

Drafting Procedures for 10U-16U Age Divisions

Purpose:

The goal of this procedure is to help provide a quality recreation experience by creating parity among all teams.

Attendees:

- One representative from each team, the division commissioner, and the draft committee will be required to be present at the draft. No other attendees will be allowed at the draft. *(The use of electronic communication devices between the draft participants and any outside person(s) impacting the draft shall not be allowed.)*
- The league president will administrate or assign a board member to administrate the draft, if he/she is absent from the draft.
- If there is a conflict of interest for one of the draft committee members, then another board member shall be appointed to draft committee in accordance with bylaws of the league.
- The division commissioner will be present at the draft in observation role and shall not be involved in decisive decisions impacting the draft.

Prior to Starting the Draft:

- All players are eligible for the pitching draft. If a player or a player's parent or guardian requests the player to be excluded from the pitching draft, the player will not be allowed to pitch during any regular season or local post season tournament game. The player is eligible to pitch during All-Star games.
- All catchers must be declared prior to the start of the draft, if they have caught in previous 10U-16U Babe Ruth sanctioned games.
- The coaches will work together to pre-assign the ranking of the pitchers and catchers prior to the draft starting. *For example for the pitchers, there are eight (8) pitchers declared and only four (4) teams, then the coaches would select the top four (4) pitchers to be in the first (pitcher's) round. The remaining declared pitchers would be incorporated back into the draft.*
- The coaches will work together to pre-assign the appropriate draft round for each of their daughters, if not included in the pitcher and/or catcher pool.
- If the coaches cannot agree on the appropriate round to place their daughter, the draft committee will assign which round the daughter will be assigned, if the daughter is not a pitcher or catcher.
- Prior to the draft, a coach shall not be allowed to select their assistant coach.

Drafting:

- After the coaches' daughters have been assigned the appropriate rounds, the coaches will draw for the drafting order. Coach will have to draft their child in the appropriate round.
- Drafting will then be in a serpentine order – First Round – 1,2,3,4,5; Second Round – 5,4,3,2,1.
- The pitcher(s) for each team shall be drafted in the first round.
- The catcher(s) for each team shall be drafted in the second round.
- Once the pitchers and catchers have been drafted, the draft will continue with the proceeding rounds.
- Siblings or any other “paired players” will be taken in the appropriate rounds that correlates with the assigned ranking. *(For example, if one sibling is ranked as a #3 draft pick and the other sibling is ranked as a #5 draft pick, then each of the siblings will be taken in their respective rounds.)*
- If the division has a situation where there are not an even number of players for each team, the teams that are to receive the “extra players” will draft these “extra players” at the end of the 7th round. It will have to be determined after the drawing for the draft order which teams will receive the “extra players”. These specific teams will then draft the “extra players” in the same order they drafted in 7th round. The serpentine order will then continue in the 8th round. *For example, if there are 50 players and 4 teams, then two teams will have will have “extra players”. These two teams will draft one player each at the end of the 7th round in the same order they picked in the 7th round.*

The draft committee has the authority to resolve any disputes.

If a coach feels any of the above rules have been violated, he may protest to the WGSL board of directors within 24 hours of the draft conclusion.