



## **Quaker Valley Softball & Baseball**

Draft Rules for 9-10 and 11-12 baseball age groups.

- 1) The purpose of the draft is to select teams in an equitable manner, giving every head coach a fair chance to select a competitive team. These rules will be reviewed with the head coaches before the draft. The League Commissioner will decide on any situations not specifically covered by these rules. Issues raised before or during the draft will be decided upon in a manner specified by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's decisions will be final and there will be no appeals.
- 2) Players will be eligible to "play-up" and drafted onto a team if their league age is within one year of the specified league age group and their skill level has been reviewed as appropriate for the league by the Commissioner and Head Coaches. For example, a player with a league age of eight (8) would be eligible for 9-10 Minor League (kid pitch) if skill level is reviewed and approved prior to draft.
- 3) There will actually be two drafts for each league, one for the older players (league age 10 or 12, respectively, for 9-10 and 11-12) in the age-group league and a second for all younger player in the age-group league.
- 4) All participants shall be evaluated against appropriate skill level at respective age group evaluations.
  - a) Any players not evaluated must be evaluated by coach feedback and discussion before the draft begins.
  - b) All assistant coaches shall be declared and the league commissioner must receive Operating Committee approval from the named assistant(s) before the draft begins. A head coach may not name a parent or guardian an assistant without permission in order to secure a player in the draft.
  - c) Players who are coaches' children are assigned to coach's team and the draft order for those individuals will be pre-assigned (1st round, 2nd round etc) in the appropriate player group (see section 2). This is for both head coach and one designated assistant coach and will require a majority vote approval by the head coaches and commissioner if needed to break a tie.
    - i) If 2 coach's players are designated as 1st round picks and both are within the same player group, those players will comprise that teams 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round selections. They will automatically be assigned a draft selection order (see section 4) of 1<sup>st</sup> in round 1 of that age group, the last pick in round 3 of the same age group and the last pick in round one of the other age group. If such designation occurs for more than one team, those teams will draw for selection order and the team with the highest draw will pick last in round 3, the next highest draw will pick second to last in round 3 and so on for all teams with two 1st round picks.
    - ii) If 2 coaches' players are both designated as 2nd or later rounds within a player group, the head coach's child will be that teams 2nd (or later) round pick and the assistant coach's child will be that teams 3rd (or later subsequent) round pick. The order from the random draw (see section 4) will not be modified in any later rounds.

- d) All siblings will be listed before the draft and assigned a draft round for their respective group as described for coaches' players in 3c above. If a team selects a player who has a sibling/s in the league, any other siblings will also be assigned as draft picks to that team. The selection round of the other siblings will have been determined by the ratings agreed upon under this provision. If two or more siblings are in the same draft player group, and are rated as being in the same round of the draft, the team selecting the first sibling will be assigned the second in the next round of that player group. If there are siblings remaining undrafted within a player group before the last pick of the next-to-last round, the Commissioner will assign one of the siblings to the team with the last pick in the next-to-last round and the other will be that team's first pick of the last round. This is to assure that a team doesn't have too many players. If a player is drafted in a position that would place their sibling in a round later than which they were rated, the sibling will be assigned as that team's next draft pick. Players who have siblings will be placed on a team together unless specifically requested otherwise by parent/guardians.
  - e) A record of the draft will be recorded by the commissioner or a designee and retained by the commissioner of the age group.
  - f) The league Commissioner will assign any players registering after the draft to the teams based upon space availability and using their discretion to keep talent levels and player counts as equal as possible.
- 5) Draft selection order is determined by random drawing; 1 thru X where X is the total number of teams. The teams will be assigned an order of low to high for round 1 of the draft. After round 1 the order reverses for round two then continues to reverse again for each subsequent round. A template will be made available at the draft to monitor order and record selections.
  - 6) 5 Team examples:
    - a) Round 1 is picks 1 thru 5
    - b) Round 2 is picks 5 thru 1
    - c) Round 3 is picks 1 thru 5
    - d) Round 4 is picks 5 thru 1
    - e) Round 5 is picks 1 thru 5
  - 7) The draft will begin with the older age group. All players will be taken until there are not enough players to complete a round.
    - a) Example1: there are 25 players in a group and there are 5 teams. After five rounds all players are assigned to a team.
    - b) Example2: there are 28 players in a group and there are 5 teams. Players will be drafted until the 5th round is completed. The remaining players (3 in this example) are placed into the Rookie group and a new cycle of draft selections will commence until all players are taken, even if this results in uneven numbers for teams.
  - 8) When the older age group is complete the draft order is reversed from round 1 of the older age group for the start of the younger age group. The team that got to pick 1st in older age group will pick last in the younger age group.
  - 9) Only a team's board-appointed approved head coach and/or designated assistant coach may be present for the draft, no prospective assistant coaches will be permitted to attend the actual draft.



- 10) If a head coach and assistant coach are unable to attend the draft, the head coach may send one substitute to draft in his place or he may have the League Commissioner make his selections. If the substitute has any children in the draft, they will not be treated as a coaches' child, and they are eligible to be drafted by any team in any round. The substitute will be considered the acting head coach and may participate in any votes held before, during, or after the draft.
- 11) There will be no trading of players or draft positions before, during, or after the draft.
- 12) To correct any errors in drafting or registration, the Commissioner will be solely responsible for making roster changes.
- 13) Head Coaches should contact their players within three days of the draft.