

Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati

Lottery Registration Frequently Asked Questions

How does the lottery system work?

Registration will open for a week and half and then close. At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team, the registration system will randomly select girls for that team. All additional girls will remain in “lottery status” and be placed on the waiting list. Should a girl drop and a spot opens up during the first two weeks, we can fill that spot from the waiting list via another lottery.

Teams that are not at capacity will include all girls registered at that time. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached for each team.

Why a lottery system?

The lottery system allows all girls the same opportunity to participate in Girls on the Run. The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register and equal access to participate in the program.

What is Raceplanner?

This is the third-party software system we use for program and race registration. The Raceplanner system protects confidential information and will be used to conduct a fair and random lottery.

What about girls that have participated in the past? The lottery doesn't seem fair to them.

Though we appreciate the passion and loyalty of girls that have participated in prior seasons, we are also committed to ensuring that as many girls as possible experience Girls on the Run. We therefore do not offer preferential registration for GOCR alumnae and everyone is entered into the same lottery. The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register.

What if my daughter is not selected?

In the event the desired team is full, additional girls will be placed on the wait list for that team. Should a spot open within the first two weeks, we will conduct another online lottery. Your credit card will not be charged unless your daughter is formally added to the team.

If it's truly random, why do you ask how many seasons my daughter has participated?

This information is collected on behalf of Girls on the Run International. It is used to calculate retention rates and for curriculum development purposes.

What about sisters?

In order to keep the lottery truly random sisters are treated as individuals in the lottery system.

Is the lottery for everyone or only when a team is full?

Everyone who registers during the first wave will receive a confirmation email notifying them that they are in “lottery status.” At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team, the lottery will occur to randomly select girls for that team. All additional girls will remain in “lottery status” and be placed on the wait list for full teams. If a spot becomes available within the first two weeks of the season, a girl will be randomly selected from the wait list.

Teams that are not at capacity after the first wave of registration will include all girls registered at that time. Registration will then re-open and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached for each team.

When will we know if our girl gets a spot on the team?

For the Spring 2017 season, registration opens on Monday, January 23 at 9:00am and will remain open until Wednesday, February 1 at 11:59pm. The lottery will be conducted on Friday, February 3. If placed on the team, you will receive confirmation of your “registered” status by email on that date. This is also the day your credit card will be charged. Girls on the waiting list will remain in “lottery status.” If a spot becomes available, a girl will be randomly selected from the waiting list. Credit cards are NOT charged until a girl is formally added to a team. Families will then receive a confirmation email indicating “registered.”

How many girls are on a team?

In order to ensure a quality program experience for both girls and coaches, we limit the number of girls on each team. New teams may have up to 12 girls, while returning teams may have 15 girls.

Could you add more girls on a team if I volunteer to coach?

In order to ensure quality programming we limit our team numbers based on many factors. Some factors include space availability at each site, previously ordered program supplies, facility usage limits, and the number and experience of committed coaches before registration begins. Though programs may be cancelled if a minimum number of coaches cannot be recruited, we do not add coaches at the last minute in order to accommodate more girls. Adults with availability and interest in coaching are encouraged to learn about coaching opportunities on our website and apply well in advance of the next season’s registration date. This allows us to effectively project and plan for the upcoming season and provide new coaches the opportunity to attend coach training and meet with their coaching team. Once registration opens, team limits are set, and no additional coaches will be added to accommodate more girls.

How do I know I qualified for a scholarship?

You only need to apply for a scholarship if you cannot afford to pay your registration fee according to the Sliding Scale of Family Income or if you need to pay your fee in installments. The Scholarship Committee at the GOTR Office reviews all the scholarship applications as quickly as possible and awards scholarships based on financial need and based on available funds. Someone from the Scholarship Committee will contact you prior to the start of the season to confirm your scholarship details and to work out any payment plans. To prevent any delays, please make sure you complete the scholarship application in full AND provide us with the best means to contact you. Your daughter’s spot on the team cannot be confirmed until your scholarship or payment plan has been confirmed.