

Team Formation Guidelines

The following youth sports guidelines have been developed in an effort to create a fair and equitable way to form Lombard Park District youth sports teams. While the Program Manager will make every effort to honor friendship and/or coach requests, please note that there are no guarantees. In general, the later you register, the less likely we will be able to honor coach or friendship requests. Failure to fill out a Youth Sports Information Form in its entirety or to fill out the online prompts if registering online may preclude you from having any friendship/coach requests honored

- ❑ Grades 1-2
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All first graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All second graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.
- ❑ Grades 3-4
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All third graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All fourth graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.
- ❑ Grades 5-6
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All fifth graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All sixth graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.
- ❑ Grades 7-8
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All seventh graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All eighth graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.
- ❑ Grades 9-10
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All ninth graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All tenth graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.
- ❑ Grades 11-12
 - All teams will be formed in an effort to distribute players based on age and skill level.
 - All 11th graders will be allowed one friendship request. For any friendship request to be honored the friend must also request the participant.
 - All 12th graders will receive **either** a friendship request **or** returning to their previous team at the discretion of the Lombard Park District.

When forming youth softball teams the two oldest grades will be allowed this option. After friendship requests are paired up, participants will be assigned to teams taking into account a variety of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, age, skill, gender, school, geographical location, and special circumstance.

After friendship requests are paired up, participants will be assigned to teams taking into account a variety of predetermined factors. Each team will automatically have the coach's and assistant coach's children placed on their team. Each head coach is only assigned one assistant coach. In the event a coach requests an assistant, this will also count as their friendship request. All siblings falling within the same age group will be placed on the same team. Participants who are on the waitlist will not be guaranteed a team or a friendship request.