

How Valley assigns numbers:

Valley lets players choose from available numbers in order of registration with the following guidelines:

- Players choose numbers ONLY after they register, and lock in that number as long as they remain at Valley. Once an available number is chosen, that player has “seniority” on it as long as they remain registered with Valley whether older or younger in age.
- Assignment blocks out that number from the next birth year older AND younger, regardless of roster/team, to ensure a player that stays and develops at Valley will not need to change numbers as they grow and change teams.
- Numbers are all assigned through a central volunteer coordinator in an effort to prevent conflicts in the future, rather than on a year-by-year, team-by-team basis.
- When reasonable, a number may be reserved for a younger sibling.
- Free jerseys for IP/Mini-mites/6U have numbers on them randomly assigned. You MAY be able to keep that number, but it is not guaranteed as another player may have seniority.

Why conflicts happen and how they’re resolved:

- Conflicts may still occur when:
 - A player “plays up” a level beyond their birth year
 - A player didn’t register at Valley for a year and lost their number seniority to another player
 - A player signed a waiver one year due to no conflict within a roster, but then the more senior player makes the same team the following year
 - A girls’ team player moves BACK to a coed team for any reason

Signing a waiver for a strongly desired number:

- A “waiver” is available if a badly desired number is blocked by a player on a different roster.
- By signing the waiver, the newer family commits to picking a new number and ordering jerseys if the player with “senior” status ends up on the same team in the future. Note that the “senior” player may be younger or new to an existing roster, but has seniority based on their Valley tenure with that jersey number.
- **This is not advised, especially in younger age brackets and/or with House team players.** But if the number is important due to an older sibling (and potential to hand down jerseys), it still may be worth consideration.
- Note: During early registration season when rosters are not official and locked, waivers are essentially impossible to grant particularly for House players.