



WCWAA Titans

Football Bylaws

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- I. **The Football Board will approve all Head Coaches and communicate Head Coaching Assignments.**
 - a. The Board will strongly consider existing Assistant Coaches to take over Head Coaching assignments in order to keep team alignments together from year to year.
 - b. All new Head Coaches to the WCWAA program will be required to meet and interview with at least 3 Board members and 3 votes to become a head coach.
- II. **All Coaches must complete their WCWAA background checks.**
- III. **The Football Board is empowered to encourage or ask Head Coaches to step down as head coach at any point in time.**
 - a. If a Head Coach is encouraged or asked to step down by the board and approved to be an assistant coach in the following year, that coach is considered a free agent and may sign on with any other head coach.
- IV. **Head Coaches are encouraged to develop their own coaching staffs and all coaching staff must be in place prior to seeing a player at evaluations and/or equipment handouts, whichever comes first. Additionally:**
 - a) Any existing Assistant Coaches who would like to change coaching assignments from one year to the next must re-enter the draft just like any other player who would like to change teams. (Collusion Rule)?????
 - b) Any existing player's Father who would like to become a coach on a new team must re-enter the draft

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 - a) If a head coach chooses an existing Assistant Coach and or a new Assistant Coach from another team's roster, those coaching selections will be applied to the front of the draft to the team who has acquired the new coach (Round 1 pick for coach 1, Round 2 pick for coach 2, Round 3 for coach 3) (Poaching Rule). Additionally, the team that loses a player due to coaching changes will automatically receive compensatory picks prior to the beginning of the draft. If multiple teams lose players a coin flip or blind drawing will determine the order of compensatory picks.
- V. All Coaches and Parents must adhere to the Pop Warner and WCWAA Code of Conduct. Any violations may result in player and parent permanent removal from participating WCWAA Football.

Player assignment process

Returning players Team Assignments

Players will be assigned to the same team on which they participated the previous year unless one the following occurs:

- a) When the prior seasons Head Coach Moves up, and a prior years Assistant Coach has been approved by the Board to take the team.
- b) Players/Parents may request that the player be assigned to another team, other than the team they participated on the previous year. If so, the player will reenter the draft process (The Player Pool). **This would apply to all player movement except for those who are asked to be Head Coach and approved by the board to be a Head Coach.**
- c) A player who moves up to the next higher division(s) may move up with the Head Coach and /or players may remain with the prior seasons Head coach on the lower Division team.
- d) Players/Parents may request that the player be assigned to another team, other than the team they will be moved to in the higher division. If so, the player will reenter the draft process.
- e) In all cases where brothers are playing at the same level, parents can request that brothers will play on the same team. If a younger sibling or relative living in the same household is moving up in division, both players will be placed on the older players team.
- f) **EACH TEAM WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS OF 24-26 AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE DRAFT. HIGHER DIVISION COACHES ARE AWARE THAT ANY PLAYER WHO DOES NOT MAKE WEIGHT FROM THEIR LOWER SUCCESSION TEAM WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCEPT THOSE PLAYERS AND MAY HAVE MORE THAN 26.**
- g) If players are left on the waiting list, the WCWAA Football Board may accept these players and place them on the teams of their respected divisions. Wait Listed players will be assigned, not by ability or talent, but by the date/time of their registration. If this cannot be determined, these players will be randomly picked out of a hat and placed on the team who would have had the next pick in the draft. The players on the list will be chosen in this manner until the list is depleted. However, no more than 28 players will be allowed on a team.
- h) A player who sits out one year and one year only of Pop Warner can be placed back on the team or with his original teammates, if requested. This player will be counted as part of the returning player pool in the draft.
- i) If a younger division team and Head Coach is moving up in division to a lineage that already has a Head Coach, the older Division has the first rights to keep the kids in the Lineage.
- j) All players must play in the division that matches their age and weight. No player is allowed to play up in division for any reason.

NEIGHBOR RULE: *Eliminated in 2008

Draft Procedure

All returning players pre-assigned to a team, and all upcoming players assigned to this team, will be placed in the middle of their draft order. This way, new teams with fewer players will have an opportunity to build and establish their team, but allowing existing teams to still draft in the first few rounds. **The order in which established teams will begin to draft will be established prior to the 2008 draft process.** An example is noted below with a brief explanation of the succession plan)

Example: 3 teams Team #1, Team #2, Team #3

Team #1	Has 18 returning players
Team #2	Has 22 returning players
Team #3	Has 7 returning players
Team #4	Has 8 returning players

During the draft (which will be a snake version): ***Example Only-** Draft positions will be Predetermined on draft day, once team assignments are determined. (An odd # team size will adjust these scenarios)

Team #1 will place their existing players in a pre determined draft positions #4 through #21. This allows them to take draft picks #1, #2, #3. They then must sit out of the draft selection until round #22, #23, and #24.

Team #2 will place their existing players in draft positions #2 through #23. This allows them to take draft picks #1 but then must sit out of the draft selection until round #24.

Team #3 will place their existing players in draft positions #9 through #15. This allows them to take draft picks #1 through round #8 and then they begin in round #16 through round #24.

Team #4 will place their existing players in draft positions #9 through #16. This allows them to take draft picks #1 through round #8 and then they begin in round #17 through round #24.

Again, this will allow Team #3 to build their team with players of talent and ability to help in balancing out equality among teams.

(NOTE: The succession plan is intended to keep players with the same coaches and players throughout their playing careers at WCWAA. Any player/parent may request that their son be removed from this team and placed back in the pool of players for the draft. The succession plan is put together by the WCWAA Football Board).

After the draft is completed, if two coaches wish to trade players, they may do so, **prior to leaving the draft room.** This trade will only be valid if it's done in the draft room and agreed upon by both head coaches and the football commissioners. **NO TRADES WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE COACHES LEAVE THE DRAFT ROOM.**

During the draft, the commissioner and one board member will be present during the draft process to ensure sportsmanship among the coaches. Any disputes during the draft will be decided upon by the commissioner and the present board member, but ultimately, the commissioner will have the final say.

Middle School Players

If the WCWAA draft has been completed, prior to the Middle School making final cuts, players who wish to sign up to play Pop Warner may do so but will be placed on a waiting list and assigned to teams by their registration date and time. If time allows, 2-practices among all Middle School players will be held so coaches can evaluate the pool of players and the coaches and commissioner can assign players so equality of team talent is divided properly.

In summary, it's the intent of the draft process to provide each and every coach the ability to build teams that have equal talent among all WCWAA teams. After the draft, each coach will inform the commissioner what division they wish to participate in.