



## TAYSA Player Placement - Frequently Asked Questions

TAYSA Player Placements are a year long task and the placements made are for the next year (Fall and Spring seasons). Therefore, a detailed process has been established to help the TAYSA Placement Committee succeed in placing players on the appropriate team for their development and success in NVYSL.

Below are some frequently asked questions that may help explain the process and answer individual concerns.

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Q: Who is involved in the Player Placements?

A: A committee is created that involves both board members, coaches, and parents who establish the schedule, see the placement process through, and present recommendations to the TAYSA Board for approval.

Q: What is the Player Placement process?

A: The placement process is comprised of two major factors: coach evaluations from the prior season; player evaluations for the upcoming season. A combination of the evaluations along with the players experience, team level from NVYSL, and prior success at that level are merged into a single ranking. Depending on the number of players for an age group, teams are selected directly from the ranking without any adjustments.

Q: Who provides evaluations for my player?

A: Coach(s) evaluations are completed by the coach who had the player in the prior season. Player evaluations are from a group of TAYSA members and outside members who participated in the evaluation nights. This group includes parents/coaches from other teams/age groups, prior coaches, and outside support (e.g. High School coaches, Training groups). At no time is a parent/coach with a player in the evaluation allowed to evaluate that group.

Q: What criteria goes into the evaluation process?

A: TAYSA has well established evaluation criteria that is used for both coach and player evaluations to maintain consistent. This includes: Individual Technical Skills, Physical Abilities, Psychological/Mental Skills, Overall Offensive Ability, and Overall Defensive Ability.

Q: Does a parent coaching impact their players placement?

A: No. Player placement is determined first and then coaches are established after placement letters are sent. Coach volunteers are not discussed prior to placement letters being sent. TAYSA has many coaches and believes that more than one will be available given any team makeup.

Q: Does a Fall-only or Spring-only player impact their team placement?

A: No. Since roster sizes are important, a Fall/Spring only player may impact the team size to ensure the team has enough players each season but there is no penalty for being a half year player. Team sizes are reassessed from the Fall to the Spring but the players placements are not.

Q: What level of play is expected of the A vs. B vs. C teams?

A: The A/B/C teams nomenclature is merely a division of teams based on the number of players. There is no established skill level associated with this. NVYSL establishes the team level based on the teams in the league (D1, D2, D3, etc.). For example, a 'C' player may play at a recreational level (D3) one season and then at a different level the next (D2). Even though the 'letter' did not change, the overall skill level of the team improved.

Q: What are the team size limits?

A: NVYSL established a maximum number of players allowed on a roster. This is different for every grade level. TAYSA reduces that number to provide more playing time for everyone and better player development. Oversized rosters are avoided whenever possible, but may not be avoidable all of the time. When oversized rosters are needed, TAYSA allows for additional coaches to help in the team development. The current NVYSL guidelines are:

- For 11v11 play the maximum size for a team is 22
- For 9v9 play the maximum size for a team is 16
- For 7v7 play the maximum size for a team is 12

Q: Why does TAYSA separate players based on skill level instead of evenly distributed teams?

A: NVYSL is built on a tiered, skill based system that TAYSA abides by. While many levels are recreational levels, the competitive levels are intended for the higher skilled players.

Q: Where does my player rank among the rest of the age group?

A: Placement scores are not shared. The team makeup is of players whose ranks were similar. This helps support the level of competitiveness at the NVYSL level.