GOTR LOTTERY REGISTRATION FAQ

Why does Girls on the Run use a lottery system?
We use a lottery system to allow all girls an equal opportunity to participate in Girls on the Run. With tremendous growth of Girls on the Run, teams can fill up quickly. The lottery system gives all families the same opportunity to sign up instead of relying on a "first come first served" system. The lottery system is used by the majority of GOTR councils nationwide and is recommended by Girls on the Run International.

How does the lottery system work?
Prior to the start of each season, Girls on the Run will advertise dates for the lottery registration period. Please see our website for dates. During this period, registration will open for a set amount of time, and then temporarily close so the lottery selection may take place.

- If a team is over capacity at the time of the lottery, girls will be randomly selected and placed on the team. Remaining girls will be placed on the team's waitlist.
- If a team is under capacity at the time of lottery, all girls will be placed on the team.
- After the lottery selection process, registration will re-open for teams with remaining space, and will girls will be placed on the team on a first come-first served basis until the team reaches capacity.

When will we know if our girl gets a spot on the team?
If your girl is placed on the team, you will receive an email confirmation of your "registered" status on the day of lottery selection. **This is also the day your credit card will be charged**.

What if my daughter is not selected during the lottery?
If the team is over capacity and your daughter was not selected in the lottery process, she will be placed on the waitlist for that team. Should a spot open, a girl will be selected from the waitlist. Your credit card will not be charged unless your daughter is formally added to the team. Girls are welcome to enroll on other teams, if space is available.

How does the lottery system affect girls who have participated in the past?
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 GOTR alumni. The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register.

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. Our maximum team size is typically 15 participants.

What if there are more interested girls than spots available?
If more than 8 girls do not receive spots on a team, we'd love to add an additional team at the site. A site location can host multiple teams (concurrently or on different days) as long as there is adequate space to safely gather and enough coaches to support each team. Each team needs at least 2 adult coaches who are willing to submit a coach application, complete a background check and complete coach training prior to the start of the season.

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.

Who do I contact with more questions about the lottery registration process?
We are happy to help! Feel free to reach out by calling or emailing our GOTR team, 518-635-0828.
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