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Jeffco Midget Football Association

Proposal Background

The intent of this rule change is to place all players in the appropriate division based on their competitiveness and ability. We want to stop losing football players due to a bad playing experience. If players are not appropriately placed in the correct division they may be subject to only 10 plays a game or worse get injured and quit youth football all together. Conversely, a right sized player may be the star of his D2/D3 team and have an incredible experience. The purpose of a blind draft is noble; however, it is too limited in addressing the needs of many players. Currently it does not correctly place a player in a position where he or she is most likely to succeed.

Rule or By-Law Effected

Current Version	New Version
<p>4 ROSTERING</p> <p>4.3 No area registration forms can have a space for requesting a different coach or team for returning players. For returning players wishing to change teams it will be clear that the players will be entered into the blind draft at the parent's request, no guarantee of movement will be made</p>	<p>4.3 No area registration forms can have a space for requesting a different coach or team for returning players. For returning players wishing to change teams or new players to the organization, parents may designate their player as either a D1, D2, or D3 athlete. The players will then be entered into a blind draft for their given desired Division. No guarantee of movement will be made to parents or players and there is no guarantee that the desired division or team roster spot will be available.</p>
<p>6 PLACEMENT</p> <p>6.1 Establishment of 2nd and 3rd grade teams is determined by JMFA geographical area with the</p>	<p>6 PLACEMENT</p>

recommendation to keep the number of players on each team in balance. All teams in Division 1 & Division 2 shall be numerically balanced at the time of draft, this shall mean within 15%. Division 3 will not be included in this 15% balance for new players only. Any player registering after the draft shall go to the team with the fewest players in the grade as stated in Section I Rule 6.

6.2 All new players and returning players wishing to change teams must be placed by draft when there is more than one team in a grade level.

6.3 3rd grade through 8th grade returning players must remain on the same team, this includes players who do not play for one year but wish to return unless they wish to transfer to another team in their area with county approval. Former JMFA players who have not played for two years or more are considered new players to be placed in the blind draft. See restrictions.

6.4 Players from another area must return to their home area. New players or those desiring to transfer to another team (after county approval) will be used to numerically balance out existing rosters or to form new teams.

~~6.5 Selection should be accomplished by players remaining unidentified with the exception of grade and backfield eligibility. This constitutes a draft.~~

6.5.1 Draft Cards may contain the following information:

6.5.1.1 Grade

6.5.1.2 'P' if the player is over the backfield limit in the age group

6.5.1.3 A random player identified # known only to

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Players may designate themselves as either D1, D2, or D3 athletes.

6.5 Selection should be accomplished by players remaining unidentified with the exception of grade, backfield eligibility, and requested division placement. This constitutes a draft.

<p>those administrators conducting the draft.</p> <p>6.5.1.4 High school identifier - Only if the area builds 2nd and 3rd grade teams along high school lines.</p> <p>6.5.1.5 '1', '2' or '3' - Only if the child is a returning player and has requested, in writing to the Area Director, a Division 1 or 2 placement.</p>	<p>6.5.1.5 Players Requested Division as 'D1', 'D2' or 'D3' - Only if the child has requested, in writing to the Area Director. This is for new and returning players.</p>
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Benefits of Change

Provides a better experience for new players and some returning players by placing them at the proper competitive level for their ability as early as possible.

Potential Complications of Change

Additional Comments or Concerns

Feedback from JMFA Board and Areas