Spring Evaluation and Draft Policy

Evaluation Process

The goal of the evaluation process is to facilitate a balanced draft and to identify the appropriate level of play for each player. WRSSBA is committed to providing a fair evaluation for all players; however, it is important to note there will always be a level of subjectivity in any process used to evaluate players. Independent evaluators will be used in the evaluation process.

All players will be evaluated on the following specific baseball skills: throwing and pitching, hitting, fly balls and ground balls. Based on the evaluation of these skills, players will be given a total score used to rank each player for the draft process.

Every interested player must attend the evaluation in order to ensure an equitable evaluation and draft process takes place. In the event a player cannot make the evaluation, a score will be determined based on prior knowledge of the player.

Player rankings and the information about the performance of each player will be maintained by the Division Coordinator until such time that the rankings and information are no longer needed. The specific rankings of each player will remain confidential and will not be provided to anyone in any fashion, including the parent(s) of the player.

*** General evaluations will be conducted in February for the Spring season. ***

Draft Process

Following the evaluation process, a draft will be conducted. The goal is to have the Vice President and Division Coordinator present to facilitate the draft.

There is to be one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach per team, decided on prior to the draft. Each coach will only be allowed to "protect" their own child. If a coach has more than one child in that division then the additional child will also be considered "protected". Head Coaches are encouraged to recruit any additional coaches and/or manager after the draft is complete.

The goal is to have 12 players per team for each division, with the exception of Bantam and Midget which should be 15+ players. Final roster size will be determined by the division coordinator and is subject to change based on overall registration numbers, the organization of individual divisions and to best meet the needs of the players.

When drafting female players onto a team, please try to draft more than 1 female onto a team whenever possible.



Draft Process - U11 (Mosquito) American League & U13 (Pee Wee) AA

There will be a limited number of players available in the draft. The total number of players available will be determined by the following formula: Number of Teams, multiplied by 12 (roster size), plus an additional 20% of players. For example, if we have 4 American League teams, the number of players available in the draft would be $58 (4 \times 12 + 20\% = 58)$. In order to be eligible for the draft, a player must be in the top 58 players and all those who scored the same as the 58th ranked player.

To start the draft, the accumulative score of the top 2 "protected" players for each team shall be calculated. The order in the 1st round of the draft is determined by the total score. The team with the lowest total score will draft first and the team with the highest total score will draft last. The round that each "protected" player falls within during the draft, will be determined by their overall ranking. For example, if a player is ranked 11th overall, with 4 teams, that player will be assigned to the 3rd round.

When a team is selecting, they may pick any player eligible in the draft. At the end of each round, the total team score is calculated for the completed rounds (not including "protected" players from future rounds), with the lowest ranked team drafting first in the next round. This will continue and be calculated after each round of the draft.

Immediately following the draft, players may be traded between teams provided the trade is equitable based on the evaluation score of the players being traded or as determined by the Division Coordinator to being fair. At the end of draft night, the rosters are final.

*** It is strongly encouraged to have a roster to include a minimum of 25% percent 1st year players on each team. ***

Draft Process - U11 (Mosquito) National League, U13 (Pee Wee) A & U15 (Bantam) A

The same draft process will be used except there will be no 1st year and 2nd year player requirements.

Bantam AA Tryout Process

Tryout dates will be posted on the WRSSBA website for any player wanting to play Bantam AA. The tryouts will be conducted by the Bantam AA coach.

The division coordinator may adapt these rules from year to year if necessary.