



## OJSC Fall Draft Guidelines

Orange Junior Soccer Club exists to provide the best environment for children in our community to learn and grow through the game of soccer. The draft process is designed to help create balanced teams which provide an opportunity for all players to have a good experience. When teams are evenly matched and games are close, all players enjoy the game and build an enthusiasm for the sport and teamwork.

### General Player Selection Information

Coaches will be provided with draft lists of all registered players with the coach evaluations from the previous Fall Season (or most recent available evaluation). These drafting sheets will be sorted by ranking values to serve as a coach's tool to select players, as well as a guide to place players that are automatic picks; this may include coaches' children, linked mutual buddy players or "frozen" players.

The evaluations will have player ratings on particular skills and player ranking based on a particular player's rank compared to her or his teammates. Any registered player without ratings from the previous Fall Season will be selected at the end of the draft as a "hat pick" and will not be placed in the draft pool. "Hat Picks" are exactly that, the player's names are put in a hat, and drawn out of the hat in the continuation of the draft order.

### Mutual Buddy Requests

#### Mutual Buddy Request (only U7 & U8 Divisions):

Mutual buddies are documented requests from two players' parents requesting their children play on the same team. A team may have **up to four** pre-draft established players which could include any of the following: Head Coaches child, Head Coach child buddy, Assistant Coach child, Assistant Coach child buddy... or, "frozen" players of the Head Coaches choice. If a Coach is going to "freeze" a player, they must fill out a Freeze Form in advance. That Freeze Form includes an approval from the child's parent indicating that they are approving their child to be frozen by the Coach requesting the freeze. Again, a team may have **up to four** pre-draft established players, and no more than that. Any exceptions must be approved by the Director of Team Formation prior to the Draft.

When a player that has a mutual buddy is picked, the mutual buddy will be placed in the round that they ranked. If a rank is not available, the mutual buddy will be placed in the preceding round. If all preceding rounds are taken, they will be placed in the next available round. If the mutually buddy does not have a ranking from the previous Fall Season, then the player would be placed at the highest available non-draft round.

## **Trades**

Once all of the players have been drafted, the Coaches will have five minutes to request potential trades. All trades must be approved by the Director of Team Formation. Any form of coercion will not be tolerated. This applies to all divisions.

### **Freeze requests and Frozen Players Divisions U10 and older**

A freeze is defined in this document as the process of securing any and all players before the draft begins through the use of the following options: (1) coaches' children freeze, (2) player freeze. A coach may freeze any eligible player in the draft (following the guidelines below) by submitting a completed freeze form to the Director of Team Formation prior to the Friday before the Draft.

#### **Coach Children Freeze Details:**

In every age bracket **U10 and older**, coaches will automatically freeze their daughter(s) or son(s). During the draft, these freezes will be placed in the round determined by the ranking values from last fall's season. For coaches with an unranked child, their child will be placed in round three of the draft.

In divisions **U10 and U12**, a team may have up to **4** freezes total. One freeze is the child of the head coach. If the team has an assistant coach that would be the second freeze, leaving the ability to freeze two additional players. If there is no assistant coach at the time of the draft, the head coach may freeze three additional players. If a coach has more than one child on the team, each of those children will count toward the freeze total.

In divisions **U14 and older** you may have a total of **5** freezes (inclusive of your coach children freezes).

**A player freeze will be a first available round pick, regardless of the player's ranking.**

### **Unrated Players/Hat Picks**

All players that do not have a rating will be drafted as a hat pick. Those players' draft numbers will be placed in a hat and will be randomly selected in the current draft order by the participating coaches. For example, if all rated players have been drafted and coach number three is the next to draft, that coach will get the first hat pick following the same order of the rated draft.

### **Other Draft Information**

- **No children may be present in the draft room.**
- **No food or drinks (water is ok) may be brought into the draft room.**
- **Please note that each team can only have 2 coaches. If you have additional parents that would like to help you coach, that is wonderful but you will need to draft their child. This is also true for team managers. If you have a parent that will be your team manager, you need to draft their child.**
- **There are no mutual buddy requests in divisions U10 and higher.**