



## VIPL Riptide Evaluations

**1. Player Assessments** – All players are assessed by a group of qualified individuals made up of UI Riptide Coaches and Technical Team members. All players are rated on a scale of 1 to 4. Players are rated in the areas of Offence, Defence, Technical/Tactical and General Impression. In some cases, we will ask for input from a Coach or Technical Director who have better knowledge of the player.

**2. Player Selection** – Players are graded on the assessment of all evaluators. The program Technical Director collects all assessment forms, averages out each player's scores and creates a ranking list based on these averaged scores. The list forms the basis for selecting players and creating teams.

\* Once the list has been created, the Technical Director will meet with the team coaches to discuss and select the final team. The first thing that gets discussed is the size of team that is wanted for the year. Once that has been decided, the discussion moves on to finalizing the roster. In most cases 80 to 90 percent of the team is chosen directly from the ranking list, which is based on the player's performance at evaluations. However, Coaches and TD do discuss the social/psychological fit for every player and usually have to make some decisions for the last few available roster spots.

**3. Notification** - Some decisions may be made after each evaluation session. Not all players will be asked to return after each evaluation date. Players will be notified via email if they will not be participating in the upcoming date(s).

Our goal is to ensure that ALL players/families receive notification of final team selections at the same time and that social media posts, questions and comments do not take the place of solid family discussions. As such, the complete roster for the team will be posted on the Riptide website homepage at 7:00pm on May 15, 2018: <http://riptidesoccer.ca/>.

A reminder that the posted roster will also be emailed to all parents/players and posted on the Riptide Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/upperislandriptide/>.

**4. Acceptance** - It is assumed that all players participating in the final evaluation session accept a position on the team if selected. However, players selected for the team will have 48 hours to decline the position if he/she so chooses.

On the rare occasion when a player who has been selected declines the offer, the Coaches and TD will discuss whether to add a replacement player to the roster. If it's determined a player is required, the Coaches or TD will contact a player (or players) that were previously not selected to offer him/her a position on the team.

\* Once the rosters have been posted, the team selections are final and only under extenuating circumstances will the rosters be altered. Please remember that coaches are volunteers and most struggle with having to tell any player that they have not been selected, especially if they have coached a player for many years. That is why there is a process in place that takes the bulk of the decision making out of the coach's hands.

**5. Parent Responsibilities** – It is very important that every player involved in any evaluation process has a firm understanding that there is a chance that they will not be selected. Parents should have these conversations with their children no matter what age or skill level.

We ask parents to please not contact coaches directly if you are unhappy with the selection decisions. Though they are sympathetic to the situation, they do not have the ability to change the decisions that have been made. All inquiries are to be addressed to [upperislandriptide@gmail.com](mailto:upperislandriptide@gmail.com).