

## Region 5 Double Blind Draft Guidelines

- **Prior to Draft Meeting**
  1. Ratings for each player in the division are provided to the Coaches or their representative at least two day prior to the draft.
  2. The normalized and ordered ratings for older players in the division will be kept separate from those for younger players in that division.
  
- **At the Draft**
  1. Player ratings are discussed and adjusted by consensus of the Coaches prior to team formation.
  2. Offspring of coaches are identified, and Coaches without an offspring playing in that division may designate on child.
  3. Review and modify notations with respect to the player, such as All-Star status, years of experience and or goalkeeping abilities.
  4. Start serpentine assignment of older players to teams, starting with the first team, until all older players are assigned.
  5. Start serpentine assignment of younger players to teams, starting with the first team, until all younger players are assigned.
  6. Balance teams for All-Stars, Goalkeepers, Referees, and assistants by trading like-rated players of the same older or younger group.
  7. Honor sibling or relative pairing, again by like-rated players of the same older or younger group.
  8. Confirm the balance of the teams as they stand by checking average player rating for each team.
  9. Draw numbers to determine which coach is assigned to which team and annotate the team accordingly.
  10. Conduct mandatory trades for offspring or designated child by trading like-rated players or the same older or younger group, with a trading order from first team to last
  11. Allow one optional trade per coach from the first team to the last, with a trade declared invalid only if a majority of the coaches not involved in the trade object to the trade.
  12. Allow for multiple players to be considered in a single trade to facilitate attempts to keep previous pairings intact, and be sure to trade older for older and younger for younger only.
  13. No Teleconferencing.