



Licking Heights Youth Association RECREATIONAL TEAM DRAFT PROCEDURE

The following draft procedures apply to all recreational baseball and softball divisions only. Does not apply to tee-ball and Select teams. A recreational program will not turn away any accepted registered player.

Draft Rules

1. All players are placed in a division based on their age using the Age As Of date. The Age As Of is determined by using the player's age on the specified date posted on the registration form.
2. Only siblings will be allowed to be on the same team. Ride privileges and coach requests will not be honored.
3. Returning players from the previous season's team will be placed on the current season's team except:
 - a. When the Re-Draft box has been checked.
 - b. When the head coach does not return. Player will be placed in the draft.
 - c. When a player does not move up a division and the head coach does move up a division. Player will be placed in the draft.
 - d. When a player does move up a division and the head coach does not move up a division. Player will be placed in the draft.
4. If the Re-Draft box has been checked, LHYA will not guarantee that a redrafted player will not be placed on a specific team prior to completion of that division's draft.
5. A player does not have the right to play in a division higher than their League Age indicates.
6. A head coach does not have the right to force any player off of a team.
7. If the final registration number for a division does not support the total number of teams from the previous season, the team or teams with the worst end of season record will be dissolved and those players will be placed in the draft pool.
8. The team coaching staff will consist of one head coach and up to two assistant coaches. All coaches must fill out a coaching application and approved coaches must agree to the terms and condition in the Coaches Handbook.
9. The children of the respective coaching staff are guaranteed to be on the same team up to a total number of four players per team.
10. At least one member of the team's coaching staff must be present at the draft location. In the event that no one of the coaching staff can be present, the draft official(s) will provide an official to draft that team. LHYA will use every effort to provide the official based on division experience and knowledge of the players being chosen.
11. The player selection process will be defined under the **Player Selection Process** section of this document.
12. In the event of an approved post-draft registration, that player will be placed on the team with the next draft selection based on the draft order described in the **Player Selection Process** section.
13. The program director has the right to make adjustments to the articles listed under the **Team Guidelines** section in order to best support a division and its teams.
14. LHYA will not support or tolerate any kind or likeness of a "gentlemen's agreement". In the event of an incident resulting from a failed "gentlemen's agreement", the draft officials have the right to dismiss, suspend, or remove all members involved.
15. Players and their parents should never be told which draft position they or any other player was drafted.

Team Guidelines

The following articles are guidelines for determining the number of teams in a division and are not rules. The guidelines are starting points and are affected by the total number of registrations for each age group in that division. Team numbers and sizes will be determined by the program director prior to the draft.

1. For teams that field ten players, it is strongly preferred to have no more than 12 total players.
2. For teams that field nine players, it is strongly preferred to have no more than 11 total players.
3. Limit of eight players that have the same League Age on a team.

Player Selection Process

1. The program director will provide the team draft and player selection sheets at the draft.
2. Team draft order will begin with any new non-core teams first, core team moving up a division second and then returning teams last. New teams will randomly draw a number to determine new team order. Upcoming and



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returning core teams will use the previous regular season record with worst record drafting first and best record drafting last.

3. Coaching staff and returning players will be arranged as follows:
 - a. Coaching staff players will be placed starting in Round 1 and then every subsequent round until all staff players have been placed.
 - b. Returning players will be placed in the next open subsequent round after the last coaching staff player and then every subsequent round until all returning players have been placed.
4. Each team can select any player from the draft pool as long as that round's pick is not reserved for coaching staff players or returning players. If round pick is not open then team passes for that round. This process will start in Round 1 and for each subsequent round after until all players have been chosen.
5. All teams must validate their final roster with draft officials before leaving the premises.

Draft Example

The following is a mock-up of a draft for Coach Pitch baseball.

Post Registration

There were 62 total players registered for 2010 and the program director has elected a total of 5 teams (3 at 12 players and 2 with 13). Four teams played last year with each head coach returning.

Team	Red (Returning)	Black (Returning)	Blue (New)	Teal (Returning)	Gold (Returning)
Previous Record	8-2	10-0	0-0	7-3	2-8
Returning Players	3	3	0	4	3
Staff Players	1	4	2	3	2

Player Selection Order

Team	Blue	Gold	Teal	Red	Black
Round 1	Staff Player	Staff Player	Staff Player	Staff Player	Staff Player
Round 2	Staff Player	Staff Player	Staff Player	Returning Player	Staff Player
Round 3	Pick 1	Returning Player	Staff Player	Returning Player	Staff Player
Round 4	Pick 2	Returning Player	Returning Player	Returning Player	Staff Player
Round 5	Pick 3	Returning Player	Returning Player	Pick 4	Returning Player
Round 6	Pick 5	Pick 6	Returning Player	Pick 7	Returning Player
Round 7	Pick 8	Pick 9	Returning Player	Pick 10	Returning Player
Round 8	Pick 11	Pick 12	Pick 13	Pick 14	Pick 15
Round 9	Pick 16	Pick 17	Pick 18	Pick 19	Pick 20
Round 10	Pick 21	Pick 22	Pick 23	Pick 24	Pick 25
Round 11	Pick 26	Pick 27	Pick 28	Pick 29	Pick 30
Round 12	Pick 31	Pick 23	Pick 33	Pick 34	Pick 35
Round 13	Pick 36	Pick 37			