

PLAYING WITH "BUDDY"

One feature of the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation participation in youth athletics is the opportunity to play with a buddy.

*Each participant may request **one** friend as a "buddy". The buddy requested must also request you in order for the buddy request to be considered a match. All other requests (e.g. multiple buddies, buddy chains) will not be granted. **To learn more about the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation "buddy policy," please visit www.stpaul.gov***

A child may request to play on the same team as one friend or sibling. The child's name must be properly requested on the friend's registration form also. Multiple or sequential requests (child A with child B, child B with child C, etc.) are **never** granted.

Siblings are always buddied unless a specific request not to do so is made. When siblings are placed together, no other buddy request is granted. Please make sure to place the sibling's name in the buddy request box in the registration area to help us make sure we spot the sibling pairs.

Two adults may ask to coach together. The coaches children are automatically buddied together and no other buddy request will be considered. If multiple teams are formed, we may need to split the volunteer coaches on different teams to ensure all teams have a certified coach.

Our buddy policy is not about friends playing together. It just lets every child have at least one familiar face on the team, and it streamlines team formation. Requests that do not follow this policy are not granted

Please don't call to ask us to waive this rule for your child. Remember - the majority of our players don't sign up with buddies and they still all have a great time participating and meeting new friends.