

Walton County

Parks & Recreation Department

Youth Sports Drafting Procedures

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Drafting Procedures:

1. Athletic Coordinators will schedule evaluation dates, times, & locations.
Each participant will be given a written copy of this schedule at registration.

Player evaluations (test of skills) will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5.

Example: #1 needs the most improvement

#5 is an advanced level of play

2. Athletic Coordinators will schedule drafting dates, times, & locations.
Team Managers (head-coaches) will be given a written copy of the draft schedule.

Note, only "Managers" will be allowed to attend draft sessions.

Assistant coaches are not allowed in the draft room.

3. When there is an odd number of players, the drafting order will predict how many players each team will receive. The two teams choosing last will have the most players.
Example: 46 players = 2 teams of 12 and 2 teams of 11

Prior to the draft, each team will have the required number of players for each sport allotted.

4. Request from parents (same team as friend, special coach, etc...) will be noted at the beginning of the draft session. These request will only be honored if the manager selects these players in accordance to the drafting procedures.

5. The managers will draw numbers to determine in which order the players will be selected. The order will be reversed in every even round.

Example: 4 teams.....1st round.....1,2,3,4

2nd round.....4,3,2,1

3rd round.....1,2,3,4

6. Selecting Team Names:

The Athletic Coordinators will present a list of available team names. The reverse order of the first round will be used to select team names.

7. Players not attending their scheduled evaluation will not be eligible for the draft, unless the majority of the managers agree on the skill level of the player. All other players, not attending the evaluation, will be "drawn for" in the order in which the draft has ended. To ensure that each team receives equal draws, the last names listed will be added to the draw if necessary.

Example: 4 teams.....6 players did not attend their evaluation

The last two non-drafted players will be added to the draw.

8. Managers are encouraged to attend the draft.
If it is impossible for the manager to attend the draft, the Athletic Coordinator may allow a substitute. The substitute will draft players for the manager with all of the decisions being final.
9. Participants living in the same household or siblings will be placed on the same team. The manager that selects one of these participants will take the second participant as his first selection in the column that the player has been rated.

Example: 5,4,3,2,1

Note, unless there are two (2) open roster spots, these participants would not be eligible for a blind draw. If there are two (2) open spots, one of the participants would not be drawn. They are automatically drawn together.

10. The manager's sons / daughters will be placed on his / her team as the first selection in the column their child is rated. Managers must draft these players in the designated round or risk losing them in the draft.
11. Managers must disclose their choice of an assistant coach prior to the draft, however, this choice is not binding. All assistant coaches must have a completed coaches application on file prior to each draft in order to be considered as an assistant. All individuals must be approved by the Recreation Department.

Assistant coaches sons / daughters are not frozen and must be drafted in the normal drafting procedure.

12. Trading of players, who attended their evaluation, is allowed after the completion of the drafting process. Players who did not attend their evaluation, cannot be traded.

Trades must be player for player...ranking for ranking in the same column.....no exceptions.

Example: 5 for 5, 4 for 4, 3 for 3, 2 for 2, 1 for 1

Athletic Coordinators must approve all trades.

13. Copies of registration forms will be given to managers after team players are chosen. Team players and team names are declared final, by the Athletic Coordinators upon the official closing of the draft.

14. Managers must notify players / parents within 48 hours of the official closing of the draft. Managers will give the player / parents the following information:

- team name
- coach's name & phone number
- practice location, days, time
- equipment (necessary for 1st practice)