

Lottery Registration Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. Why is GOTR Triangle using a lottery system?** The lottery system provides every family an equal opportunity to register and equal access to participate in the program. This change is based on feedback from families who shared that the first-come, first-served system was problematic due to many issues including work conflicts, limited computer access and computer glitches. Lottery registration is already used by the majority of GOTR councils nationwide and is recommended by Girls on the Run International.
- 2. How does the lottery system work?** Not all sites open for registration on the same date; there are multiple site registration dates based on when a team has met all the criteria for approval. Once approved, registration will open for three days and then close. This is when the lottery will occur. At that time, if more girls are registered than the number of available spots on a team, the registration system will run a lottery and randomly select girls for that team. All additional girls will remain in **“lottery status”** and be placed on the wait list for full teams. Wait listed girls will be notified as soon as a spot becomes available and will have 24 hours to accept the space. Teams that are not at capacity will include all girls registered at that time. Registration will then re-open the next business day after the lottery and additional girls will be added on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached for each team. Remaining girls will be put on a waiting list.
- 3. What if a girl/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, the next girl will be randomly selected from the waitlist. Should your daughter be selected, you will be contacted to determine your continued interest. 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.
- 4. When will we know if our girl gets a spot on the team?** For the Fall 2016 season, we have five registration dates. For example, if registration opens on **Monday, May 2 at 6:00pm**, it will remain open until **Thursday, May 5 at 6:00pm**, when the lottery will occur. If placed on the team, you will receive confirmation of your **“registered”** status by email within 24 hours. This is also the day your credit card will be charged. Girls on the wait list will remain in **“lottery status”**. If a spot becomes available, a girl will be randomly selected from the wait list. Credit cards are **NOT** charged until a girl is formally added to a team. Families will then receive a confirmation email indicating **“registered”**.
- 5. 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 15 girls, while returning teams may have 15-20 girls.

6. **What about sisters?** Sisters are treated as one unit in the lottery system. If the sister pair is not selected, they will remain in lottery status on the waitlist. Should a spot open on the team, the sisters will be considered as individuals, as we cannot exceed the max number of participants for a team. Should one sister be selected off of the waitlist, the family may exchange the registration to the other daughter, if desired.
7. **What about coaches' daughters?** Daughters of coaches volunteering for the current season are not subject to **"lottery status"** and are guaranteed placement within the program.
8. **If it's truly random, why do you ask how many seasons my daughter has participated?** This information is used to calculate retention rates of participants and for curriculum development purposes.