

PRIMARY DRAFT PROCEDURE

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

To provide a means to ensure parity of teams, make soccer more enjoyable for the players, to develop the players' skill and knowledge of the game, to attract more players to the sport and to enhance the organization of team formation.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

- a) ELIGIBLE PLAYER- are properly registered with GCYSC to play in fall season of that year and have completed request to play up, if applicable.
- b) NON-DRAFT PLAYER- are eligible for the purpose of team formation, are currently on a team that is eligible for draft and have not requested to be in the draft, also the child or children of the coach of that age group.
- c) DRAFT PLAYER- are new players in the age group and are currently on a team that is eligible for draft and have requested to be placed in the draft, all "draft" players are selected by coaches during the draft.
- d) DRAFT- the choosing or taking of eligible players to create a team by a coach or representative.
- e) SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT- the choosing or taking of eligible players to replace players on a team made up of "non-draft" players.
- f) TEAM- consist of a minimum of three returning players of u-9 and u-10 and a minimum of seven players for u-11 and up whether or not the coach from previous year is there or not.

SECTION 3: TEAM FORMATION & AGE GROUP PARTICIPATION

Method of team formation will be by a player evaluation (tryout) followed by a draft of eligible players. Odd age groups will participate in a full draft starting at u-9 and up and even age groups will allow to return unchanged except for the addition of new players and players that opt to participate in a supplementary draft.

Special situations: it is not necessary for a team to retain the current coach to be eligible for supplemental draft. Team formation procedures will be applied with a new selected coach as with a returning coach.

SECTION 4: ADMINISTRATION OF DRAFT

- a) All players must be properly registered with GCYSC prior to first evaluation date (tryout). The registrar will be responsible for coordinating the registration process. The closing of registration must be prior to the evaluation dates allowing time for the registrar to prepare each age group players' list.
- b) The dates of evaluations and drafts will be established prior to the opening of registration. The registrar, player development representative. And the director of coaches will jointly

decide the dates of tryouts of each age group. Two dates will be selected for tryouts of each age group. The first tryout date will be the main date and the second date will be for make-ups, for those who could not attend the first date for tryouts. At the conclusion of registration, the registrar will decide how many teams will be formed and the number of players on each team. All play-up requests must be approved via the established play-up request rules prior to the first tryout date.

- c) The registrar will be responsible for providing a list of players in each age group. The list of players shall include the following information: (a) player's name, player's assigned tryout number, (c) number of years of experience, (d) birth date, (e) skill evaluation criteria, i.e. dribbling, trapping, passing, shooting, speed and agility. The player's list will be distributed to each coach in his/her respective age group. One copy of the team formation/draft procedure will also be distributed to each coach at this time.
- d) The director of coaches will be responsible for securing coaches for all teams in all age groups each season.
- e) All players in the odd age groups and all new players on the even numbered age groups in GCYSC are encouraged to participate in the tryouts to give the coaches the opportunity to better assess relative strengths.
- f) Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the tryouts. Coaches may have a representative attend the evaluations in their place but it is not recommended.
- g) Players who do not attend either of the tryout dates will have their names placed in a blind pick pool during the draft.

SECTION 5: DRAFT PROCEDURE

- a) The director of coaches, division representative of that age group, player development representative and registrar will administer the draft process, record the selection of each coach and enforce the two-minute time limit rule. A coach may have a representative attend the draft process in his place. If a coach or their representative is not present then the division representative will appoint one. The method of drafting is designed to provide the highest degree of fairness possible. The steps of the draft process will be conducted as follows:
 - 1. At the assigned time, date and place, each participant coach will blindly draw for his draft sequence position. The draft process must be conducted within 48 hours of the second tryout date.
 - 2. Each coach will have two first round draft choices in a snake sequence such as:

ROUND 1. 1 2 3 4 5 6
 6 5 4 3 2 1

THEN THE COACH WILL HAVE ONE DRAFT CHOICE FOR EACH ROUND.
EXAMPLE: SIX TEAMS

ROUND 1. 1 2 3 4 5 6
 6 5 4 3 2 1

ROUND 2. 2 3 4 5 6 1

ROUND 3. 3 4 5 6 1 2 COACHES OPTION

ROUND 4. 4 5 6 1 2 3 ASST. COACHES OPTION

ROUND 5. 5 6 1 2 3 4

ROUND 6. 6 1 2 3 4 5

This routine will continue until all players have been chosen. Players who tryout will be selected first, then those players who did not attend tryouts will be selected by blind pick pool drawing. If there are not enough players to finish a round, then the next player that signs up late will be placed on the coach with the next pick. The 3rd and 4th round will be set aside for the son and daughter of the coach and asst. Coach.

3. At end of the draft, coaches will be allowed to make only two trades per team. There will be a 3-minute time limit for each trade.

SECTION 6: SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT

- a) The number of teams for each age group is determined prior to the supplemental draft by the registrar. This supplemental draft is for even age groups. Coaches will select “draft” players during the supplemental draft.
- b) The roster size of the teams is determined first. Ideally, all teams in an age group will have the same roster size. If this is not possible, then some teams will have one additional player.
- c) The draft sequence position for each coach is determined in order of increasing number of “non-draft” players. Coaches of teams with fewer “non-draft” players select before coaches of teams with more “non-draft” players. Ties will be broken by blind draw.
- d) Coaches begin selection of players in the sequence determined in step 2 and continue in the same sequence as in the regular draft until they reach the roster size determined in step 1.
- e) Every effort will be made to place “draft “ players that have explicitly requested to be placed in the supplemental draft on teams other than their current team. The registrar and the player development representative. will have the responsibility to coordinate this effort. No guarantee can be made that all such requests will be satisfied. The draft sequence order will be used to fill rosters with late registrants after the supplemental draft. (Teams with one additional player at the time of the supplemental draft will be skipped in the first round of late registrant assignments).
- f) SPECIAL SITUATION:
 1. Change in the number of teams – fewer teams:

The teams with the least number of “non-draft” players will be dissolved. Ties will be broken by blind draw.

2. Change in the number of players- roster size:

Smaller than declared “non-draft” players, if all other teams in the age group have a roster size within the minimum and maximum number specified by GCYSC. If this condition is not met, the age group could be forced to full draft.

3. The brother/sister rule will require that the succeeding sibling must be drafted in the next draft choice or choices following the round in, which the first brother/sister was chosen. This will be the standard procedure unless the parents have indicated on the registration form that they wish to waive this rule with regards to their children.
4. Two minutes will be allowed to make a draft selection. Failure to make a selection will cause a forfeiture of that coach’s selection in that round. A make-up selection will be made after the final round.
5. Each team will be allow two trades per team only whether it is the team itself or from another team. Each trade must be taken within three minutes. After two minutes the trade is nullify. No trades will occur outside the boardroom once the draft is over.
6. Players who were placed in the blind pool because of their failure to appear at either of the tryouts can only be selected after all who were in attendance has been chosen. Selections will be made by a blind pick. Identity and quantity of players in the blind pool will be unknown to the drafting coaches.
7. No player will be allowed to deny a coach’s selection.
8. It is preferred that no new teams will be formed after the conclusion of the draft. However, if we have enough late registrants to form a team it will be allowed at the discretion of the GCYSC’s board.
9. Late registrants will be placed on a waiting list in the order of registration and will be placed on teams as needed to replace attrition losses.
10. The drafting process will be held in a closed room. Head coaches, assistant Coaches or his designated representative and the four administrators will be the only persons present during the entire drafting process. At the conclusion of the draft, coaches will be presented with their team rosters as determined by the draft. All other documents used during the drafting process must remain in the room and be destroyed by the administrators. Coaches and administrators are forbidden to speak about the order in which players were drafted. This mandate is intended to protect players and coaches from conflict, harassment and embarrassment. Violation of this requirement will be brought to the attention of the D&P committee.
11. At the conclusion of each season, the draft committee (registrar, director of coaches, player development representative. Division representatives.) will review these procedures. Feedback from coaches, players, parents, and board members will be considered. Any changes/improvements to these procedures must be submitted to the GCYSC’s board for approval no later than the January monthly meeting following the end of the fall season.