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## Special Requests

Each year more than 25% of our parents request that their child be placed on a specific coach's team, be on a team with certain friends, be on a team with a neighbor for a car pool, and even request certain days of the week to practice or have games. These requests have become logistically impossible to manage. Our staff and coaches have tried to accommodate these special requests in the past. However, special requests have reached nearly 40% for our baseball/softball season alone. Therefore, we have instituted the following policy.

### Youth Athletic Team Formation Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish fairness and equality throughout youth athletic programs and create teams that are balanced. Equal teams will help produce a fun and recreational environment for all participants.

- All grades will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be considered, the friend must also request the participant.  
*Example: If Billy requests Tommy, then Tommy must also request Billy.*
- Each team will automatically have the coach's and assistant coach's children placed on the team. Each head coach is allowed to request one assistant coach. This will count as their friendship request.
- All siblings within the same age group will be placed on the same team unless otherwise directed by the parents. This will count as their friendship request.
- Requests for a specific coach will not be considered.
- Participants who are on the waitlist will be placed as openings develop without consideration of friendship requests.
- All correctly submitted friendship requests and practice day avoidances will be recorded for consideration, but, as always, not guaranteed.

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### Friendship Request Submission

If you have a friendship request, complete this form. No phone requests. Please contact your child's friend to encourage them to request your child as well.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age/Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Friendship Request \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)