

**Gahanna Soccer Association**  
**Rules for Assignment of Players**  
(effective Fall 2006)

1. Any child who has not been registered to play soccer in the Gahanna Soccer Association (GSA) within the last 24 months must furnish a copy of their birth certificate or other proof of age prior to being registered for the current season and placed on a team.
2. Any player who played on a GSA recreational team during the most recently completed season shall automatically return to the same team if they indicate their desire to return to the same team on their registration form, provided they are not moving up in age divisions. However, if they fail to indicate on the registration form a desire to return to the team they were on during the season just completed and they are not moving up in age divisions, they will be placed into the draft and not allowed to return to their former team. All players moving up in age divisions are placed into the draft, with the exception of U5 to U6 and U7 to U8.
3. Players in the Rec-Minor age divisions (U4 through U8) are allowed to play up one birth year. Players in Rec-Major (U-10 and above) are allowed to play up one birth year, not one age division.
4. Ride shares:
  - a. In order to honor a ride share request, both players must request each other. A player currently on a team may request to play with another player who was previously on a team or is not currently on a team. The players will be allowed to play on the same team but neither player will be allowed to return to their current or former team. Both players will be placed on a new team.
  - b. Ride shares can only involve 2 players. No ride share requests involving 3 or more players will be honored. No requests for specific coaches will be honored. Coaches can not request specific players or assistant coaches.
  - c. Ride share requests will only be allowed if there is sufficient room on the roster of the new team.

5. Assigning players to a new team via the draft:
  - a. Rec-Minor Leagues (U-4, U-5, U-6, U-7, U-8): Players will be initially assigned to a team by the GSA registrar but players can be moved to a different team in order to balance the teams in the age group based on the male/female ratio of the teams.
  - b. Rec-Major Leagues (U-10, U-12, U-13, Middle school travel, HS): Players will be initially assigned to a team by the GSA registrar but can be moved to a different team in order to balance the teams in the age group based on the male/female ratios of all teams in the age group and on the ratio of different ages within the age group (i.e., balance the 8 & 9 year olds in U-10, the 10 & 11 year olds in U-12, etc.)
6. Players registering late (after the registration deadline date) will be assigned to teams by the GSA registrar in an effort to balance the teams based on the number of players currently on the established teams, the male/female ratios of the teams, and/or the different ages.
7. Players registering late will not be guaranteed to return to their prior team, even if specified on the registration form.
8. Players registering late will not be placed on a specific team based on the desire of any coach.
9. Players registering late will not be assigned to a team unless their registration fee has been fully paid and received in the GSA office.
10. The GSA registrar shall retain all copies of each version of the rosters for every age group. Each version of the rosters will include the date the roster was printed. The final version of each roster for every age group shall be retained for 1 year. The previous versions of the rosters will be retained for 6 months.
11. The GSA Board of Directors reserves the right to waive any of the above stated procedures on a case-by-case basis and only after the specific circumstances are presented in writing to the Board at a Board meeting. A majority of the members present at the meeting must approve the waiver before it can be granted.