

MYBSA League Drafting Policy

The MYBSA draft policy was developed to promote competitive balance among all teams within a league and fairly distribute players based on a formal evaluation of their abilities.

The key parts of the draft are below.

- 1) Player draft exemptions are provided for the Team Manager (Head Coach), Lead Assistant or sponsor only. These exemptions are referred to as 'Family Exemptions'. Family exemptions allow a Team Manager, lead assistant or sponsor to protect an eligible player during the draft. An eligible player is defined as the child, step child, grandchild or step grandchild of the team manager, senior coach or sponsor. Teams are limited to two such exemptions unless a team manager or senior coach has multiple children in the same league. In this scenario, a maximum of three family exemptions are allowed per team. The team manager & lead assistant are required to exercise their respective family exemptions first in every case. Thus sponsor exemptions are allowed only when the cumulative team exemptions, including the sponsor exemption, do not exceed two.
- 2) A snake draft will be utilized during the league draft.
- 3) All players, regardless of age, will be available to draft in each league at any time except those protected by family or sponsor exemption.
- 4) Three independent (non coaches) evaluators will be used to score players during evaluations. The evaluators will utilize the MYBSA player evaluation form to record player evaluation scores. The player evaluation form will also be provided to coaches that attend the evaluations. Evaluation scoring will be based on the predetermined number of rounds anticipated for the league's draft. For example, if there are 6 teams and 66 players in the league's pool of players, there would be a total of 11 rounds included in the draft. Players would be graded anywhere between 1-11, based on which round the evaluator believed the player's skill level would rate in rounds 1-11. A grade of 1 would be awarded for a player possessing 1st round skill level, 6 for 6th round and so on. Coaches forms will be for their personal use unless league officials are unable to secure independent evaluators. If no independent evaluators are available, then coaches forms would be utilized.
- 5) Each player will be evaluated for their ability to throw, field and hit. Once the evaluations are completed, each independent evaluator's draft sheet will be collected by the League President. Player scores will be totaled, and then an average score will be tabulated. A copy of the aggregate scorecard will be returned to each team prior to the draft. Please note: Aggregate scores are strictly used for the placement of exempted players, siblings and social trades. Coaches can choose any non-exempted player during the draft.
- 6) Due to the importance of having quality pitchers and catchers, a separate evaluation will be held for these players. Pitchers and catchers will be graded in a similar fashion to the position players. Based on the number of teams and available players, pitchers and catchers will be ranked by their skill level. These scores will remain separate from the aggregate throwing, hitting, and fielding scores. These scores will also not be part of the aggregate evaluation

scorecard. These scores should be utilized by teams to insure they have adequately staffed these vital positions.

- 7) Exempted players draft position is predetermined by their *relative position* in the aggregate evaluation scorecard. For example, if coach "A" has a child ranked 5th overall in a 6 team league, he will be considered a first round pick regardless of Coach A's draft pick position.
 - 1) If the same team has two exempted players ranked in the same round then one of the players will be moved up to the previous round of the draft. This will apply to all rounds except the first round, where the player will be moved down to the 2nd round.
 - 2) When exempted players have identical evaluation scores, their predetermined draft order will be determined by the player's age. The oldest player will be first in the draft order, followed by the next oldest and so on.
- 8) After the coach's exempted players are placed on the respected draft sheet, a blind draw by each coach will be utilized to determine their draft position.

League Drafts Dates: League drafts should be held as late as possible to avoid exclusion of late signees.

Children of Sponsors: The children of team sponsors will be identified prior to the start of the league draft. The intent of this is to encourage teams to accommodate the wishes of our team sponsors, if possible.

Late Signee Policy: Late signees are defined as players that sign up after final player evaluations. It will be at the MYBSA's discretion as to the number of late signees allowed to register. If players are added after the draft, late signees will be placed in a hat and blindly drawn out in the same order as the original draft. The team that directly follows the last team to choose a player in the regular draft will draw first. The remaining players will be drawn in order of the original draft until all have been placed.

Social Trading: Immediately following the formal draft, a 'social draft' will take place. The purpose of the social draft is to allow for the trading of similarly skilled players to accommodate travel or other special requests. Any players involved in a proposed trade must fall within a certain range of one another in the evaluation rankings. The proposed players cannot fall outside the evaluation rankings range, either above or below, by the number of teams in the league regardless of the draft round. For example, in a six team league, the affected players could not be more than six draft spots above or below one another. Both managers involved must approve the trade, as well as a simple majority of the league's managers. **Note: When the social trade round is complete, NO ADDITIONAL team roster changes (outside the late signup policy) will be permitted unless approved by the MYBSA Board.**