

## Davison AYSO Region 721 Team Formation

One of the six AYSO philosophies is Balanced Teams. This is an important tenet which we strive to achieve so that all players have a chance to enjoy the game. Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible because it's more fun and a better learning experience when teams of similar ability play. It allows for each player to gain the experience of a wide variety of teammates of different skill levels.

Our team formation process is as follows:

At the end of the year, a player evaluation form must be turned in from the coach or assistant coach before their team can receive their trophies.

Each player is given a score from 100 to 500 based on overall soccer ability, with 500 being the best score which is usually indicative of a player who stands out among similar aged peers.

If a player signs up for the next season, these scores are carried into the new season.

If the player is new to Davison AYSO Region 721, they are assigned a score of 250.

Players who are known to be playing together are then placed on teams.

Players known to be playing together are only allow to be on the same team under the following conditions:

- 1) The children of a coach and assistant coach who choose to coach together will be placed on the same team. Only one coach and one assistant coach is allowed per team.
- 2) Siblings who live in the same household where age and gender would place them in the same division will be placed on the same team.

Please note: players will not be placed on teams together because they are friends, needing to carpool, have a scheduling conflict with practice times, or for any other reason than those listed above.

Once those players are placed on teams, the rosters are then randomly generated and balanced based on player ratings from eayso.org so that the teams are as close as possible to having the same average rating.

Once these rosters are complete, the only changes made are if we need to add coaches to teams without coaches, or if a player decides not to play. We may need to move players to once again balance out the teams. In any case, team balance is always the priority. Rosters are then handed out to the coaches.

U5 teams are created with everyone starting with a 250 rating. Team adjustments for U5 are made on the field by the Master Coach to help balance teams and can possibly change week to week.

Davison AYSO Region 721 reserves the right to move players and adjust teams as necessary to promote balanced teams. Once team rosters are handed out to coaches, we will only move players in extreme circumstances. If under-rating of players is suspected, Davison AYSO Region 721 reserves the right to assess and rate any player.