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Families of first year football registrants within the 10-11 year old division

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Subject:

Overflow Lottery

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For the 2005 season the SVJFAC will field two teams at the 6-7 division, four teams at 8-9, five teams at 10-11, and two teams at the 12 year old division. Due to practice space limitations, we will be unable to grow above the total of thirteen teams that we now are able to field.

After the March registration the headcount is as follows:

- 6-7 – 45
- 8-9 – 75
- 10-11 – 116
- 12 – 47

The Greater 19 Football League, that we are a member of, mandates that each team has a maximum of twenty-two players, except for the 12 year old division where you can exceed the maximum. Due to this and the above-mentioned space restrictions, we have a headcount capacity within each division, as follows:

- 6-7 – 44
- 8-9 – 88
- 10-11 – 110
- 12 – unlimited - the SVJFAC will attempt to keep each team at a max of 25 (50 max)

The numbers above indicate that we are over capacity for our 6-7 and 10-11 divisions. In preparation for such an occurrence, in January 2005 the SVJFAC Football Operations Committee made the following recommendation as to how to handle an “overflow” of football registrants. This recommendation was later approved by the SVJFAC executive board. Please note, that there will not be an overflow lottery held in April for the 6-7 division due to pending rules changes from the Greater 19 league, pertaining to how many players will be on the field during the games. Most recently, 9-man football has been played at this level and there is a motion to change to the traditional 11-man game.

Overflow strategy:

Any child who has participated in the SVJFAC in the previous year will be “grandfathered” into the 2005 season; assuming that the individual signs up during one of the three designated registration dates; March 5, 10, or 12. If any returning player fails to sign up during the registration period, then he will be considered a “newcomer” and will have to participate in the newcomer “secondary” lottery if we have more registrants than openings within an age grouping.

The prioritization to fill the football teams is as follows:

1. *Returning players*
2. *Legacy player (a first year player, but has a sibling involved in the Association; either Cheer, Dance, or Football)*
3. *Skip-a-year player (a player who had played previously, but did not in 2004)*
4. *First year players*

If there are less registrants than openings within an age grouping, then all registrants will be accepted into the Association. If there are more players registered than we have openings for a specific age grouping, then a lottery (utilizing the newcomers) will be held to fill the remaining spots.

Example – We have ninety-five (95) players register in the 8-9 year old grouping, since there is an eighty-eight (88) player capacity within 8-9 (four (4) teams with twenty-two (22) players per team) we would need to hold a lottery to fill to last available spots. Within the ninety-five (95) registrants the breakdown is as follows:

- 60 returning players
- 5 legacy players
- 3 skip-a-year players
- 27 first year players

The sixty (60) returning players, five (5) legacy players, and three (3) skip-a-year players would all be guaranteed a spot within the Association. The twenty-seven (27) first year players will enter a lottery to determine the remaining twenty (20) players needed to fill the age group capacity.

Lottery process:

All “newcomer” players’ names will be put into a hat. The names will be drawn and assigned a number sequentially; first name drawn is 1, second name drawn is 2, etc. The first players taken will fill the remaining spots within the age grouping, until capacity is reached. Once capacity is reached the remaining players are drawn to determine the order of the waiting list.

Utilizing the above example, the twenty-seven players’ names would be drawn and assigned the number that the name was selected. Players drawn one (1) through twenty (20) would fill the open spots within the 8-9 division and the player drawn twenty-first (21) would be the first person on the waiting list, with the twenty-second (22) player being second on the waiting list, etc.

The respective age grouping lotteries will be held, if necessary, during the General Board Meeting in the month following registration; in 2005, the lotteries, if necessary, will be held at the April General Board Meeting. The lottery process will be overseen by the Football Coordinator, Assistant Football Coordinator, President, and Vice-President of the SVJFAC.

Secondary registrants:

In order to “position” the registrants from the secondary registration, they will participate in a separate lottery. This lottery will also be held at the General Board Meeting in the month following registration, April 20, 2005. If there are any openings within a division, the secondary registrants will fill the remaining spots in the order that they were selected during the secondary lottery process. If there are no openings within a division, the secondary lottery registrants will be placed on a waiting list in the order selected during the lottery; behind any registrants from the primary registration.

What can I expect if I am on the waiting list?

It is hard to forecast how many losses that we will incur, but history has shown we often lose players between registration and the start of camp in August. Whether a family moves out of the area, children get injured over the summer, a child has an interest in playing another sport, or a child has second thoughts; we always tend to lose headcount, so there is hope that a spot will open up.

My son should be categorized as a “legacy” or “skip a year” player.

If you believe that you son is miscategorized; i.e. he or a sibling has participated in the SVJFAC previously (football, cheer, or dance) please contact Jeff Koman immediately. He can be reached at 724-741-0363 or via email at jeff.koman@xerox.com. (Please note that the zoominternet domain cannot get through the Xerox firewall – if you have a zoominternet domain you can send your email to shellyk@connecttime.net)

When will I be notified of the lottery outcome?

If you cannot attend the Wednesday, April 20th board meeting, the children's families who are put on the waiting list will be notified by Wednesday, April 27th.