

Van Soccer Association Team Formation

Purpose: With a focus on Player development, we believe this process will improve the playing experience and increase the coaching opportunities offered to Players by our Association.

Team Formation continues to be “blind,” but with each Player weighted by age and experience, though not by skill, with Coaches still able to retain family, with Siblings still able to play together, and with teammates still able to play together for a Playing Year, but without guarantee for the next Playing Year.

- **Player Pool Tier by Player Points within an Age Division**

- 1 point will be received for each one of a Player’s years of age on 31 JUL for the Fall Playing Season and 31 JAN for Spring Playing Season.
- 1 point will be received for each past Playing Season in which VSA Rostered the Player to a Team and the Player played.
- Starting with the highest point total in Tier 1, point totals descend through successive tiers.
- Each Player, including children or wards of Team Officials, will be placed in a set of tiers for each Age Division based on the Player’s Playing Age for the Playing Year and in a tier within that set based on the total of points the Player receives.

- **Players of Team Officials**

- A maximum of three Players per Team may be directly Rostered, being children or wards of the Head Coach and one Assistant Coach, to their Guardian’s Team from the Player Pool Tiers as they appear in the tiers. The VSA Board may approves exceptions.
- A Player who is a child or ward of other would-be Team Officials will be Rostered to Teams as blindly pulled in turn from the Player Pool Tiers.

- **Players who are Siblings**

- For the purpose of Team Formation, a Sibling is a birth child or the ward of a common guardian, typically living in the same household.
- A Player and Sibling(s) must all request on their Registration form to be Rostered with each other on the same Team. VSA will strive to accommodate the request as the Siblings appear in the Player Pool Tiers.
- Once the Executive officers blindly pull one Sibling from a Tier and Rostered them to a Team, the other Sibling(s) may be directly Rostered to the same Team in turn as that Team’s pull in the Tier in which the Sibling appears.

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- **Players on Teams from Previous Seasons**

- In the Fall Playing Season, VSA will Roster Players to Teams from the Player Pool Tiers without consideration of the previous season Team Rosters. VSA will Roster Players to Teams in turn by an order determined by random blind draw.
- In the Spring Playing Season, VSA will attempt to directly Roster Players to the same Team to which they were Rostered in the previous Fall Playing Season rather than place them in the Player Pool Tiers.
- Players of Fall Teams that do not form in the Spring Playing Season and Players who did not play in the previous Fall Playing Season will be Rostered to existing and new Teams from Player Pool Tiers. Each successive pull will go to the Team currently having the lowest Player point total.

- **Team Formation**

- VSA Executive Officers will form Teams from paid Player Registrations on a specified day after the final day of Registration.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches are welcome to attend but must not attempt to request players or interfere, in any way whatsoever, with the Executive Officers during the Team Formation process.
- VSA Executive Officers, while giving consideration to Team Player point totals and direct Rostering of Players of Coaches and Siblings, will blindly pull Registered Players one at a time, in turn by tier, starting with Tier 1 from the Player Pool Tiers. They will Roster the pulled Player to a Team and continue in this way until all Players in that Tier are Rostered. They will then proceed, likewise, through each remaining tier in order.
- The VSA Division Commissioner will release Rosters to Coaches as quickly as possible.
- The VSA board may review and address any change to Team Rosters based on a Parent/Guardian request received within one week following Team Formation. Any approved exchange of Players between Teams will happen with due consideration for equivalence in Player points.

- **Rostering Players after Team Formation**

- When the VSA Board accepts a Player after completion of Team Formation, VSA will Roster the Player in the appropriate Age Division and therein to the Team with the lowest Player point total.