

Seattle United Player Roster/Uniform Number Policy 2016/17

PLEASE NOTE: THIS NUMBERING POLICY APPLIES ONLY TO '01 AGE GROUPS AND BELOW.

FOR ALL '00 AGE GROUPS AND ABOVE, PLAYERS MAY KEEP THEIR EXISTING NUMBERS.

To fulfill Seattle United's policy of assuring the opportunity of player movement between teams at different playing levels, and to avoid the additional cost and expense to replace jerseys and other uniform kit apparel, all Seattle United teams will assign player numbers as follows.

Uniform Numbering Guideline

The following uniform numbering guidelines will be used for all Seattle United teams.

1. All teams will be required to purchase at least one (1) Seattle United club goalkeeper jersey for the team.
2. Teams that play 9 or 11 aside soccer will be required to purchase two home and two away numbered "guest" player jerseys that will also serve as "blood jerseys".
3. Teams that play less than 9 aside will be required to purchase one home and one away numbered "guest" player jerseys that will also serve as "blood jerseys".

GOALKEEPER

The numbers 0, 00, and 1 are reserved for goalkeepers. Each goalkeeper may select whichever number they want; if a team has more than one full timekeeper, they should resolve any conflicts within the team. Reserving numbers for goalkeepers should help to minimize conflicts with other numbers and these are traditional goalkeeper numbers.

Uniform Numbers

0, 00, 1

If a team does not have a dedicated keeper (often the case with younger teams,) players who play both on the field and in goal need to be assigned a field player number. The team will be responsible for purchasing a keeper jersey as part of the team equipment, which will be used by players rotating in goal.

PLAYERS

Copa Teams:

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00 or 1**
- Field Players: Numbers **2 – 20**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **60 and 61**

2 – 20

Tango Teams

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00 or 1**
- Field Players: Numbers **21 –39**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **62 and 63**

21 – 39

Samba Teams: 40 - 58

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00** or 1
- Field Players: Numbers **40 –58**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **64** and **65**

Regional Blue Teams: 2 – 20

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00** or 1
- Field Players: Numbers **2 – 20**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **66** and **67**

Regional White Teams: 21 – 39

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00** or 1
- Field Players: Numbers **21 –39**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **70** and **71**

Regional Gold/Black Teams: 40 - 58

- Goalkeepers: Numbers **0, 00** or 1
- Field Players: Numbers **40 –58**
- Guest/Blood Jerseys: Numbers **72** and **73**

Process to be followed by all teams in assigning numbers to rostered players

At the team level, the assignment of individual player numbers will be made equitably and amicably. The following procedure applies to all Seattle United teams at all play levels

(Select and Premier):

1. Every player on the team roster must have a different number, including teams carrying two dedicated goalkeepers (e.g. if a U17 Tango team has two keepers, one player is assigned #0, the other keeper assigned # 1).
2. Players are first allowed to select her or his number from those available to the team. Team Managers are to oversee the selection process, and assure it is conducted in a fair and friendly way.
3. At the start of a new uniform cycle (e.g. 2016–17), if there are two or more returning Seattle United players on the team that had the same number the previous season, the player with the longest **tenure** in the club retains the number (absent mutual agreement otherwise between or among the impacted players).

4. If Step 3 above does not apply, in the event two or more players desire the same number, the Team Manager shall assist in resolving the number assignment amicably, and if necessary will use a random blind draw to resolve the matter (the Team Manager writes down a number between 1 – 20; player guessing the number closest to that written down by the Team Manager wins that round; three rounds are played, best two out of three wins).
5. It can be expected that a Seattle United player may transfer to a new team during the then current season. If the transferring player has a number that conflicts with a player already rostered on the new team, a new player number needs to be assigned to the transferring player out of the team's number allocation designated above number needs to be assigned to the transferring player out of the team's number allocation designated above (e.g. if a Regional Blue Team, the number must be within the range of Numbers 2 – 20) and replacement match jerseys obtained for the player. Important Note: Only new match jerseys are required in the event of number conflicts; players can continue to use their existing warm-ups, training gear, and back pack in the event of any number conflict.
6. Once the season has started, and in the event number conflicts arise on teams, players and families from different teams are free to exchange their match jerseys to resolve player number conflicts, so long as the exchanged numbers fall within each respective team's number allocation (e.g. if a Tango team, any exchanged number must fall within Numbers 21 – 39). If a jersey exchange is not possible or available, new replacement match jerseys to resolve number conflicts are to be purchased by the Team Manager from Soccer West and paid for out of team fees.
7. Important Note: *In no event and at no time will Numbers on match jerseys be "modified" using duct tape, electrical tape, masking tape, or any other self-applied "fix" as the means or solution to resolve a player number conflict.*