

NMSA 2016 – 2017 Player Identifications and Team Formation

Coaches Evaluations:

Each coach will rank their own players from 1 to 6 with the following groupings:

- 1 – Clearly a Premier/C1 Level Player
- 2 – Lower Level C1 Player/Upper Level C2 Player
- 3 – Clearly a C2 Level Player
- 4 – Lower Level C2 Player/Upper Level C3 Player
- 5 – Clearly a C3 Level Player
- 6 – Recreational Level Player

Although these rankings will not factor into the final player ranking, they will be noted and used as needed to help place players during the player identification process.

Player Identifications:

All players who intend on playing for a competitive team for Birth Years 2001 to 2009 must register for player identifications and pay the player identification fee.

All new players to NMSA and any player who did not play on the top team in their age group the previous summer must attend the first day of player identifications. Players who wish to play up for the age group above their own must also attend the first day of player identifications they wish to play up for. Players who were play ups on the top teams in 2015-16 do not need to attend Day 1. Players who are injured or not able to attend the first day must notify the appropriate birth year director a minimum of one week prior to the first day of player identifications.

All players who played on the top team(s) within their age group in 2015-16 and are interested in playing on those team(s) again must only attend the second day of player identifications. Players who attend the first day of player identifications and perform at a level similar to the top level players will also be invited to attend the second day and must attend if they are interested in playing on a top level team(s). Players wishing to play up must also attend the second day of their own age group. The players and teams this involves at each age group and gender will be posted prior to the first day of player identifications. Players who are injured or not able to attend the second day must notify the appropriate birth year director a minimum of one week prior to the second day of player identifications..

Players attending the first day of player identifications will be evaluated by a minimum of two independent evaluators in a minimum of three activities (activities will be posted on the club website a minimum of three weeks prior to the first day of player identifications). Players only attending the first day of player identifications will be given a final ranking by the end of day 1.

Players attending the second day of player identifications will be evaluated by a minimum of two independent evaluators in a minimum of three activities (activities will be posted on the club website a minimum of three weeks prior to the first day of player identifications). All players will be given a final ranking by the conclusion of the second day. A final ranking of all players from 1 to the number of players being evaluated will be completed by the end of the second day and used in the team formation process.

Goalkeepers:

Goalkeeper Evaluations will be done for Birth Years 2001 to 2006. All goalkeepers attending these evaluations will be given a final ranking of 1 to the number of goalkeepers in their birth year and used in the team formation process. Goalkeepers being considered for the top team(s) in their birth year will also be invited back to attend Day 2 of Player Identifications.

Final Player Identification Scores/Rankings:

All players registering for and attending player identifications will be sorted from low score to high score creating a final ranking of 1 to the number of players attending. Players not attending player identifications will be placed within that grouping based on input from coaches and directors familiar with that player.

Player Check In and Numbering:

At the time of check in at player Identifications, players attending the first day will be given both a blue and gray jersey with the same unique number. Players will be randomly divided into 2 groups (gray and blue) by the DSO just prior to the field sessions beginning. If a player is invited to attend the second day of player Identifications, that number will be noted and used again and those players will be added to the players who attend day 2.

Players only attending the second day of player identifications will be given both a blue and gray jersey with the same unique number. Players will be randomly divided into 2 groups (gray and blue) by the DSO just prior to the field sessions beginning. Players attending the second day of player identifications will also be asked to indicate if there are any competitive levels that they would not accept a position to play for within a birth year.

Play Ups:

Players who wish to play up at a birth year above their own (i.e a 2003 birth year wishes to play with the 2002 birth year) must attend the second day of player identifications for their actual birth year and the first day of the birth year they are hoping to play up to (unless they were a play up on the top team in 2015-16) and must notify the proper birth year director a minimum of one week prior to the first day of player identifications.

Players must be ranked in the top 10 at the 2007 and 2008 birth years and the top 12 in the 2005 and 2006 birth years in the final birth year rankings to be eligible to play up and are only eligible to play up on the top team within the birth year they are trying out up for.

Players in birth years 2001 to 2004 will be eligible to play as follows based on their final ranking within the birth year they are trying out up for:

Top 16 – Eligible to play up to any team within the birth year up

17 to 32 – Eligible to play up to the second team or lower in the birth year up

33 to 48 – Eligible to play up to the third team or lower in the birth year up

49 to 64 – Eligible to play up to the fourth team or lower in the birth year up

Coaches Selections:

All coaches interested in coaching within an age group must fill out a coach application form by the deadline set. Any coaches interviews will be conducted prior to start of player identifications.

All coaches who have applied to coach and the playing levels the club plans to field for each gender and birth year will be made available a minimum of one week prior to player identifications beginning.

The playing level in order of team formation and coaches associated with teams will be published prior to the second day of player identifications in most cases. If more than one team will be playing at the same MYSA playing level, the order of teams or if balanced teams will be created will also be published.

Team Formations:

Player Identification final rankings will be presented to coaches as soon as they are completed (data input completed and players sorted by rank and name).

Roster sizes will be determined as needed within an age group and coaches will be informed of the meeting dates and times for team formation to take place.

Players falling within those rosters who have indicated they do not wish to play at the level of play will be contacted by a club director to confirm. Once confirmed, those players will be removed from that group and moved to the top of the next group (in the same order if there is more than one player). This will be done within 24 hours of the completion of player identifications.

Within 1 Week of player identifications being completed, coaches for each age group will meet with club directors in the order of level of MYSA play. If balanced teams will be formed at an age level, coaches will meet with directors at the same time. Directors will follow the team formation process as follows:

Coach #1 will consider the players within the size of that team roster based on the final rankings. If the top goalkeeper from the goalkeeper evaluations is not included in those players and the coach wishes for that player to be included, that player will be considered the final player within that roster size and the final player will be moved down one place.

Coach #1 will be allowed to make up to 2 changes at the 2007 and 2008 birth years and 3 changes at the 2001 to 2006 birth years (considered a coach pick). A coach pick consists of moving a player from outside that roster count into the roster and moving a player within the roster count out.

A final roster of 1 to roster size will be finalized for team #1 and those players will be removed from the player rankings and the process will continue to team #2.

Any players indicating that they do not want to play at the level of play will be removed or moved to the next group of players and Coach #2 will repeat the same process as Coach #1.

This process will continue until all teams within an age group are formed. If two balanced teams will be formed at a level with an age group, those coaches will follow a similar process considering players with equal roster sizes (i.e. if two teams will be formed from 22 players, balanced rosters of 11 will be formed).

Team Posting and Player Declines:

All 2001 to 2008 birth year teams will be posted on the NMSA website by midnight within 2 weeks of player identifications being completed and will include the team level, coach and players identified by jersey number. Players who choose not to accept this placement must fill out a Decline Team Placement Form and submit that to the club registrar by August 15th at midnight. Any player who does not decline their position by that time will be bound to the NMSA as of August 16th.

Changes to Team Rosters After Team Formation is Complete:

Any player who does not register for player identifications, but who wishes to join a team at the 2001 to 2008 birth years or who wishes to change teams after team formation is complete must follow the following process:

- #1 – Submit a Request to Join a Team to the appropriate Director and/or Registrar. If the player is already bound to another MYSAs club, the player must notify the club so the appropriate paperwork can be filed with that club as needed.
- #2 – If a coach wishes to add a player to their team and has a coach pick or picks remaining, they can add that player by notifying the appropriate director. Once the Club Director of Soccer Operations or appropriate Directors approve that addition, the player can begin the registration process.
- #3 – If a coach does not have any coach picks remaining, players can still be considered, but an evaluation of that player or players must be done along with the same number of player(s) in rank order from the next team according to player identifications. Independent evaluators will determine a rank order of those players, along with the coach, in which they would be added to that team.
- #4 – Once any necessary evaluations are complete, The Club DSO and/or appropriate director will recommend team placement for players to the Comp Committee who must approve any additions. Once approved, players will be asked to complete the registration process.

Any player who is placed on an NMSA team from the Player Identification and Team Formation process who wishes to be moved to a different NMSA team at the 2001 to 2008 birth years must follow the following process:

- #1 – Submit an Intraclub Team Transfer Request to the appropriate Director and Registrar. Coaches from all teams involved will be notified of this request.
- #2 – The Club Director of Soccer Operations and appropriate Directors will consider that team placement and set up any independent evaluation as needed.
- #3 – The Club DSO and/or appropriate director will recommend final team placement for players to the Comp Committee who must approve any transfers. Once approved, players will be asked to complete the registration process if needed or the transfer between the two teams will be completed.