

MYSL Team Formation Draft Rules

Divisions U10, U12, U14, U18

Draft will be held at a facility such as the Tovashal MPR.

Open Discussion is encouraged amongst the coaches - this should be a fun and engaging process. The common goal for everyone should be to create balanced teams for a competitive and exciting season.

MYSL recreational history has shown the most competitive divisions have a comparable balance of players ranked 4 and 5 between all teams. Therefore, it is highly encouraged for all teams to draft all available 4s and 5s BEFORE drafting 3s, 2s, and 1s. For example, if a division has 10 teams and there are a total of 20 available players ranked 4 or 5, then theoretically every team should end up with 2 players that are ranked 4 or 5.

Head Coaches CAN declare their Assistant Coaches before the Draft. Both coaches have to be registered and cleared through the MYSL Registrar AND approved by the Board of Directors prior to the Draft. Children of the Head Coach and Assistant Coach are considered "locked" as described below.

Head Coaches can NOT declare their Team Managers before the Draft. If a Head Coach desires to have a Team Manager, the Head Coach must identify the manager AFTER their team has been formed and officially rostered by the MYSL Registrar.

1. Draft Process

- a. Board Members and Coaches that are present will spend the first few minutes of the draft reviewing published player rankings. This review will be to identify any grossly inaccurate rankings. For example, if there's a stand-out player who was on the All Star team but was erroneously ranked a "2", with concurrence from the present Board Members and Coaches the player's ranking can be modified.
- b. The draft order for each round will follow a "Snake Draft". After a round is over, the draft order of the following round will be in the reverse order of the previous round.
 - i. The initial draft order will be determined by each coach randomly selecting a numbered token.
 - ii. Coaches that don't attend AND teams with unassigned coaches will be represented by a Board Member who will draft the highest ranked available player each round. Coaches who know they will be unable to attend the draft will coordinate in advance with a Board Member to represent their player selections.
 - iii. Coaches can lock only their players to the first pick of the assessed round and agreed upon player ranking. If a coach's player is ranked a 4 or 5, the coach must select the player in the 1st round. However, if a coach's player is agreed to be ranked lower than a 4, then that player is locked

until the coach has a selection in that round. For example, if the player is ranked a 3, the player is locked until all of the 4s and 5s have been drafted. Once the 4s and 5s have been drafted, the coach MUST select his/her lock with their next pick - otherwise the lock is no longer valid.

- iv. If a coach has multiple children (locks), those selections will count towards subsequent rounds. For example, if a coach has 2 children ranked 4s or 5s, then his/her first 2 rounds will consist of drafting his/her children.
- c. As a player is drafted, a Board Member will update the player spreadsheet in real-time by graying out the player's name and annotating to which team the player has been assigned and to denote that player is no longer available.
- d. Siblings that registered to be assigned to the same team will be noted. When a player with a sibling is drafted, both players are drafted as a package deal and the selection will count for the coach's selection for the following round.

2. Player Pool

- a. All players will have a ranking. The rankings are there to serve as subjective reference points for coaches who are unfamiliar with specific players' skill levels. The ranking will be obtained via various methods to include:
 - i. From the player's coach from the most recent season.
 - ii. Default criteria such as "years of playing experience" (the ranking spreadsheet will denote if the player's ranking is from default criteria).
- b. All available players for the division will be presented on screen.
 - i. Players will be listed in descending ranking order (5, 4, 3, 2, 1) and alphabetically by last name.
 - ii. Goal Keepers will be denoted.
 - iii. Players that are "locked" (aka children/relatives of Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches) will be denoted.

3. Coed Balance

- a. We won't enforce any gender balances for the coed divisions of U14 and U18. Coaches can draft all males, all females, or a balance.

4. Trade Round

- a. Once all players have been drafted, there will be ONE trade round. Each coach will be given ONE opportunity to ask another coach for a trade. A coach is not obligated to agree to a trade.
- b. For teams with unassigned coaches (aka ghost teams), the requested trade against their team must be for a player that is of an equal or lower player ranking and the player traded for has to be the same classification (i.e. goalkeeper for goalkeeper). Coaches that are present must approve of the trade involving teams with unassigned coaches.

5. Attendance

- a. **Only the approved Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach that have been cleared per the MYSL Registrar will be allowed entry to the Draft.** No players are allowed since “open discussion” can be anticipated about players’ skill levels and level of play.