



VIPL Riptide Evaluations

1. Player Assessments - All players are assessed by a group of qualified individuals made up of Upper Island Riptide Coaches and Technical Team members. Players are rated on a scale of 1 to 4 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 has 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. 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 the team that is wanted for the year. 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 - 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 teams will be posted on the Riptide website homepage: <http://riptidesoccer.ca/>

7:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 2020 for U14 & U15 girls and boys

7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 for U16 - U18 girls and boys

(Please note: Decisions may be made after each evaluation session where not all players will be asked to return to the next evaluation date and will be notified via email.)

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 declines the offer, the Coaches and TD will discuss whether to add a replacement player to the roster. If 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.