



## 2019 KWBA DRAFT RULES

We will be selecting this year's Mustang 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.
- **The League will NOT be honoring friend requests so it will be up to the coaches to consider their own friend requests in selecting their team. Please 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 team is only allowed two "official" coaches – a head coach and an assistant coach, and we will **not** consider any "unofficial" coaches in the draft room. Coaches are free to arrange trades after the draft to try to accommodate such unofficial coaches, 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. We want the coaches to be able to draft their teams without having to worry about hurting anyone's feelings.

- **The Draft Process:**

- **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.)
- **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. Each team will participate in a blind draw to determine draft order (adjusted for any protected player adjustments)
- **Draft Format:** Each grade draft will proceed in standard “snake” format – i.e. the first round will proceed in the draft order and the second round will proceed in reverse order, etc.
  - **Round/Group Selection:** Players at each grade level have been divided into six Groups based on their assessed skill level. Each team drafting will pick one player from the six designated groups. The Round # corresponds with the Group # from which a team can select from. For example, during Round 3 of the draft, teams must select a player from ‘Group 3’ only. No team may select a player from another Grouping other than the corresponding round being drafted at that time.

- **Player Evaluations, Rankings, and Notes:**

- Each team will receive a set of player spreadsheets for all players available in the draft, which will include:
  - 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. (5: highest rating / 1: lowest rating)
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade travel player rankings were determined by the independent evaluators from tryouts. All “A” team travel players were automatically rated as 5’s and all “B” Team travel players were rated as 4.5’s.
    - All other non-travel 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders ratings are based on the 1-hour evaluation, if they were able to attend.

- Any player that was not able to attend was given estimated ratings either based on prior year's evaluations if available or prior coaches' estimates. Players receiving estimated ratings have been noted.
  - The spreadsheets also include any notes or other information relating to the players, such as coach's kids, siblings, school, and any other relevant information related to registration and team placement.
  - Two set of spreadsheets (4<sup>th</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will be provided to each team and will be available for use at the draft. **These spreadsheets are strictly confidential. They must be returned to the Commissioners in order to receive your equipment at the end of the draft. These spreadsheets can't leave the room under any circumstances.**
- **Draft Order Adjustments:**
  - No team may draft another coach's kid.
  - Siblings must be on the same team.
  - There will be **[18]** teams in the 2019 Mustang house league. The draft order for both drafts will be determined as follows (Note –teams will have a different draft order in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade drafts):
    - Teams with a coach's kid in 'Group 1' (see below) will be assigned a draft position corresponding to their top players' ranking. For example, if any of the team's coach's kids were ranked as the #3 'Group 1' player in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, that team would be assigned the 3<sup>rd</sup> pick in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade draft.
    - Teams that do not have a 'Group 1' player that predetermines their draft position will participate in a blind draw to determine the draft order.
  - Mandatory Picks – Coaches' Kids and Siblings:
    - 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 in the grade, 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 [20<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 One 'Group 2' Player: If the team's coaches have one 'Group 1' player and one '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 for draft order, and can draft any player they want with their first draft choice. After the first round, the team must draft their coach(es) kids in the Group the kids are assigned to.
- 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.
  - All trades must be submitted and approved by the Mustang 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.
- The final rosters are subject to change, approval, and adjustments by the Mustang League Commissioners if necessary to maintain balanced teams and school balance.