

White Oak Athletic Club (WOAC)

Soccer Draw Rules and Team Formation

WOAC Soccer is a member of the Soccer Association for Youth (SAY) and is governed by the rules set forth by SAY. The following is a summary of how teams are formed. If you would like to review the SAY rulebook, please go to the following website (<http://www.saysoccer.org/>). In the SAY rulebook, Rule 8 paragraph 3 describes the player draw.

WOAC has two levels at our soccer program (Instructional and SAY). For a given year, if a child is six (6) years old or older by August 1st in that year, he/she will be in the SAY Level. If not, he/she will be in the Instructional level.

Division	Age Group	Grades	Level
Lollipop (U5)	4 year olds	Pre-K	Instructional
Passer Prep (U6)	5 year olds	K	Instructional
Passers (U8)	6 & 7 year olds	1 & 2	SAY
Wings (U10)	8 & 9 year olds	3 & 4	SAY
Strikers (U12)	10 & 11 year olds	5 & 6	SAY
Kickers (U14)	12 & 13 year olds	7 & 8	SAY
Minors (U16)	14 & 15 year olds	9 & 10	SAY
Seniors (U19)	16, 17 & 18 year olds	11 & 12	SAY

SAY Team Formation

Players will spend two (2) years in each division (2 years in Passers, 2 years in Wings, etc.). Players in their 2nd year in a division are considered returning players and will return to their same team if their coach returns. Assignment of new players and those who have moved up from a lower age division shall be by **blind draw**. The following players, who would otherwise be subject to the draw, may be exempt from the draw:

- (1) The child or children of the head coach of the team.
- (2) The child or children of one (1) assistant coach of the team

Siblings will be placed on the same team, unless requested to be split up. **No requests** for friends playing together, carpooling, certain practice nights, etc. will be considered. As far as practice nights, the day, time and location are determined by the head coach after the player draw.

Instructional Team Formation

The WOAC Instructional Program does not keep score/standings or stress winning, therefore SAY player draw rules do not apply. The instructional program is internal to WOAC and WOAC teams play WOAC teams only. Requests for friends playing together, carpooling, certain practice nights, etc. can be considered, but there are no guarantees. As with the SAY program, practice days, times and locations are determined by the head coach after the player draw.