



# KWBA HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYER DRAFT RULES

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*Rules are drafted assuming 18 teams per league. Your league size may vary.*

We will be selecting this year's teams by a draft. These rules have been developed with the overall goal to create balanced teams chosen by the individual coaches. Some important things to keep in mind about the draft:

- Each coach will select a team of their choice subject to the following rules designed to promote fair and balanced teams.
- Coaches should consider friend requests in selecting their team to try to honor as many as possible and must also consider the kids' schools to ensure that every player has at least one other kid from their grade and school on the team. We expect all coaches to work cooperatively to make sure that no player is placed on a team where they do not know anyone.
- The success of the draft depends on the cooperation and sportsmanship of the coaches. As the draft proceeds, please keep in mind that this is a community-based program designed for the fun and enjoyment of the kids.
- Each is only allowed two "official" coaches – a head coach and an assistant coach, and we will not consider any "unofficial" coaches in the draft process. In other words, do not come to the draft saying that Cy Young Jr.'s dad is going to help coach so you need the kid on your team. Coaches are free to arrange trades to try to accommodate such requests, provided that any such trade is fair to both teams and to all kids involved and does not create unbalanced teams.
- The Commissioners reserve the right to make adjustments to the rules as needed, including during the draft, to account for any unforeseen circumstances.
- The Commissioners reserve the right to adjust the rosters after the draft to balance teams, make sure we don't have kids on a team with no one from their grade and school, etc.
- The player evaluations and discussions during draft should be kept confidential. We've tried to be objective and fair in the evaluations (but as everyone knows, they are far from scientific) and

we want the coaches to be able to draft their teams without having to worry about hurting anyone's feelings.

### **Draft Preliminaries**

- **Attendance:** Only the two official coaches for each team will be permitted to attend and participate in the draft, i.e. no "scouts" will be permitted to attend.
- **Team Name Selection:** The draft will begin with a drawing of team names. (Coaches are permitted to trade team names, including for player considerations and draft positions, with the approval to the Commissioners.)

### **The Draft**

- **Two Separate Player Drafts:** We will proceed in 2 separate drafts by grade: a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Draft followed by a separate 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Draft for Mustang League Players. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Draft followed by a separate 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Draft for Bronco League Players.
- **Player Evaluations, Rankings, and Notes:**
  - Each team will receive a set of player spreadsheets for all players available in the draft, which will include:
    - The evaluations for all players available in the draft. These evaluations are based on the following:
      - Each player is given a rating on a scale of 1-5 for hitting, pitching, throwing, and fielding.
      - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade travel player rankings are based on the previous season stats and coach evaluations as determined by the Travel Committee. All "A" team travel players were automatically given 5's across the board and all "B" Team travel players were given 4's across the board.
      - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Travel Team has not been selected, but some played on the 8U Travel Team last year – any third grader that played on a travel team last year is noted.



- For Purposes of mandatory draft picks (designed to balance teams), the players will be divided into 4 groups:
  - Group 1: the Top 10-18 players for each grade; pending on the number of teams
  - Group 2: the top 1/3 of players per grade (excluding Group 1 players)
  - Group 3: the middle 1/3 of players
  - Group 4: the bottom 1/3 of players
  
- *One Group 1 Player:* Teams with one coach's kid (either head coach or an assistant) in Group 1 must take that player with the first pick.
  
- *Two Group 1 Players:* If a team's coaches have two Group 1 players: (1) the team will be assigned the position corresponding to the highest ranked player (2) must select the two Group 1 players with their first two picks, and (3) will be assigned the last draft pick of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds. For example, if a team has #3 and #8 players, they will get the 3<sup>rd</sup> pick in the draft, will select the travel players in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds, will have the 18<sup>th</sup> pick of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds and will revert to their normal draft slot in the 5<sup>th</sup> round.
  
- *One Group 1 Player and Group 2 Player:* If the team's coaches have 1 Group 1 player and 1 player Group 2 player: (1) the team will be assigned the position corresponding to the Group 1 player; (2) must draft the Group 2 player with their second pick, and (3) will be assigned the last draft pick of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round (but ahead of any teams with two Group 1 players); and revert back to their normal draft slot in the 4<sup>th</sup> round.
  
- *Teams With No Group 1 Coaches Kids:* Teams with no coaches' kids in Group 1 will participate in the blind draw, can draft any player they want with their first draft choice, and must draft their coach(es) kids as follows.
  - Players in Group 2 must be selected with the team's second round pick (and 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick if there are more than one);
  - Players in Group 3 must be selected with the team's 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick (and 4<sup>th</sup> round pick if there are more than one);

- Players in group 4 can be selected at any point in the draft, including as the team's last pick.
- *Siblings*: Siblings will be subject to the same mandatory pick requirements as coaches' kids. For example, once a sibling is drafted, the other sibling must be drafted in accordance with their Group rules above. No team is permitted to draft a lower-ranked sibling ahead of the higher ranked sibling.
- **Post-Draft Roster Adjustments**
  - There may be some post-draft roster adjustments, so please DO NOT contact your teams until we send you your official team roster.
  - Following the draft teams will be allowed to trade players:
    - All trades must be completed within 48 hours of the draft so that final rosters can be created and the coaches can reach out to their teams.
    - All trades must be submitted and approved by the League Commissioners before the requested trade can take effect. Criteria for approval/denial of a trade requests include maintaining balanced teams, honoring friend requests, and school/grade balancing.
  - In addition, the final rosters are subject to change, approval, and adjustments by the League Commissioners if necessary to maintain balanced teams and school balance.