will not be formed this year.

There will be an informational meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Vikings Office (2521 Judah St) at 7 pm. Everyone interested in participating in the Upper House program is encouraged to attend!

### Who should attend?

- 1) Organizations/Clubs interested in fielding teams in Upper House divisions.
- 2) Paid and Volunteer Coaches interested in transitioning teams into the Upper House program.
- 3) Parents of Kids who live and breathe soccer.

### Why Upper House?

We want every kid in San Francisco to develop to the best of their ability in the sport of soccer (and in life!).

The Upper House program will provide a developmental (Division 3) structure and an outlet for more competitive soccer within San Francisco for families that can't or don't want to travel out of district and for teams building up to play out of district.

### How is this different than the Recreational program?

More Competitive. Teams can have tryouts. Teams can play in tournaments.

### How does my team get chosen to join the Upper House?

We will try to accommodate all teams that want to play in an Upper House division. However teams that have been in lower divisions in our League in prior seasons should seriously consider if they are ready to play in the Upper House division.

### We are a team trying to go to the Redwood League, should we attend?

Yes. You may want to consider this as an alternative to the Redwood League. Also not all teams that apply will be accepted into the Redwood League. We would like to know if you have any interest in participating in our Upper House program.

Points to remember:

- Only U10 and U11 Upper House divisions will be formed for Fall 2008 (U9 may be accepted to play in the U10 Upper House division if they have demonstrated the ability to play at a high level and if there is enough space)
- No other age groups will be formed this year
- We will only form an age/gender division if at least 5 teams commit to play in this division.