

New Player Request Policy

This policy outlines the procedures for requesting new players in the Marin COED Soccer League. Our primary goal is to ensure a balanced and competitive environment for all teams, while also accommodating individual player needs and preferences.

Team Reps are encouraged to leverage their networks, reaching out to friends, colleagues, and existing players for recommendations and referrals. The League understands that recruitment efforts may require additional support. We maintain a waiting list of interested players (male and female) to complement the Team Reps' initiatives.

New Player Permanent Placement:

Prior to each season, Team Reps will assess their team's needs and identify any open slots for male or female players.

- **Requesting New Players:** If the team requires new players, Team Reps will contact the New Player Coordinator (NPC) before the season begins. The League's primary objective is to maintain a balanced competition across all 10 teams. The New Player Coordinator will consider the team's needs and skill level distribution when assigning players.
- **Player Experience:** The New Player Coordinator has the discretion to place both experienced (e.g., former college players) and recreational players based on team needs and overall league balance.

The NPC will provide waitlisted player's contact info and it is the Team Rep's responsibility to start communication with the waitlisted player. If for some reason, the waitlisted player does not get rostered, notify the NPC so the waitlisted player gets placed back in the queue.

Weekend Game Help:

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may prevent teams from having a full 11v11 squad on certain weekends. The League maintains a waiting list of players interested in joining games as needed. The Team Rep should first communicate with the opposing Team Rep by Thursday afternoon, discuss respective RSVPs and try to work things out.

- **Requesting Help:** Team Reps may request assistance from the New Player Coordinator if they anticipate not having a full team for the weekend game. It is recommended that the Team Rep begin this process no later than Thursday. The NPC will provide the Team Rep with a sub-list of current registered players who opted in to be a sub. It is the responsibility of the Team Rep to contact the subs directly. In addition, the NPC will provide the Team Rep with the contact info of waitlisted players and it falls on the Team Rep to contact them directly.

- **Permanent Placement of a Waitlisted Player:** If a Team Rep and a waitlisted player agree on a permanent placement on the team, the Team Rep will inform the New Player Coordinator to update the waiting list. Team Rep will provide the player with the season registration form to formally roster them on the team.