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Draft Rules (Ages 13+) Notes

Administration & Authority

A member of the board, league commissioner or board appointed representative of Fargo Babe Ruth league will attend each division's draft and will run the draft, will record all draft results and will be the final authority on rules, interpretations and determinations made on draft day.

Attendance

One (1) head coach & one (1) are allowed to represent each Team at the draft. If no coach is able to attend from the team, a representative of the board will be appointed to draft for the team.

Player Determinations

Prior to player selection coaches and the league representative will discuss and come to mutual understanding on the following:

5.1 Pitchers All coaches will identify all quality pitcher but at least will identify two top pitchers (including coach's sons/daughters) within a division age group per team, PLUS at least 2 additional pitchers. By mutual agreement, they will rank these pitchers and place them in the same number of groups, as there are teams in the division age. For example, if there are 5 teams at LEAST 12 pitchers identified, the top 5 pitchers would be in group 5A, and the next 5 ranked pitchers would be in 5B. The remaining 2 pitchers would be available to be drafted at large. ONLY pitchers will be selected in the PITCHERS Draft (see types of draft below). In the 1st round, each team would draft a player from 5a including coach's son/daughter. In the 2nd round, each team would draft a player from 5B including coach's son/daughter. The coach of the team selecting last in the pitchers draft will have the OPTION of taking the final 5B pitcher OR one of the other pitchers identified, but WILL NOT have to select a NON PITCHER until the open draft.

5.2 Parent/Coach options Coaches who have sons or daughters among the players will be required to draft them in the 3th and/or 4th round of the OPEN Draft (see types of draft below) unless the player was designated as a pitcher and was selected in the Pitchers Draft. Only two coaches per team are allowed at the draft One for (1) head coach and One (1) for assistant coach. Coaches are limited to protecting one son or daughter each for their team (maximum of two players protected per team). Non-player associated coaches will have a free draft pick in the parent/coach protected round.

5.3 Remaining Players: All remaining PLAYERS will be evaluated based on prior year experience by all coaches in attendance and/or by board representative(s) familiar with players. Each Coach &/or board representative(s) with knowledge of players **openly and respectfully** comment and discuss the skills of each player detailing the following:

- 1. Offensive Skills:** Base running, Hitting for Power, Hitting for Average, etc.
- 2. Defensive Skills:** Throwing, Fielding, Situational understanding, etc.
- 3. Athletic Skills:** Speed, Strength, Coordination, etc.
- 4. Individual Skills:** Coachability, Discipline, Compatibility, etc.

Based on comments regarding attributes, coach will then rate each play according to the following:

- Player consistently performs & demonstrates at *ABOVE AVERAGE LEVEL* in 2 or more of the skills.
- Player may periodically perform at above average in 1 or more of the skills, but typically performs and demonstrates at *AVERAGE LEVEL* in 2 or more of the skills
- Player typically performs and demonstrates at a DEVELOPMENTAL &/or LEARNING LEVEL or learning at 2 or more of the skills.
- UNKNOWN or NEW player. No coach has past experience/knowledge of player's skills. The players will become "In the hat" players.

"In the hat" players will be chosen randomly from the hat after coaches have selected ALL other available players. If siblings/twins are in the hat they must be placed on the same team if the parents desire that. Players in the hat will have their assigned numbers written on a folded piece of paper and placed in a container. The league representative will randomly remove pieces of paper from the container and assign the player to a team following the draft order and after the last pick of the last player available in the players draft.

5.4 Sponsored Players: Players tied to a sponsorship will be made known by the board representative and coaches may only select one/team in any eligible round.

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5.5 Siblings/Twins: will be identified before player selection and they must be placed on the same team if the parents desire. Sibling/Twins must be picked in successive rounds.

Types of Drafts

Two drafts will be held to complete team rosters Pitchers Draft & Open Draft.

Draft Order

The draft order is by luck. League representative will determine draft order by shuffling then dealing numbered cards to each head coach. Order of selections will be from lowest card (first) to highest card (last) dealt: Draft selections will be held in rounds "serpentine fashion" using the draft order in all subsequent rounds until the draft is completed. Draft Board

Adding Players After the Draft

Players who join the league after the draft will be assigned according to their position in the draft. Players will be placed by the respective league Commissioner on a first come, first served basis.

Trades

Trades must be made for the same number of players from each team and all players are eligible for trades. A trade may only take place after the all player selections. Conflict solving trades are by the authority of the Commissioner/Board only.

Confidentiality

The ratings and positions in the draft are CONFIDENTIAL. These ratings and positions should not be talked about with players or parents. Players or coaches' children should not be brought to the draft. Notes from the draft regarding the order of selection should be destroyed after the draft. The main reason for following these steps is to keep the teams in the leagues as balanced as possible, and to create the best possible environment for players to enjoy the game.

Draft Process

- Step 1:** League representative will introduce draft rules and provide any necessary clarification and or interpretations and declare DRAFTS OPEN.
- Step 2:** League representative will oversee and be final arbiter as coaches make player determinations: SEE Player Determinations sections 5.1 – 5.5 above.
- Step 3:** League representative will deal cards to determine draft order, determine roster sizes and create/distribute appropriate draft board.
- Step 4:** League representative will declare PITCHERS DRAFT Started and coaches will make select player for two (2) rounds.
- Step 5:** League representative will review & record coaches selections and declare PITCHERS DRAFT Ended THEN deal cards to determine draft order.
- Step 6:** League representative will declare OPEN DRAFT Started and coaches will make select player till all player except "in the hat" have been selected.
- Step 7:** League representative will review & record coaches selections for all players not "in the hat".
- Step 8:** League representative randomly draw numbers of "in the hat" players and assign them to rosters beginning with the next draft position and following established draft order until all "in the hat" players are assigned to a team roster.
- Step 9:** League representative will review & record coaches selections and declare Open DRAFT Ended
- Step 10:** THEN will declare trade period started. Trades can be proposed in any order by any head coach. Trades must be for the same number of players. League representative will review & record coaches trades affecting team rosters and declare then declare the trade period closed. The League Representative will determine the length of the trade period.

Notification

Babe Ruth will provide rosters and contact information to coaches as soon as possible Coaches should notify players who have been selected to their teams within two days, of receiving information or as soon as possible after the draft.