



### **Coast FA Recreational Soccer Program Player Selection Draft**

1. Coast FA Youth Recreational Soccer Program uses a draft system to allow for well-balanced teams to be seeded at the beginning of every season. Players, Parents and Coaches are responsible for their own behavior, participation and contribution to the program which will positively or negatively affect their end-user experience.
2. Due to the year-round demand of new participants looking to play recreational soccer, in the Coast FA Recreational Soccer Program, Fall and Spring seasons are classified as separate seasons pertaining to player player/team assignments. However, volunteering coaching commitments are to be honored for both the Fall and Spring seasons for the soccer year.
3. The draft does not apply to any player under the age of 6 years old as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year, playing on a U4 or U6 team. However, a player within this age range, playing “UP” on a U7 or older team, must feature in the draft. Players in the U4 and U6 age divisions will be placed randomly or per request, where space permits on team roster. Such requests for U4/U6 teams will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.
4. All players aged 6 years and older as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year (U7 teams and older) are required to participate in the draft every season. Any no-shows at Evaluation Day will be drafted after all participating players have been chosen and in consideration of availability left on each team.
5. Requests to play on certain teams for reasons such as friends, transportation, etc. can/may be considered within the constraints of the draft process, but cannot be guaranteed.
6. Brothers, sisters and twins falling within the same age group pool will be placed on the same team, so they do not play against each other. Parents may request that siblings not be drafted to the same team.



7. During Evaluation Day, all participants are given a number and then perform a number of routine skills. Coast FA staff will assist the recreational coaches in observing the players and evaluating them based on their ability. This is NOT a try-out. All players participating will be assigned to a team. After the Evaluation Day is concluded, recreational coaches will meet on a second occasion with Coast FA staff to perform the player draft process.
8. The number of teams will be determined by the number of registered participants.
9. The number of rounds in the draft depends directly upon the number of participants.
10. Each team will receive a balanced number of players based on the total player pool for each age group. Participants who sign up late may be added to teams that are a player short (if there is availability left on teams).
11. Any player who does not like the team they are selected to must either play for that team or not participate. There will be no refunds once drafts are concluded.
12. Coach's sons/daughters will be automatic first round draft picks. If a coach has two children in the age group pool, a third-round selection bye will be necessary. Assistant coach's son/daughter will be automatic second round draft picks. There will be no further automatic picks thereafter.
13. A coach must select a player and cannot pass if a player is available.
14. There will be absolutely no trading or "swapping" of players for any reason once the draft night is concluded. Once a player is drafted or placed on a team he/she will remain on that team for the duration of the season. Any coaches found guilty trading or using ineligible players after the draft will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated, be removed from all coaching responsibilities for a minimum of one year and the offending team will be ineligible for any regular season trophy or participation in any post season games. Once the draft is concluded and no other special circumstances are acknowledged, there will be no swapping or trading of players.



15. If a trade is proposed for a special circumstance during the draft, and the Coast FA staff concurs, all head coaches must approve the swap by majority vote. Again, no swaps or trades can be made after the draft is concluded.

16. Random draw will determine the selection order with the exception of the coaches' children rule.

The draft will be conducted in the "Horseshoe Style" as follows:

- i. First Round: Head Coach's child is assigned as an automatic first round pick. Independent coaches without a child in the pool, get a first round pick via a lottery draw via alphabetical order.
- ii. Second Round: Assistant Coach's child is assigned as an automatic second round pick. Independent coaches without a child in the pool, get a first round pick via a lottery draw via reverse alphabetical order.
- iii. At this time, total team points will be calculated. This will ensure the weighted combined skill factor of assigned players and drafted players equates. If necessary, a bye will be taken by higher tallied teams.
- iv. The third round will be determined by a lottery by drawing numbers for selection order via alphabetical order.
- v. The fourth round will be determined by reverse number order from the third
- vi. The fifth round will be determined by a new lottery. The coach who drew their number from the hat last will select a new number first and continue in reverse alphabetical order.
- vii. The sixth round will be determined by reverse number order from the fifth.
- viii. For rounds seven and beyond, steps 3 through 6 shall be repeated as necessary.
- ix. Once all players in the age group pool have been drafted, the rotation order for any additional players to be added to fill roster spaces will be determined.

**COACHES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**



551 Mount Gilead Road, Murrells Inlet SC 2957

[www.CoastFA.com](http://www.CoastFA.com)

---

- As a Head Coach, it is an exclusive right to attend the Draft Meeting. No players or parents will be in attendance. An assistant coach can attend the draft, if desired.
- All discussions in the draft meeting shall remain confidential.
- All decisions and discussions about player selections are final once the meeting is concluded.
- Coast FA staff require the right to add players, as needed, to fill roster spaces per the selection order.
- In the event of an unforeseen circumstance, Coast FA reserves the right to make a decision for the betterment of the recreational soccer program and the greater good of its participants.

HEAD COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ASST. COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_