

# Sherwood Youth Soccer Club - Fall Recreation Player Placement

## Objectives

- Create competitive teams across each age group
- Allow returning G6 and older coaches the ability to keep their teams relatively intact
- Allow players to meet different coaches and coaches to create relationships among themselves
- Keep placement practices engaging and low-stress for players
- Keep the program as efficient, organized and cost effective as possible

## Participants

All players ages G3 – G8 (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be part of the player placement program. Ages G3 – G5 will have placement practices and coaches will draft players after practices conclude. Ages G6 – G8 will not have placement practices. Coaches of these ages will participate in the online draft only. Ages GK – G2 are part of the academy program and teams are formed by the registrar. High school teams will be rostered by the Registrar.

## Placement Practices

### Overview

Players will be evaluated by coaches during placement practices. These practices will be run by volunteers to allow coaches to evaluate the players. Practices will include skill sessions and scrimmages.

### Timing & Frequency

Placement practices will be completed in one week. There are two practices for each age and gender. Visit the Sherwood Soccer website for dates and times.

### Check-In

Players need to arrive 15 minutes early to get checked in. Players will receive a bib with their placement number and name. Players will also have their picture taken to assist in the drafting process. After being checked in, players will wait in a general staging area for practice to begin.

### Player Groups

Players will be split equally into groups based on last name. Coach's children are required to participate in placement practices and will be placed in a group. All registered players will participate in the placement practices. Players on the wait list may participate with parent acknowledgment that placement on a team is not guaranteed and all registered players must be placed on teams before coaches can add any wait list players. Coaches cannot exceed the requirements for maximum team sizes.

### Opening Discussion

The first 10 minutes of the first practice will be spent with coaches introducing themselves and speaking to the players. The intent is to allow coaches to get to know the players and learn more about their skills. It also serves as a way for players to get to know the coaches better and feel more relaxed with the process.

### Practice Plan

A practice plan will be provided to the volunteers for running the skill sessions. Player groups will rotate between the skill sessions.

## Player Drafting

### G3 – G5 Overview

Following the conclusion of the last placement practice, coaches will meet to draft players. Drafts are completed online using the coaches website. If a player misses both placement practices, they will be excluded from the draft and added to a team by the Registrar.

### G6 – G8 Overview

Coaches will complete the draft process online using the coaches website. Coaches will meet at an agreed upon time and complete the draft.

### Parent Comments

Parents will be allowed to submit comments of special circumstances to take into consideration when they register their child. Coaches should do their best to fulfill any appropriate requests. For instance, a parent saying that they must be with xyz coach is not appropriate. However, a parent who says they are single with 5 kids and need to have their child play with abc player for transportation purposes should be considered if possible.

### Twins, Triplets, Etc.

Family multiples must be kept together on a team unless a parent requests otherwise.

At the conclusion of the draft, coaches will run thru the player list and assure that all players have been selected. After that has been accomplished, coaches may select players from the waiting list if they wish to add additional players to their team without exceeding the maximum team size.

Coaches will submit their draft rosters to the Registrar and will then receive contact information. Coaches are encouraged to promptly notify the players (and parents) on their team. Coaches are asked to initiate the first contact by phone, NOT by email. Future communication can be done thru phone, email or text.