

**SOUTH RANGE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
BOYS & GIRLS DRAFT RULES**

1. The league's intention is to create teams that are as equal as possible in talent, coaching, and player-age. If the commissioner feels that following the draft rules as written will not achieve this, he is required to submit a suggested rule adjustment for correction of the problem to the executive board for approval.
2. All manager kids will be drafted in the 2nd round. In the case the manager has siblings the 2nd sibling will be drafted in the 4th round. (If either sibling was an all-star the previous year in that age group, the 2nd sibling will be moved to the 3rd round.) Any variance must be approved by the board. Twins will be drafted in consecutive rounds. If there is a large discrepancy in terms of playing ability between siblings, the subsequent sibling(s) can be drafted in a later round that will be determined by the commissioner before the draft after discussion with the managers.
3. Each manager will be able to claim one player for the purposes of securing an assistant coach. The player's likely draft position will need to be decided by the commissioner, managers, and board before the draft begins and will be placed into that slot in the managers draft before selections begin. (For example: Manager A wants Coach A on his/her team. Coach A's child would likely be selected in the 1st round so they are then Manager A's 1st pick. Manager B wants Coach B on his/her team. Coach B's child would likely be selected in the 7th round so they are then Manager B's 7th pick. Manager C does not have any Coach he plans on working with ahead. Manager C does not get any picks blocked off and is free to select any remaining players in each round while utilizing the player notes to select a parent that has indicated they would like to help coach.)
4. The draft shall be run by the league commissioner with all managers present (no assistant coaches). League commissioner must make every opportunity to schedule draft in a timely and flexible manner. Draft proceedings will also be supervised by one member of executive board that is not actively participating in that league. No additional people are allowed at the draft including more board members.
5. The league will provide a list to all involved that shows the players available and notes which players were previous all-stars, how many years of experience they have, whether or not they have pitching and catching experience, and if they have a parent/guardian signed up to coach. In order to better maintain a proper draft order, we will utilize a grading system to identify where players are starting the season in terms of playing abilities. 1- All-Star Level Player who can play multiple positions and has a good grasp on fundamentals for that age group. 2- Player has a working grasp of fundamentals for that age group with at least some experience but still needs some work in some areas. 3- Player has a very basic grasp of fundamentals or has little to no experience and will likely need a good bit of extra help to catch up. These tiered levels will be determined by the board with input from their coaches from the previous season.
6. Draft order will be as follows:

Draft order will be determined by a random drawing conducted by the commissioner. All managers, in order, will select their first pick. If their 1st pick has been predetermined by the Assistant Coach Rule, they will not get to pick another player and the draft moves on to the next manager. Beginning with the second round, a snake order will be followed. (Whoever has the very first pick of the first round will have the last pick of the 3rd round.) The draft order should begin with selecting 1's, then 2's, then 3's

with some variance allowed between consecutive levels. (For example: a manager may choose to select a 2 when 1's are available for various reasons or select a 3 when 2's are still available but they may not select a 3 when 1's are available.) Occasionally, we have well-meaning managers looking to draft a group of their kid's friends or their friends' kids instead of a well-rounded team that can better compete and make for a better experience for everyone overall. This predetermined draft order is to help curb that and make teams more even across the board. If, due to the snake order, a team is forced to take the last two players in the draft, they may choose to take only one of them and the last player will be placed on team by random draw.

7. Siblings: The first sibling will be counted in the round in which they are picked (see rule #2 for manager's child) and the sibling not picked will be counted in the next round. If a brother/sister is already on a team, the younger brother/sister must be drafted automatically as that team's next player selected. Any additional siblings would become the following picks for that team until all siblings have been drafted. If there is a large discrepancy in terms of playing ability between siblings, the subsequent sibling(s) can be drafted in a later round that will be determined by the commissioner before the draft after discussion with the managers.

8. All teams must have enough to field a team plus 1 player. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board.

9. After the draft is completed, trades are permitted on an exception basis only and must be approved by the league's executive board within 48 hours of draft completion. Because of this, **no one is to reveal the results of the draft to anyone until the board has given their approval.**

10. Issues that come up at the draft which are not addressed within these rules must be worked out by the commissioner and managers present. Managers will vote on the issue with the majority ruling. The commissioner will be the tie-breaker. If an agreement cannot be reached, issue will be decided by the executive board member present.

11. Players that sign up after the draft will be placed on a team determined by the board.

COMMISSIONER'S CHECKLIST

Before the draft the commissioner should:

- 1) Make sure all managers have read and understand the rules.
- 2) Determine if any rule adjustments are needed and submit to the Executive Board.
- 3) Make sure the managers, one executive board member, and nobody else is present for the draft.
- 4) Determine how many rounds later a sibling will be counted in when the other sibling is picked if siblings are available in the draft.