# COLOR WARS START-UP SHEET

In order to Color Wars program, it is important to follow these steps during the weeks leading up to your launch date. Then you are ready to begin!

1. Determine how many members and staff members you have. Ideally there would be teams of 10-20 with a max of 30 per team. The more members on a team, the harder it is to manage. Make sure your staffing is in line with your ratios.
2. Assign staff to teams. Most often you will have some staff that are really into it and some that take more of a follower role. Pair them up accordingly.
3. You can either randomly assign members to teams or participate in a staff Color War draft where staff members draft members. Either way works, it is just important to make sure your age groups are equally represented on each team. For example, a team full of younger members would not compete well against a team full of older members.
   a. Random Teams: Get a print out of your enrolled members by age or color group and randomly place them on teams attempting to evenly separate members on teams by age.
   b. Partial Selection: Have team staff leaders write down 5-10 members that they would love to have on their team. Then fill in remaining members randomly.
   c. Draft: Get a print out of your enrolled members by age or color group. Once you have team staff assigned, draw the draft order. Staff then begin choosing their members in a snake order. It has been most beneficial to draft 6-7 year olds, then 8-9 year olds, then so on and so forth. This helps keep the teams as even as possible.
      i. EXAMPLE OF DRAFT ORDER:

| Round One | Red Team | Blue Team | Green Team | Purple Team | Yellow Team |
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| Round Two | Yellow Team | Purple Team | Green Team | Blue Team | Red Team |
| Round Three | Red Team | Blue Team | Green Team | Purple Team | Yellow Team |

4. Once teams are determined, start letting members know what team they are on. This gives them a chance to get really excited about Color Wars too. Remind them to dress up in as much of their color as possible when Color Wars begins.
5. Start planning your challenges. It is important to have a good balance of academic challenges and physical challenges to ensure all members enjoy the competition. Make sure to get input from members too. See challenge ideas for sample activities.

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