

HYA Draft Rules

For ALL Age Groups

Administration: An HYA Board Member or other HYA Board designated coordinator will run the draft. The Draft Coordinator is in charge of keeping the Master Draft Grid, and collecting all Team Rosters at the end of the draft. (Draft Grids and Team Rosters must be turned into the HYA League Administrator – Amy Todd - toddfive@bellsouth.net as quickly as possible after the draft.)

1) Coaches will draw numbers out of a hat, or other accepted method, to determine the draft order ("1" picks first, etc). Teams may trade their draft position prior to the draft beginning.

2) Coaches will select Practice Days and Team names in the order of HIGHEST (last) to LOWEST (first) in the Draft Order.

3) Head Coach plus one Assistant Coaches child will be frozen, meaning their assessment outcome will determine what round each player is automatically selected for their given team. No more than two (2) players per team can be frozen....no exceptions. Frozen Players are NOT ELIGIBLE to be drafted by any team. ALL Other Players are eligible to be drafted by any team.

NOTE: HEAD COACHES WHO DO NOT HAVE A CHILD PLAYING IN THE AGE GROUP WHICH THEY ARE COACHING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO FREEZE A PLAYER AS A "SUBSTITUTE" FOR HIS CHILD; the assistant coach's child would be frozen. In this case, the team would enter the draft with one (1) frozen player, the assistant coach's child.

NOTE: If the Head Coach or Assistant Coach has twin or triplets all siblings are frozen in their respective assessment positions

4) Any team who has two players frozen in the first round will have those two players selected as their first and second round draft pick and their 3rd and 4th round draft position will move to the last pick in the 3rd and 4th rounds.

Ex: If Team A's Head Coach and Asst Coach children are both assessed as 1st round picks and they have the 5th pick in a 10 team league their first pick (5th overall) will be the higher assessed first round pick. Their second pick (16th overall) will be the other frozen player. Their 3rd pick will be the last pick in the 3rd round (they will be skipped when their normal pick position arrives in the 3rd round and they will instead have the last pick in the 3rd round (30th overall). Their 4th pick will be the last pick in the 4th round (they will be skipped when their normal pick position arrives in the 4th round and they will instead have the last pick in the 4th round (40th overall). In the 5th round, they will resume their normal draft position following the serpentine order.

If there are multiple teams in one league with 2 frozen players in the first round the team with highest draft position will be last in the 3rd round, the 2nd team will have the next to last pick etc.

5) Frozen players will be identified and placed in a "draft round" based on the Skill Assessment Ratings sheets. All Frozen players will be placed on the Draft Grid prior to any other player selections.

6) Known Pitchers, AllStars, and exTravel Team players must be identified & discussed by the coaches before 1st round picks are made. The purpose is to identify pitching and advanced talent & attempt to distribute this talent evenly as possible throughout appropriate age groups.

7) In multiple age group leagues, all players will be combined during the draft ... i.e., do not separate age groups during the draft process. (the 12's are not required to be drafted before 11's, etc.)

8) For players that did not participate in the Skill Assessments, and where no coach has any information regarding their playing ability ... these players names will be placed in a "hat" and become "hat" picks. After all the "known" players are drafted, the next team to select will pick one of these names out of the hat. This will continue until all hat picks are selected. You are NOT allowed to select a Hat Pick prior to the completion of drafting the "known" players.

NOTE: ANY FROZEN PLAYERS not participating in Skill Assessments will be assigned as a 1st Round PICK

NOTE: See section 9.1 for detail on the last round of the draft

9) The draft order will be a "serpentine" process. The draft begins with Team #1, and continues to the end of the 1st round. The last team in the 1st round will select a player, and will get the 1st pick in the 2nd round (eg, if there are 5 teams, the order would be 1,2,3,4,5, 5,4,3,2,1, 1,2,3,4,5 ... etc). The draft continues in this manner until all players are selected.

9.1 , the team with the #1 overall pick (or lowest team number available) will receive the very last pick in the draft, regardless of how many players are in the Last Round (ie, the Last Round will CONCLUDE with the #1 team (or lowest # available) receiving the final player). For example, if there are 4 9/10u players remaining after Round 10, Teams 1 thru 4 will receive picks in Round 11, with Team 4 selecting 1st. It's possible these will be "hat" picks

10) In the event of a +2 Roster Size Exception...For excess players over and above the +2 Roster size, Volunteers will be solicited to take the extra player(s).

10.1) +2 Roster Size Exception...If any excess players are remaining after volunteers are identified, the team with the #1 overall pick (or lowest team number available) will receive the very last pick in the draft, regardless of how many players are in the Last Round (ie, the Last Round will CONCLUDE with the #1 team (or lowest # available) receiving the final player). For example, if there are 4 9/10u players remaining after Round 11, Teams 1 thru 4 will receive picks in Round 12, with Team 4 selecting 1st. It's possible these will be "hat" picks

11) Siblings (yes, even triplets) MUST be drafted onto the same team, unless otherwise requested by the parents.

12) Complete ALL TRADES prior to leaving your draft.

13) As players are added to leagues AFTER the draft, a **Placement Committee** will place players onto teams. Players that register after the draft are not automatically placed on the next team in the serpentine.

The Draft Coordinator is responsible for the accuracy of the draft, and the Master Draft Grid is the OFFICIAL GRID. Make sure all coaches agree with the Master Grid prior to their leaving the draft.

Good Luck and Play NICE!

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