

## NSBA Draft Rules

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- 1) Rules apply to the Mustang, Bronco and Pony Cascade divisions (level) of NSBA.
- 2) All players moving from one division to another (i.e. Pinto to Mustang, Mustang to Bronco, etc.) will be entered in the draft, with the exception of designated locks, and siblings of returning players and locks.
- 3) All players who are returning to a division have the option of returning to their last year's team or entering the draft at the players' choice. Players who chose to leave their previous year's team are neither eligible to be locked by any team nor drafted by their previous team.
- 4) Each team will be allowed four (4) locks. The four locks consist of, no more than two (2)\* senior players and no more than two (2) junior players. .
  - a) All locked players must have prior parental approval and be confirmed by the division commissioner.
  - b) With their junior locks, head coaches, whose children are senior players, are strongly encouraged to lock at least one coach's child so as to provide continuity in coaching for the following year. Once a player is designated as a lock, they will be considered a lock as long as they are on that team.
  - c) A Head Coach's child will always be counted as a lock. If a coach has more than one child on a team, the older child is a lock and the younger child is a sibling, with automatic placement on that team. When the older child moves to a different division and the Head Coach continues coaching the younger child's team, the younger child becomes a lock.
  - d) Players are available to be locked anytime prior to twenty-four (24) hours before the draft is scheduled to commence.
- 5) Players must attend at least one evaluation session for his/her division. Failure to attend an evaluation session will result in the following").
  - a) Junior and Senior Players that are new to NSBA shall be placed in the DRAFT Lottery Pool (also known as "The Hat"). There shall be a separate Hat for Junior and Seniors.
  - b) All players returning to NSBA shall be placed in the General Draft Roster.
  - c) The Draft Director may move any player, that has a known talent level, from the Lottery Pool to the General Draft Roster.
- 6) Draft position will be determined by a "double blind draw" of teams' names and draft positions. This will occur prior to the beginning of the first day of evaluation sessions. Teams' names will be placed in a hat and draft positions in a separate hat. The President or designated alternate will draw a team name from the first hat. An authorized representative of that team will draw their draft position out of the second hat. This will be repeated until all teams have drawn their positions.
- 7) At this time teams will be allowed to trade their draft position, if they so choose. Any such trade must be made and reported to the appropriate League Officer before conclusion of the second day of evaluation sessions.

- 8) Team names will be written across the top of the Draft Board in order of draft position. Round one (1) of the draft commences with the coach of the team in the upper left corner of the Draft Board announcing his first senior lock. Each coach does the same, in turn, until Round 1 is completed. Round two (2) proceeds in the same manner, except the order is reversed to conform to the “Z Draft” format. Wherein, draft order reverses in even numbered rounds (e.g., team drafting first in Round 1 drafts last in Round 2). Subsequent rounds proceed similarly until all players have been drafted.
- 9) Coaches will announce their players in the following order:
  - a) Senior Locks
  - b) Junior Locks
  - c) Returning Senior Players
  - d) Siblings of above (provided they have requested to be placed on the same team)
  - e) New draft selections
  - f) Exceptions to the above are noted below.
- 9a Expansion Teams and/or not more than two other teams as determined by the Coach’s Selection Committee that are in need of Draft assistance shall leave the first and/or second draft positions open. As guidance to the Commissioner, if the team does not have Senior All-star or near Senior All-star caliber player(s), then the spot(s) shall remain open for Drafting Senior Player(s) only. The Team has the option of not accepting this option.
- 9b . If the Total number of Players to be selected in the Draft results in an unequal number of players per team, then the extra players shall be selected with an extra pick in the third to last round.
- 9c A sibling selected in the same Draft shall be placed in next round.
- 10) Senior and Junior age players will be listed on the Draft Board by age group, not selection order enumerated previously.
- 11) Each team will draft a player in each round regardless of the number already announced/selected; i.e., there are no “byes”. Because a coach can pick from either age bracket, the Draft Director must assure that all senior age players are placed. As coaches approach their maximum roster, they should be notified if they are required to select a senior age player or if they have reached the maximum age level number of seven (7). The minimum number of Senior Age players must be selected by each team prior to commencement of the second last round.
- 12) No team shall have more than seven (7) senior players or seven (7) junior players. This condition applies only to Mustang and Bronco; it does not apply to Pony Cascade.
- 13) At the conclusion of the draft, coaches may trade players before they leave the Draft Room. The Draft Director must be notified of such trades so that the draft board may be amended at that time.
- 14) The Draft Director shall have final authority in all draft matters. The Commissioner or his designee shall be the Draft Director.

- 15) A player's status for the subsequent season is determined by the player's status at the conclusion of the prior year's draft.
- 16) When a Head or Assistant Coach moves from one team to another team, within the same division, taking a lock player (i.e. his son) with him to the new team, the new team he goes to will lose one lock selection in the current year's draft.
- 17) Coaches whose child is new to NSBA and coaches who are taking an "expansion team" may, but do not necessarily, receive additional consideration so as to help them to transition smoothly into the NSBA season. This additional consideration may include additional locks, draft choices, etc. as determined by the Coaches Selection Committee.
- 18) If a team folds, returning players from the folded team can only be drafted; not locked