

# GYB Softball Player Evaluation and Draft Policy

Drafts are held to equalize teams for competition. While drafts do not always accomplish this, our goal is to divide GYB teams as evenly as possible by ability within each age group.

These draft procedures must be adhered to for all GYB Competitive Softball Leagues having more than one GYB team in any given league. Instructional Leagues will draft teams, but will not be required to hold tryouts/evaluations. It is suggested that they will selected using a blind drawing method.

## I. Eligibility

All players must attend Fort Lewis Elementary, Glenvar Elementary, Mason Cove Elementary, Glenvar Middle School, Glenvar High School, or live in the fore mentioned schools districts of Roanoke County.

## II. Composition of Teams

GYB competitive softball leagues having more than one team in any given age-group will hold a draft of ALL players for that given age group. A player is considered to be officially a member of a team as soon as the team or organization formation process is complete. Players DO NOT return to the prior year's team but must be drafted each year that there is more than one team in that age group.

## III. Tryouts/Player Evaluation

A. All players signed up for each league will be gathered for approximately 1 hour for the purpose of demonstrating their skill and ability to perform the fundamentals of the sport, allowing coaches to observe and evaluate the skills demonstrated.

B. The date & time of tryouts will be announced with a minimum of 2 mass emails and starting at least 2 weeks prior to the evaluation date whenever possible.

C. Age groups that will contain A and B teams must first evaluate which players should be ranked as A players. This should be done by the Sport Coordinator using a combination of parent's requests, player evaluations, and the Coordinator's knowledge. Any player ranked as an A player shall not be assigned to a B team just to make even numbers of players on the A and B leagues. A "B" player may play up in the A league to fill out a team if the player's parents do not object. If a sufficient number of "B" players are not available to form a full team then the players must play A or be refunded.

D. All Players in the evaluation will be given pin-on numbers to wear for identification. Coaches will receive a listing of all the participants' names with their ages along with the numbers they have been assigned to wear

E. Head Coaches' Children will be considered as the coaches' first pick of the draft unless the coach makes a request for the player to be graded by the Sport coordinator and assigned a draft round. The Sport Coordinator should grade the player favoring the highest pick. The Coordinator shall solicit opinions on the player's skill level as he/she deems necessary.

F. There will be no protection of potential assistant coaches' children in the draft; they will need to be drafted before they can join a team.

A special request may be made for an assistant coach before the draft begins, however this request is not binding upon any of the teams. It is to be considered only as a courtesy.

G. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED other than the child's ranking as an A or B player.

#### IV. Draft

##### A. Draft Management

1. The draft will be managed by the Sport Coordinator whenever possible. In the event the Sport Coordinator is also coaching a team in the league being drafted, or is otherwise unavailable, a Draft Manager will be appointed by the Sport Coordinator or the highest ranking board member present in the event of absence of Sport Coordinator. If any team is not represented at the draft

then the Sport Coordinator shall draft the team or appoint an unbiased and qualified person to draft the team.

2. Whenever possible, the draft should take place immediately following the player evaluation. If it is not possible to draft immediately following the conclusion of the evaluation period, the draft should be scheduled at the earliest available time that can be agreed upon

3. If two or more siblings are entering the same draft then the second sibling is automatically drafted in the next round after the first sibling is picked.

4. Only Head coaches and assistant coaches who have no children in the draft are allowed in the draft room.

5. Any Head coach without a child (or any other protected player) will receive a bonus pick in the first round as follows:

1. At the end of the first round; they will pick before any other bonus picks. The bonus pick will be counted as their last pick of the draft.

In the event a head coach has more than one child eligible to play on his/her team, the highest rated of the children will automatically become that team's first pick of the draft unless rerated by the Sport coordinator. The other child will become the next pick by that team unless rerated by the Sport coordinator.

For the straight trading of players between teams, it must be approved by two-thirds majority of all head coaches and the Sport coordinator immediately following the draft and involve only newly drafted players that have not been advised of their team assignment with the subsequent results passed on to the director. Once the Coordinator has left the drafting room no further trades are allowed.

## B. Draft Picks

Draft Order:

- 1) Drafting order will be decided by a blind draw. Drawing order will be decided by number of years coaching in GYB softball. A coach may pass on drawing and allow the other coaches to draw first.
- 2) The order will be reversed for every round. For example for two teams the order will be ABBA etc... Three teams will be ABCCBAABC etc...
- 3) Any bonus picks will be inserted where designated by rule.
- 4) No team shall be FORCED to make the last two picks of the draft therefore a team with the last two picks of the draft has the option of passing the last pick to the next drafting team.
- 5) Players in the draft who fail to attend the tryout/evaluation session will be available to be drafted by name only in the first round. After the first round all "NO SHOWS" will be placed in a pool and can be drawn by any coach electing to draw from the "hat" rather than drafting a player who was at the evaluation session. A coach may elect to draw a "No Show" during any round of the draft. The "No Shows" shall be separated into two hats by age. The selecting coach may draw from the hat of their choice. The Coordinator and every coach is expected to share any knowledge of the players in the "No Show" pool in the spirit of keeping the teams as even as possible.
- 6) If every drafting team and the Coordinator agree that they are familiar enough with the No Shows then they can decide to declare the blind draw rule void and every player may be drafted regardless of attendance at the evaluation session.
- 7) Any Special Request given to the Coordinator will be made known before the drafting starts but the coaches are not bound by any request. Any request honored will be considered to be voluntary and/or non-binding.

#### V. Late Registrations

A. Prior to the start of practices, a supplemental draft will be held for the drafting of all players who registered after the evaluation and draft date if any additional players are needed or any

roster spots are desired. A supplemental draft will not be held if it over populates the existing rosters as it is not fair to the players who registered on time.

1. Picking order will remain the same as in the original draft. The draft will resume with the team that was due to pick next at the conclusion of the original draft.
2. The supplemental draft may be conducted by the sport coordinator via email or a conference call
3. Any player who registers after the supplemental draft will be placed on the team having the fewest players. In the event all teams have an equal number of players, the player will be placed on the team having the next turn in the picking order

Coordinator has the option of assigning teams for

## GYB Instructional Leagues

Girls

7-8 Coach Pitch

Softball

6-8

## GYB Competitive Leagues

Girls Softball

9-10

11-12

13-14

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