

FAQ'S For Fall 2026 Soccer

#1: With the new age chart changes, is our team able to stay together if players on our team are now split into 2 different age groups?

Yes. If you'd like to return to your previous team, select "Returning Player Stay on Same Team" when you register your child. The team will be classified based on the oldest player on the team. If your child is now considered a year younger, they will just be "playing up" a year to remain on their previous team.

For guidelines on age/division requirements per NTX Soccer:

https://www.ntxsoccer.org/assets/74/6/ntssa_age_chart_26-27.pdf

#2: If we are a returning player but want to play on a new team, are we able to select our new team or a specific coach?

No, you cannot pick which team you want to play for. North Tx Soccer is our governing body and we must follow their rules for roster formation. All teams must be formed recreationally, which means players are selected at random from the player pool to their assigned team. This helps keep our league classified as rec rather than competitive, per NTSSA standards. You do not have to return to your previous team, but you don't get to pick the next team or coach you will play for.

#3: If we are a new player, are we able to select our team or a specific coach?

No, you cannot. See #2 above. You are not able to pick the team or coach you will play for. All players that are new to the league, or, choose not to return to their previous team will be selected to a new team at random from the player pool.

#4: If we sat out the previous season but want to return to our previous team, are we able to?

We will try our best to make that happen. The default is the existing roster from the most recent season, those players have first right of refusal. If there wasn't a full roster, or some of those existing players don't return, there will be spots opened up to place a player that took a season off back on their previous team. It usually works out, but it's not a guarantee. Essentially, if you take a season off, you may or may not have your spot back when you return.

#5: I would like to coach my own team, how does that work?

That's great. We always need more coaches, especially as the league continues to grow. You will first get certified through the coach registration link we send out. If you are willing to coach any age division, we will almost certainly have a place for you. If you are wanting to specifically coach your child, there are 2 scenarios:

--If your child is returning to a previous team but the coach for that team isn't returning, you could step up to take over as coach.

--If you are wanting to coach a new team with your child on it, it will depend on if any new teams are needed for that age division that your child is in. If we have enough kids signed up in that age division to form a new team, you can coach that new team with your child and the rest of the roster spots on that team will be selected at random from the player pool as explained above.

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