

The Seasonal Draft

TSA uses a combination of draft by committee and blind draft for initial assignments to teams. The TSA Registrar along with the TSA President, Vice President shall facilitate the draft for all areas. Area Directors, and other TSA officers may attend the draft.

1.1 Definitions:

New Players – never played in TSA or have not participated in either of the two previous seasons.

Returning Player – played in previous season.

Skipped Player – last played in the season prior to the previous season.

Youth Division – US Youth Soccer established divisions, typically every year (U4, U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, and U19)

Age Division – TSA established divisions based on registration numbers. TSA does its best to keep divisions age pure based on the recommendation from their governing body.

Gender Pure – no mixing of gender on the team

Play Up – play up is defined as a player playing up one age division or one youth division.

Sibling – siblings may be assigned to the same team if not more than one youth division separation and both children are U7 and above.

Area – per TSA Rules, this is the city where the player resides. Multiple cities may be under the guidance of a single Area Director.

Core Team – Four players and a coach.

1.2 Pools

1. All new players, returning players, or skipped players requesting to be returned to the draft are placed in a draft pool for the area based upon the player's city.
2. All returning players who played the previous season are placed on the same team from the previous season automatically.
3. All skipped players are placed on the last team they played with IF AND ONLY IF there is space on the roster AND a balance of assignments within an area is maintained for the age / youth division. If either criterion fails, then the skipped player is placed in the draft pool. If the last team dissolved in the previous season, there is no team to return to, and the player is placed into the draft.
4. Special requests that have been approved by the majority of the Special Request Committee shall be placed on a team based on the rules regarding the special request.

5.If there are not enough players to form a returning team, then TSA shall place players from a returning team into the draft pool. Similarly, if there are not enough returning players to maintain a *Core Team*, then TSA shall place returning players into the draft pool.

1.3 Draft Process

- The number of players in an age division determines the number of teams from a specific area. TSA attempts to create age pure teams within an area when possible. TSA may combine age divisions if there are not enough players to maintain a pure age division.
- TSA reserves the right to modify this procedure provided the integrity of the blind draft is maintained.
- If an area cannot support a team due to the lack of players, then TSA reserves the right to assign players to another team in a nearby area. Parents may refuse the assignment and request a refund. Area Directors must coordinate with the parents and the TSA Registrar to facilitate the assignment and the possible refunds.

If a birth certificate is not uploaded within 48 hours of contact you will receive a partial refund.

1.4 Special Requests

- Special Requests must be submitted at the time of registration. Special Requests must be approved by a majority vote of the Special Rules Committee (Registrar, President, and Vice President.)
- Friend Recruitment- New players who have never played with TSA before can ask to play with a friend as long as the friend is in the same age division. Friend requests per team will be limited to the following numbers. U4- unlimited, U5/6- 2, U7-12 -3, U13-19- 4. Friend requests are not guaranteed and do not constitute reasoning for refunds.
- Carpooling – TSA does NOT recognize transportation requests. Does not constitute reasoning for refunds.
- TSA does NOT honor requests to play for a specific team. TSA reserves the right to assign a player to a specific team under some limited circumstances.
- TSA does NOT assign players based on skills or tryouts.
- Any parental request to NOT play for a particular team or coach must be by letter stating the reasons. The request must be submitted prior to the draft via email to the Registrar, TSA President, and TSA Vice-President. IF the Registrar, TSA President, and TSA Vice-President accept the request (2 of 3 must concur), then the player must return

to the draft. If the only team in the area is the team that the player did not want for assignment, then the player shall be given the option to reconsider a full refund.

Any coach who would like to request a player to not return to a particular team must be by letter stating the reasons. The request must be submitted prior to the draft via email to the Registrar, TSA President, and TSA Vice-President. IF the Registrar, TSA President, and TSA Vice-President accept the request (2 of 3 must concur), then the player must return to the draft. If the only team in the area is the team for the player, then the player shall be given the option to reconsider a full refund or placed outside the area

- Parents may request that a player be permitted to play up one age division. This request is reserved for U7 and older Age Divisions. Players must have played at least one season with TSA before they can request to play up. Players of the proper age division will not be displaced from assignment to an appropriate team to grant such a request. TSA will assign players so that the fewest number of players possible are without teams.
- TSA may request permission to assign a player to play up one youth division to create a team. TSA may only request permission if a team is not available in the proper youth division.

Intercity, Private Schools, Releases

- TSA recognizes Intercity as the league for many of the older teams. Teams playing in the Intercity divisions are formed based on the entirety of the Texoma boundaries with every attempt at maintaining area assignments/ Intercity teams are normally age and gender pure and TSA shall attempt to abide by this guidance.
- TSA shall consider all recreational players not participating in a TSA recognized division as released with or without paperwork.
- TSA recommends that all released players provide a release form to TSA at the time of registration. A player released to play outside of TSA must register through TSA in accordance with North Texas rules.
- Any team formed outside the assignment procedures above is not a recreational team under the rules of North Texas. If a team forms for the purpose of playing outside a TSA division, then the registrar shall inform the gaining association that the team does not meet the requirements of being a recreational team.