

OFFICIAL UBBA DRAFT POLICY

Head Coaches should be selected by the Recreation Staff, not by the previous coach, succession, or popularity. Returning coaches get priority, while new coaches should be assigned and not allowed to request a specific team.

A tryout should be held to assess the skill level of all youth registered for league play.

Player limits for teams should be established before the draft begins. This number should be determined by the total number of players registered for each division. Where possible, space should be left for late registrations. No player should be drafted that has not registered.

Players should be drafted and compete in a specific division based on grade, not age or skill level. No exceptions. Mustang: 3rd/4th graders. Pinto: 5th/6th graders. Pony: 7th/8th graders.

If the Head Coach is new or coaching an expansion team and has a child registered to play, that child should be placed on the coaches team automatically and must be taken as the 3rd round pick. The child of one Assistant Coach may be placed on the same team, and must be drafted as the 1st round pick. Teams should only have one official Assistant Coach, and must be designated prior to the draft. Only Head Coaches and their Assistant Coach should be allowed to attend the draft. No other parents, players or children should be allowed.

Expansion Teams should get first picks in the draft.

Teams should draft in reverse order of the previous year's regular-season standings. The team with the fewest wins should pick first and the team with the most wins should pick last. When the first round has been completed, the second round should continue in reverse order, starting with the first place team and working down the list to the last place team. The draft continues in this order until all players that were at the tryout are drafted.

Drafting should begin with the older players being selected first. The objective is to get approximately the same number of older players on each team. Equalizing round(s) may take place at any time in the draft at the discretion of the Recreation Staff.

The draft continues in this order until all older players have been chosen. Older player's names that are "no-shows" should then be drawn from a hat and placed on the next team in the draft order. At this point, the draft should continue for the younger players in the same fashion.

If a team drafts a player who also has a sibling participating in the same division, the sibling should automatically be assigned to the same team and count as one of their draft picks.

Late sign-ups should be assigned to the next team in the draft order still needing additional players. Please do not recruit extra players, as no specific team requests by coaches or parents should be honored for late sign-ups. Trading of friends, cousins, neighbors, returning players, no-shows, etc. should not be allowed.

NOTE: Once the draft is over, please call all new players that have been assigned to your team ASAP! In addition to the player, please talk to at least one parent or guardian. Give them your contact information and other pertinent information regarding practices, meetings, etc.

Coaches – please remember the attitude and sportsmanship of your team is a direct reflection of your conduct, attitude, and sportsmanship. Please be good teachers and most importantly, great examples on and off the field. Good luck and have a great season!