



SYSO POLICY – Team Selection Process

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Team Selection

- The selection of teams is one of the most important processes performed by SYSO sports programs. Travel or select teams are specifically designed for participation by residents of the Town of Somers based upon a tryout or other skills assessment.
- In extenuating circumstances after all residents have been accommodated (regardless of ability), a petition may be filed with the SYSO Executive Board to include non-residents on a particular team.
- For in-town programs, a “draft” is an acceptable alternative to tryouts providing that each sport follows it’s written policy for designating teams.
- Tryouts or other skills assessments must be performed prior to the selection or designation of all travel or select teams in accordance with sport specific guidelines for the performance of said assessments.
- Coaches may not “waive” tryouts or assemble a team without conducting a skills assessment. The only exception shall be if all registrants for a specific team are going to be accepted for the team (e.g. 12 candidates register for a team that will be made up of 12 players).
- It is understood that the basic philosophy of a travel program is the selection of the most skilled players for a more competitive level of participation.
- This selection process may include a minimum of one but not more than three tryouts, to make a reasonable attempt to allow tryout time for every interested candidate. A candidate must attend at least one tryout to be eligible for a travel team.
- The dates and times should be posted at least 14 days in advance on the SYSO website and announced wherever possible through the use of email, social media, and advertising.
- No participant may be selected for team play prior to the actual tryout.
- Selection of the travel team coaches must be made in accordance with sport specific guidelines for the selection of travel coaches.
- Once selected and before the start of the season all travel team rosters will be submitted to the Executive Board to be kept on file.

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