

## **Draft Information – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & older**

In this document: Regarding the High School Division - Teams Captains are referred to as head coaches. Co-captains are referred to as assistant coaches.

### **Pre-Planning**

1. Based on the number of participants, determine the number of teams each division is to have. The optimal team size is 8. The minimum team size is 6, and the maximum team size is 10.
2. Identify the head coaches for each division.
  - a. BJBL will allow for the pre-determination of an assistant coach, given the following rules:
    - i. The assistant coach's associated player must not provide an unfair advantage to the head coach's team. In other words, pre-selecting an assistant coach must not yield the equivalent of two 1<sup>st</sup> round draft picks (or two 2<sup>nd</sup> round picks).
    - ii. The assistant coach who desires to be on the coaching staff with the head coach must send an email with intent and agreement to join the head coach's team/staff to the division director and the VP of the respective league for approval.
    - iii. The assistant coach's player **MUST** be drafted in the appropriate round of the draft based on evaluations/known information of the player. This will be determined by the division director and/or the VP of the respective league.
    - iv. Only ONE assistant coach can be pre-selected by a head coach.
3. Set draft date and communicate to head coaches.  
Note: Only 1 team representative may attend the draft.
4. Print a list of registered players for each division.
  - a. List should be ordered by evaluation ratings from previous years.
  - b. Each person in the list should include (at a minimum):
    - i. Name
    - ii. Height
    - iii. Projected draft round
    - iv. Indicator of coach's child
    - v. Indicator and name of sibling/step-sibling in division
5. Division Director gets priority selection of:
  - a. Team Name - from the approved list of teams
  - b. Practice timeslots - from predetermined list of timeslots

### **Materials Required**

1. Enough numbered cards for total number of teams in division.
2. Team Roster forms
3. List of currently registered players for the division
4. Coaches bring own pen/pencil

### **Draft Night (only head coaches and BJBL board members are invited)**

1. Set up draft tables and chairs to provide a position for each coach.
2. Conduct introductory meeting.
  - a) Introduce League Director

- b) Introduce Board Members attending draft.
  - c) Introduce all the coaches.
  - d) Discuss League objectives.
  - e) Discuss the importance of good sportsmanship.
  - f) Overview Draft procedure.
  - g) Review roster of players to give coaches a chance to better understand skillset of players, as well as align to the current placement (draft round) of each coach's child(ren) (and siblings or assistant coaches, if applicable)
3. Each coach selects a number card to determine their draft position.
  4. Each coach will select what draft position they desire, beginning with 1. They will then move to the appropriate chair at the draft table based on the selected draft position.
  5. Draft instructions
    - a) The draft will be a snake draft, in which players are selected in serpentine order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and so on).
    - b) When it is a coach's turn, he/she will announce the player being drafted and record it on his/her roster sheet.
      - i. It is recommended that all other coaches remove the drafted player from their master list of players to avoid delays in attempting to draft the same player later.
      - ii. When possible, the IT director or representative will keep track of the draft electronically.
    - c) All players with pre-determined draft rounds (children of coaches) **MUST** be selected **no later than** their identified rounds. However, if the player is not a child of a coach (or a sibling of another player), he/she may be drafted in any round.
    - d) It is possible for a single team to obtain current round and future round draft selections during the same round (siblings). The highest rated player is considered the player selected during the current round and lower rated players become the team's future selections in the rounds where the players belong.
    - e) In case of questions or disputes, the board representative reserves the right to adjust the draft procedures to ensure a fair draft.
    - f) If a coach is absent for the draft, a board member present will step in and serve as a proxy for the coach.
    - g) The draft will end when all players have been selected.
  6. Post-draft trades: Post-draft trades may be proposed upon conclusion of the draft. However, each team is limited to one trade, and the trade must meet the following criteria:
    - a) Division director and VP of respective league must agree to the trade, confirming the competitive balance will not be offset due to the trade.
    - b) Trade must be of like players.
    - c) Trades can only be a one for one trade.
    - d) Trades must be made **before the coaches leave the building**.
  7. Each coach should fill out a roster sheet and take a picture to send to the division director, IT director, or the scheduler **before leaving the building**.
  8. Team names are selected from the approved list of names in reverse order of the draft.
  9. Team practice times are selected (from predetermined slot times provided by the league scheduler) by the coaches, based on availability of the coaches from predetermined slot times provided by the league scheduler.
  10. Each coach is provided instructions regarding selection of an assistant coach and are asked to contact all team members within two days of receiving the roster.