

Athletics Placement Policy

Section 1 - Player Placement

Player placement will go by grade, school, and then vacancies on other teams. The criteria listed below outlines everything that is considered when creating teams for ALL sports leagues through the Valley Boys & Girls Club.

1. All players **must** play for the school they attend. (Exception, see #6 below). Homeschooled kids must turn out for the public school that is nearest to their home address.
2. If enough players in a particular grade and school turn out to form more than one team, then the coaches from that school will meet with the Athletic Directors for a private draft. (Section 2, #12)
3. A player may play up one grade level only. A player may not play down. See Section 2 Rule #12. A player may not “bump” an appropriately graded player, with the exception of the head coach’s child IF they chose to play up and coach a team that does not have a coach (only one coach per team). Example: A 2nd grader may play 3rd grade, but a 1st grader may not. Note: The Athletic Directors reserves the right to require an inappropriately aged player to play at their proper grade level at any time.
4. A coach may not reserve a player, except for the coach’s own child. A player may not reserve a coach to play for, but must go through the sign up process. The child of the head coach will be the 4th pick of the draft if applicable. Each team is limited to one head coach and one assistant coach.
5. The determining number for drafting is **twice** the **minimum** roster size. EXAMPLE: If a roster minimum is 7, 14 kids would be required to call for a draft. The Athletic Director will make every effort to build two or more teams, if applicable, and may require extra time to do so.
6. A player may play for a different school if:
 - a. There are not enough players to form a full team from their school, or that school already has a full roster and not enough for another team.
 - b. Personal or disciplinary reasons of exceptional or extraordinary circumstance judged solely by the Athletic Director. (Such as custody battles, no contact orders, etc.) *All of the above is the sole decision of the Athletic Director.
7. Students who attend private school may elect to play on a public school team; however, they must play for the school which their home address would place them.
8. The first players to legally register and pay are guaranteed a roster spot until that roster is full. They cannot be cut and they may be moved only if schools combine. They will be included in a draft, if applicable. EXAMPLE: If a roster maximum is 10 and 12 kids sign

up, the first 10 players are guaranteed to play for that school and they can only be bumped by a coaches own child.

9. All children **MUST** have a current Club membership as well as have paid the sports fee prior to the first practice or game. A player may not turn out until registration is made and fees are paid. Once the roster is full no additions or deletions can be made. No exceptions!
10. After a team fills, or after the registration period, no guarantees can be made as to where a child will be placed. Placement will be based upon need (see section 4 – Late Registrations).

Note: Roster minimums and maximums are listed in the section ‘Roster Sizes’. **NO** exceptions will be made to these roster limits. Players will be placed on these rosters until they are filled and then kids will be moved based upon the Athletic Director’s discretion.

11. The Club cannot and will not guarantee any team or coach for any reason, including transportation. All players **MUST go through the appropriate process.**

Section 2 – General Rules for ALL Leagues

GENERAL RULES

1. Coaches are responsible for knowing and following the rules of our leagues and having them available at every game. The rules govern the game, will be applied, and are not open to negotiation. All rules apply. Ignorance of the rules or inadvertent violation is not excused and will not be considered. The rules supersede any error made by a referee and / or other person (including scorekeepers and timers) during the course of the game.
2. Any rule or situation not contained herein or in each league’s specific rulebook becomes the sole discretion of the Athletic Director.
3. All leagues will be governed by the Athletic Directors. The Athletic Directors will have final judgment on all problems, issues and penalties.
4. **SPORTSMANSHIP** is the highest priority along with **PARTICIPATION**. Any coach or player who is deemed inappropriate may be suspended from a game or from the league. Referees, Club employees, court/field monitors and the Athletic Director’s **ALL** reserve the right to suspend any player, coach, or fan who is deemed unruly.
5. A coach or player who physically or verbally abuses any person, in any manner, has potential to be suspended from a game or from the league and/or future leagues. **ONE** warning will be given for any verbal abuse. On the second offense of verbal abuse the

individual will be ejected/suspended from the game and/or from the league or future leagues depending on the severity. Any PLAYER who partakes in ANY form of physical abuse will be ejected from the current game or suspended from the next game. A second offense or intentional abuse that causes physical harm will be an automatic suspension from the league and potentially future leagues. Any COACH or FAN who partakes in physical abuse will be subject to an automatic suspension from the current league and potentially future leagues. The severity and consequences of ALL physical or verbal abuse by any coach, player, or fan will be solely at the Athletic Director's discretion.

6. All players **MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE CLUB**. Fees must be paid in full prior to initial participation in a practice or game. Rosters are completed by the Athletic Director's. For those who qualify, financial assistance and scholarships are available; please consult the Athletic Directors for more information. Unpaid and / or unregistered players are not eligible to practice, be drafted or placed. Late registrants will only be placed **IF** the Athletic Directors allow. Only players approved and / or placed by the Athletic Directors are eligible to play.
7. **NO REFUNDS** will be made after the first official league game.
8. Minimum roster number is mandatory, unless the Athletic Directors determine there is a shortage of sign-ups. No additions/deletions are allowed on any roster unless approved by the Athletic Directors. There will never be an exception to exceed the roster limit nor will there be any exception to be under the roster minimum unless stated by the Athletic Directors. Any non-roster player appearing in a game constitutes play of an ineligible player and results in a forfeit and potential suspension from the league for that team's coach.
9. The Boys and Girls Club provides **NO INSURANCE** coverage of any kind for coaches, officials, and spectators. Officials **CANNOT** drive children to and from games / practices. The Club does provide a secondary insurance coverage for all members within the limits and procedures of the coverage. Consult the Athletic Directors for claim forms and a pamphlet detailing what is covered and what is not.
10. Coaches are responsible for **ALL EQUIPMENT** checked out. If any equipment is available, the Athletic Directors will inform the coaches at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the season. An Equipment Rental Form must be filled out prior to renting any Club equipment. If the equipment is not returned prior to the final day of the specific league a predetermined fee (based upon the equipment) may be charged, or suspension from future leagues.
11. **START EVERY GAME ON TIME**. For example, if the schedule says the game starts at 7:00 pm, the teams are expected to be on the field/court ready to play at that time. If a team or teams are not ready following a 5-minute grace period, the result is a forfeit.
12. **TEAMS WILL BE DRAFTED** in the following manner: With adequate coaches and kids turning out for more than one team in a division for one school, the "head coaches" from

that school will take part in a private draft with alternating picks in the Athletic Director's office. The first pick is determined by the flip of a coin. Drafts will be conducted at the Club with Athletic Directors in charge. Late sign-ups not available to be picked will be sent to the Athletic Directors for dispersal to an appropriated team. No "gentlemen's agreements" may be made among coaches in selection of players. A head coach may keep his / her own child, but that selection will be made as the 4th pick of the draft. Siblings may play on the same team, but must be selected as two consecutive picks in the draft. An unregistered or unpaid player cannot turn out or be drafted. In order for a player to be drafted, he / she must have attended the practice. With less than adequate sign-ups for two teams, the first players to legally sign up and register that reach the maximum roster limit will be automatically placed on that team. Only the final players can be bumped to another team by the coach's child if they are not already signed up and that team does not have a coach. With more than enough for two teams or more, **ONLY** the first kids legally signed up to fill a roster are guaranteed spots on a team. All other players are subject to be moved to fill other roster spots. Players registered late will not be eligible for the draft and will be dealt with separately (see section 4 Late Registrations).

NOTE: In a draft selection, picks will go forward, and then reversed, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1. The Coach winning the coin flip must select first. No trades or movement in the draft may be made.

A child "playing up" a grade may not "bump" an appropriately graded player from the roster spot, with the exception of the head coach's child. This rule applies only during the primary sign-up period. Therefore, it is possible that the child playing up will not be placed on his / her school's team and will be placed by the Athletic Directors on a team in need of players elsewhere. **No player can be guaranteed a particular coach or teammate for transportation / car pool reasons or any other purpose, although we will do our best to accommodate such requests.**

Teams are formed first by grade, school, then school area (if possible) and lastly by need. Private school players, home schooled or others may be placed on a roster based on geographic area of residence and / or need as determined by the Athletic Directors. Again, requests for other players or coaches will not be considered.

13. ALL GAMES are scheduled by the Athletic Directors. NOTE: Several times during the season, coaches inform the Club that a game can't be played because a full team can't be fielded due to player absences. Except for serious or unavoidable problem, games WILL NOT be rescheduled. Such items as a "going camping," "gone skiing," "little league tryouts", "my bowling night", or "fair time" will not be accepted.
14. Weather cancellations, gym cancellations, field cancellations, or other conflicts often necessitate game number fluctuations. Sometimes it becomes impossible to make up a game; therefore, it is not unusual for some teams to play more games than others.

15. NO PROTESTS ARE ALLOWED. Have the rules with you. Problems must be worked out on the spot between the two coaches and the official. Again, have the rules with you!
16. A player may play up one grade level only. Example: a 3rd grader may not play on a 5th grade team, but may play on a 4th grade team. A player may not play down any level. See General Rule #12.
17. Teams must wear Club provided game shirts as game uniforms. Undershirts of any color are acceptable, except the color of the opposing team's shirts. **Shirts must be tucked in and pants or shorts pulled up.**
18. **No alcohol, weapons, tobacco, drugs or smoking on school or Boys & Girls Club property, inside or outside.**
19. Coaches are responsible to see, support and insure that the Club rules and philosophy are adhered to. The official is there to call the "nuts-and-bolts" of the game, not to arbitrate disputes between coaches. Again, have the rules with you!
20. Pictures are scheduled by the Athletic Directors, they are optional and NOT included in the fee. Pictures are returned to the coach for distribution to the players.
21. Game balls for each sport are selected by the officials. Games will not be played with a ball that is provided by either team.
22. Play all games as scheduled. Failure to appear or play a scheduled game will result in a forfeit. A make-up will NOT be rescheduled in such circumstances. Make-ups will only be scheduled when the Athletic Directors cancel the game due to unforeseen circumstances.
23. Players may not wear bandannas, rings, watches, necklaces, earrings, and other jewelry or attire that the referees deem inappropriate. Sweat bands must be worn around wrists or around forehead, not around necks. Shoes must be tied and laces tight and not overhanging inappropriately. Shirts must be tucked in and shorts must be pulled up.

*Any rule that is not outlined above or contained within the rulebook of each league specifically is at the discretion of the Athletic Directors.

Section 3 - Roster Sizes

Each sport/grade may have a different roster minimum or maximum. Roster sizes are set based upon the number of players on field/court at one time, the length of game, and the field/court size. No exceptions will be made to alter these roster limits unless specified by the Athletic Directors. If there are more players than the roster maximum allows the extra players will be bumped to another team UNLESS there are enough players to reach the minimum of a second team from that school. In this case, a draft will be held (see Section 2 - #12)

Football

- All Grades: 8-10 players

Soccer

- K: 5-6 players
- 1st: 6-8 players
- 2nd: 7-10 players
- 3rd -4th: 9-14 players
- 5th-9th: 10-16 players

Basketball

- 3rd Grade: 6-8 players
- 4th-9th Grade: 7-10 players

Section 4 - Late Registrations

Late registration will ONLY be available at the Athletic Director's discretion, DO NOT expect to be able to register late. Late registration only occurs if the Athletic Director's deem necessary. Players who register late are subject to a \$10 nonnegotiable late fee. Late registrants will be placed solely at the Athletic Director's discretion. The placement policy in Section 1 DOES NOT apply to players who were registered late. The Athletic Directors will place late registrations where they are needed and where roster spaces allow.

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