



## South Side Youth Soccer – Player & Team Placement Policy

### How does my child get placed on a team?

Hopefully, your child is assigned to the team they WANT to play on. Our viewpoint is that more players will want to come back to play if they are having fun with their friends. Therefore, we do not hold drafts where players are dispersed each season. Children are placed on teams in need of players after returning slots are filled. Filling these slots happens by registration request – with earlier registrants getting priority requests over later registrants.

### How do I get my child on an existing team?

Each age group has a max roster of players. Each season, we give the choice of first slots to those players who played on that team the previous season. Once those slots are filled, if there are any additional slots available under the max allotted roster size, we give availability to other players who did not play on that team the previous season. Rosters are filled by request for a particular coach, request for a particular teammate, request for a particular school/zip code/complex which are filled by earliest registrations first.

FOR EXAMPLE, Coach Smith with the Beast Team has a team of boys born in 2012; they are considered a U8 team for Spring 2020. U8 teams play 5v5 and have a max roster of 9 players. If Coach Smith has 7 returning players from Fall 2019, he has 2 spots left over at the deadline date. The first player assigned to that available slot, will be a boy born in 2012 who registered early and either requested Coach Smith or to play with a player on Smith's returning team.

### How do I move my son/daughter to another team?

All you have to do is make the request in the registration notes that your child does not want to be placed on Coach XYZ's team again. We honor these requests! Sometimes personalities/values do not mix well. While we may not guarantee that your child will be placed on the team that they really want (due to roster constraints), we will not force you or your child to return to a team where they are not enjoying soccer.

### Will you move my child to another team after the season has started?

The short answer is no. We would like the number of players on each team to be as even as possible. When players request to move teams after teams have been assigned, it unfairly puts burdens on teams who will now become short-handed because of a roster move. Make your requests known in your registration notes and register before the deadline! Each season we also have players who get hurt or move out of town during the season causing short handedness, so keeping the rosters set after the coaches meeting is our way of trying to keep team sizes similar