AYSO 177

Divisions 3 & 4 (U14 & U12, Boys & Girls) Draft Rules – 2005

1. Player Ratings

For each division, the registrar shall provide each coach with a list of all eligible, registered players. Players will be listed in descending order according to their rating from last year, and siblings will be identified.

A player moving up from a lower division will have their rating decreased by 4 points for drafting purposes.

A player that participated on an All-Star Gold team will have their rating increased by 2 points. A player that participated in any other post season team (All-Star Silver and/or Spring Select) will have their rating increased by 1 point. (In all cases the maximum increase for an All-Star Gold player is 2 points and the maximum increase for any other player is 1 point). Note that these increases are applied to players moving up as well as those staying in the same division.

Also, any coach who knows of players on the list who have moved to club soccer and have or have not requested to be dropped should be identified. Finally, if any of the coaches knows any of the unrated players they should speak up and give their best estimate for a rating.

2. Placement of Coach's and Assistant Coach's Children

Note: The term "child" is used to describe the player that the coach is volunteering for. While, in most cases, this will be the volunteer's son or daughter, it does not have to be. However, a coach can only have one "child". Siblings of that child may also be automatically assigned to the team as described below.

Each coach will identify their assistant coach, if any. A coach wanting a specific assistant must provide a letter or email from that individual agreeing to that role. The coaches will agree on the ranking of the head coach's child and the assistant coach's child.

The draft coordinator will determine what round each child will be placed on the team and write it in on the schedule. **(Example:** if the child is 12th on the list and there are 10 coaches, the child will be that coach's second round pick. If both players are in the top 10, then the coach has made his first two rounds selections. If the child is 130th on the list and there are 10 teams, that child will be placed on the coach's team in the 13th round.) If the coach's child and the assistant's child are ranked such that they would be picked in the same round, the coaches child will be considered picked in one round earlier. **Example:** The two players are ranked 25 & 27.The coaches child will be placed in the second round, and the assistant's would be in the third round. If either has a sibling, that child will be assigned in the fourth round (the next applicable round.)

If a Coach's child and the Assistant Coach's child are both rated as "first round" picks, then that team will not pick in the third round of the draft. The vacancy left by skipping this round will then be filled just prior to the final round. (If the third round spot for the team is already filled by a "sibling", then the fourth round will be skipped, etc.)

3. Order of First Round Picks

Note: The term "pre-assigned player" refers to any child or sibling of the coach and/or assistant coach that was placed on the team before the first round of the draft begins (as described in Section 2).

The order that the coaches will pick in the first round of the draft will be determined by the highest rated pre-assigned player on each team (lowest picks first, second lowest picks second … team with highest rated player picks last). In the case where more than one team's highest rated player has the same rating, the second highest rated player will be used to compare those teams. In the case where all players on more than one team have the same rating, then the order will be determined by a coin toss. A team without a pre-assigned player to look at will use player rating of zero for the comparison.

4. Order of Second Round Picks

The coaches will select their second player as follows:

- Team A (the lowest rated player average at this point) has first pick
- Team B (the 2nd lowest rated team) has second pick
- Team C (the 3rd lowest rated team) has third pick
- Team D (the 4th lowest rated team) has fourth pick
- And so on until all teams have picked their second player (end of 2nd round)

Note: Siblings must be selected in consecutive rounds.

5. Order of Third and Subsequent Round

At the end of each round, each team's average ratings will again be measured, including all picks to that point. As before, the team with the lowest average rating of the last round will have the first pick in the following round, the team with the second lowest ratings again will pick second, and so on. The team with the highest average rating will always pick last.

For example, at the end of the second round, the team with the lowest average rating (average of the players from the first two rounds) will have the first pick in the third round. The team with the second lowest rated team will pick second, and so on. The team with the highest rated team will have the last pick of the round. (From section 2, if a team received two "first round picks", then that team will skip their turn in the third round.)

Unrated players may be picked at any time, but must be chosen by the 10th round. A team picking an unrated player will use their average rating from the preceding round as the rating for the unrated player.

6. Last Round

Before the last round, any teams that were forced to skip a round due to more than one "first round pick" will select their player to fill that spot. The rating of this player will not be included in the team averages and will not affect the order of the last round.

Step 5 will be repeated after every round until all players have been selected. If there are any players remaining after the final, full round, they will be selected as described above. However, the teams with the lowest averages may pass, and any new registrants will be assigned to them at a supplemental draft (see section 9).

7. Recording of the Draft

The registrar, or his/her representative(s), will record all selections as they are made.

8. Teams Rosters and Release Forms

The registrar will compile the selection data. The team's rosters and player release forms will be distributed to the coaches as soon as possible.

9. Supplemental Draft

Following the original draft of teams and prior to the beginning of the season, a Supplemental draft will be held in an attempt to fill open positions on teams. These open positions will either those that were not filled in the original draft or those that were created by a player deciding not to participate (or being unable to participate) in the regular season. The draft will be organized by the Division Coordinator and will be overseen by the Divisional Commissioner. The players available for the draft will be provided by the Registrar from list of players that registered after the list of players for the original draft was finalized.

It is mandatory that all coaches inform their Divisional Coordinator of any player listed on the team's roster that is not, or may not, be participating in the upcoming season. This should be done as soon as the information is received and prior to supplemental draft whenever possible. While a letter from the parent is required by the registrar before a player can be officially dropped, any creditable communication (verbal or written) regarding a player's participation in the upcoming season should be relayed to the Divisional Commissioner. The coach and coordinator can then work together to confirm the status of the player prior to the supplemental draft.

The goal of all supplemental drafts will be to maintain Balanced Teams. Players selected to a team in the supplemental draft must be rated similar to the position they are filling. Positions that were made available due to a player that dropped from a team will be filled first and only by a player with a similar rating. Where a player of a similar rating is not available, the team can either take a lower rated player or leave the position open. When filling the positions left open at the end of the original draft, only lower rated players (those with ratings similar to those selected in the last few rounds of the original draft) may be selected. The maximum rating for players available to be selected to fill positions left open from the original draft will be determined by the Divisional Coordinator and the Divisional Commissioner and stated prior to the beginning of the supplemental draft.

The Division Coordinator and Divisional Commissioner will be responsible for the equitable allocation of players. The spirit of creating Balanced Teams, as determined by the Divisional Coordinator and the Divisional Commissioner, will take precedence in all cases.