



Lottery Registration FAQs



How does the lottery system work?

Registration will open on February 13th at 9:00 AM and will remain open through 11:59 PM on February 19th. Registration will temporarily close on February 20th while we run the lottery.

- 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. Your credit card will only be charged if your girl has a place on the team.
- If a team is under capacity at the time of the lottery, all girls will be placed on the team and your credit card will be charged.
- After the lottery selection process, registration will re-open for teams with remaining space, and girls will be placed on the team on a first-come, first-served basis until the team reaches capacity.

Why does Girls on the Run use a lottery registration 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 participate in the program. Lottery registration is already used by the majority of GOTR councils nationwide and is recommended by our national office.

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

The lottery will occur on February 20th. 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.

What if our girl is *not* selected during the lottery?

Girls who were not selected during the lottery will be placed on a waitlist and notified of their status on February 20th. If a spot becomes available at a later date, a girl will be randomly selected from the waitlist. Your credit cards will NOT be charged until your girl is formally added to a team. We will contact you before adding your girl to the team to ensure she is still interested in participating. If a spot opens up, girls may be added up until the first day of practice.

How does the lottery system affect girls who have participated in the past?

Though we appreciate the passion and loyalty of girls who have participated in prior seasons, we are also committed to ensuring that as many girls as possible may 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.

What about sisters?

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

How many girls are on a team?

In order to ensure a quality program experience for both girls and coaches, Girls on the Run limits the number of girls on each team. A team is made up of 8-20 girls, depending on the number of coaches.

What is Pinwheel?

This is the third-party software system Girls on the Run uses for all programs and 5K registration. The Pinwheel system protects confidential information and will be used to conduct a fair and random lottery.

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