

Special Session: Draft Policy - Friday 4/17/2026

Attending: O'Lydia Rios Miranda Power Lindsey Fortenberry Trey Hall Ashley Fawks
Sam Essin Thomas Stoddard Crystal Beltran Dusty Conner Matthew Muniz
Bradley Frazier

Called to Order at: 6:56pm

There is currently not enough attendance to vote so this is just a conversation. This will be voted in GroupMe so all members can vote.

For Soccer Year Fall 2026- Spring 2027, we are required to move to a school-year type of system in age tracking, instead of a calendar year system. This meeting is to discuss the draft process to align with this system. **Please note, these changes will ONLY affect the Fall 26 - Spring 27 season.** The NTSSA Age chart is on the following page.

This meeting is to discuss the upcoming revision of the school age division only. There is not an opposition because this is required under North Texas Soccer and USYS.

First vote is if the board wants to rescind the blind draft vote from the March 2026 board meeting. If the vote is rescinded then the board will vote on the following options listed below:

Standard Process:

Option 1- Blind Draft:

All players go into a blind draft pool, and are reassigned based on ages only.

Comments & Questions: This will blind draft all players based on age group and location. It is in the best interest of younger players that are coming into the 5v5 (U4 playing U6) and also the U13 teams that move up onto the larger field and will be a disadvantage against the U14 and up teams that have played on that for numerous years if the teams are not blind drafted.

As representatives of coaches and parents, Thomas, Dusty, and Crystal strongly oppose the complete blind draft because they don't want to completely dissolve their teams.

Vote #1 - Approved Opposed Abstained

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Option 2 - Reassign only affected players:

All children with birthdays between August 1 - Dec 31, who due to the updated school-year based age groups no longer align with their current team's age group will be placed into a blind

draft pool. Only these players will be re-drafted and assigned to their age-appropriate teams based on the new school-year age group structure, while all others will remain on their current teams.

Comments & Questions: This allows at least some of the team to stay together and the players to partially play together.

Priorities -

1. I would like to stay with my current team - even if that means playing up
2. Unsure, re-draft the kid based on updated age chart

Late Registrations:

- No preferences, players will go on the waitlist and only placed on teams as needed.

No Birth Cert when we draft

- 50% refund only, and off the team

Draft Day EVERY AD is required to be here, no exceptions!

Vote #2 - Approved Opposed Abstained

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Special Circumstances: Playing Up:

Option 1 - All players must play in their birth year:

For only the FALL 2026 Season, all players must play with the teams they are assigned to based on birth year. They can request to play up beginning Spring 2027.

Comments & Questions:

Vote #3 - Approved Opposed Abstained

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Option 2- Player choice:

Any existing player who has played up into an older age group may elect to continue playing up, based on the new school-year age structure. Players who are currently playing up one age group may continue to do so; however, no player may play up more than two age groups above their assigned school-year appropriate age division.

Comments & Questions:

Vote #4 - Approved Opposed Abstained

For:

Against:

Abstained:

Special Circumstances: Lack of Players for an age group:

Option 1 - Players will be grouped together under an umbrella division:

This is what currently happens. For example, if U12 and U13 would not have enough players to create their own age division, U12 and U13 would be grouped together, creating a situation where some players would be playing up by default.

Comments & Questions:

Vote #5 - Approved Opposed Abstained

For:

Against:

Abstained:

The meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm.