

## **DRAFT PROCEDURE**

### **1. Policy**

- a) Temecula Youth Baseball shall establish guidelines for the selection of players to assure fairness, sportsmanship and the equitable distribution of talent.

### **2. Procedures**

- a) No part of this policy shall be interpreted as superseding the Constitution or By-Laws of Temecula Youth Baseball.

### **3. General Guidelines**

- a) The selection of players shall be under the direct supervision of each Temecula Youth Baseball Division Commissioner in accordance with the official PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations and this document.
- b) A Draft Committee will be composed of the Vice President, Player Agent, Director of Commissioners, and the Division Commissioner. Each Division Commissioner will be responsible for decisions that relate to their assigned division.
- c) The committee, chaired by the Player Agent, will oversee and assist in any decisions not outlined in this procedure and come to a consensus on making determinations that are best for the league.
- d) All players, except for the Shetland and Tiny Tee division, will be required to attend assessments. The time and place shall be established by the Board of Directors. Managers and coaches, in each division, shall attend to evaluate each player in attendance.
- e) Draft order and team assignments shall be determined a week or more prior to the day of the draft by drawing a number out of a hat. The number drawn will determine the draft round that your team will be placed. Team selection will start with the highest number drawn and work backwards until all Managers' have selected a team from a list of teams provided by the league. Once a number is drawn the team can elect to trade his round with another team on that same day only.
- f) Roster sizes shall be as follows:
  - Tiny-Tee: 8 players per team maximum
  - Shetland: 10 players per team maximum
  - Pinto: 12 players per team maximum
  - Mustang: 12 players per team maximum
  - Bronco: 12 players per team maximum
  - Pony: 12 players per team maximum
  - Colt: 15 players per team maximum
  - Palomino: 14 players per team minimum, 28 maximum (18 preferred)
- g) The number of registered players, registered managers, and the availability of city facilities shall determine the number of teams.
- h) No player will be placed on a team once games commence in the spring season only. Extenuating circumstances, beyond TYB's control, will be evaluated if a player is to be placed on a team after games begin. Decisions to place a player on a team will require extensive measures to ensure that the talent level of the team, at the time of the draft, is not compromised and ideally remains equal. Final decisions to place a player on a team will be determined by the Draft Committee and submitted to the Executive Board for final approval.

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- i) The Draft Committee shall decide any discrepancy or disputes not covered in the official TYB Draft Procedure.

### **4. Player Selection, Shetland and Tiny Tee Division**

- a) The Division Commissioners shall divide the players, as equally as possible, among the teams in each the division.
- b) Placement of players on each team will ideally be determined geographically,
- c) Temecula Youth Baseball shall make every effort to honor all requests from parents (for example, to play with family members, friends, coaches, etc.).
- d) Temecula Youth Baseball shall observe the limits for distribution of players of a certain age as outlined in the official PONY Baseball rules and regulations.
- e) Where possible, the Division Commissioner shall exercise discretion in distributing talent as equally as possible.
- f) Trades may be allowed in the Shetland division under extenuating circumstances only. Trades must be handled through the Player Agent, Division Commissioner and Division Director and must be submitted to the Vice President for final approval.

### **5. Player Selection, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Division**

- a) Placement of the Manager and Coach's children will be determined before the draft and will be based upon information provided by each manager to the Division Commissioner. The manager and coaches children will be placed in accordance with his/her talent level, as determined by all divisional managers, and be frozen in the draft.
- b) The Division Commissioner or Board Member shall rate all players in that division for purposes of evaluating the coaches and manager's players for the draft. The Division Commissioner rankings may be used to assist in any placement of players during the draft (i.e. manager or coaches player, sibling options, etc.). The rankings may also be used as a guideline to determine the legitimacy of a manager's rankings and will be used if there are signs of abusing the system.
- c) The Division Commissioner, prior to the draft, will obtain all manager rankings for every manager and coach's children in that division. Every manager is also required to evaluate his or her own child in the rankings. The ideal impartial and unbiased manager rankings will be used to determine the placement of all frozen players in the draft; i.e. manager and coach's children.
- d) All managers will be required to submit their rankings to the Division Commissioner. Failure to submit information will result in that teams first official "pick" of the draft being skipped until the next round.
  - For example: Team Dodgers ended up with the manager and coaches children being placed and frozen in round #1 and #3. Their first official draft pick will be round #2. That team failed to submit player rankings they will not be able to pick a player in the second round. They will recover from their penalized draft pick in the next subsequent round, which in this case, would be round #3.
  - Unforeseen circumstances do occur and the manager of a team may not be able to provide sufficient rankings to the league.
  - The Division Commissioner, Player Agent and Division Director will make the final decision on such matters at the time of the draft.
- e) Manager and coaches rankings, used to calculate placement of manager and coach's children, will be provided to all managers in the draft room.

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- f) The Division Commissioner, while calculating placement of manager and coach's children, has the right to disregard any manager rankings that he or she feels is unfair and biased. The biased rankings, although not used to calculate placement of players, will be publicly announced in the draft room that they were not used.
- g) Manager and Coaches' children will be placed/frozen in the rounds mathematically determined by averaging the rankings provided by all managers. Player's averaged rankings will be rounded up or down and placed accordingly on the draft board.
  - For example: a player with an average ranking of 1.00 to 1.49 will be placed in the first round; a ranking of 1.50 to 1.99 will be placed in the second round.
- h) Any Manager or Coach's child not attending tryouts shall be selected in the first and second rounds consecutively.
- i) Prior to the draft, all option players shall be identified to all Managers and Coaches in attendance.
- j) Option players shall be defined as direct blood relatives or step children whose parents have requested that they remain together. Any other option player, hardships etc., will be at the discretion of the Division Commissioner, Player Agent and Division Director.
- k) Option players will be open to a discussion for all managers at the draft. The Division Commissioner, Player Agent and Division Director, will determine final placement of the option player.
- l) Any player not attending tryouts shall be discussed and may be placed into the draft. Those players not placed in the draft will be considered for a hat pick. Two managers must be able to validate the strength of such player in order to be placed in the draft.
- m) Any player not attending tryouts and that was placed in the draft cannot be drafted before the round for which they were evaluated.
- n) Any player not attending tryouts will ineligible for All-Stars.

### **6. Draft Process**

- a) Placement of the manager and coaches children will be determined before the draft and will be based upon information provided by each manager to the Division Commissioner. The manager and coaches players will be frozen in the draft and placed in accordance with his/her talent level. Rounds filled with a manager or coach's pick will be skipped in the draft.
- b) The draft order will be in accordance with the number drawn prior to draft day.
- c) The drafting procedure shall be a "serpentine draft" with the last team drafting in the first round having the first pick in the second round, etc.
- d) The selection shall continue until all players who attended assessments are chosen, or the last full round is complete. When there are not enough evaluated players to complete a full round of drafted players the remaining players will be placed into the hat with the players that did not participate in assessments.
- e) The Division Commissioner shall record each pick and establish a preliminary roster for each team in the division.

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- f) All players, who did not attend tryouts, **MAY NOT** be traded unless approved by the Division Commissioner, Player Agent and Division Director. When the players name is pulled from the hat they are to remain with the team that selected them. Players placed in the draft that did not attend tryouts are also subject to the same guidelines as just explained.
- g) Once all players have been selected, the Division Commissioner shall declare the draft complete and shall open the floor to trades. Trades must take place before the draft is officially closed. There will be no trades once the draft is officially over.
- h) **AT NO TIME** shall any participant of the draft discuss the results of the draft or any trade with any parent, player, relative or acquaintance. Violation of this confidentiality rule shall result in censure by the Board of Directors.

### 7. Player Selection and Draft Process, Colt Division

- a) Colt teams are allowed to protect the child of the Manager and two (2) coaches.
- b) Colt teams may consist of up to eight (8) players pre-selected by the Manager. This number includes children of the coaching staff (for example, three coach's kids and 5 additional players). These pre-selected players need not participate in tryouts but must have written commitment (player contract or letter of intent) and a paid application with the League before they are reserved.
- c) The rest of the roster (up to 15) must be selected from the pool of players.
- d) All coaches shall pick for draft position.
- e) Coaches with no pre-selected players shall begin the draft in the first round. Coaches with pre-selected players, regardless of the number, shall begin the draft in the fifth round.
- f) The draft shall continue until all players are chosen or the team roster reaches 15.
- g) Colt may be divided into two brackets if participation permits: "Varsity" division for teams with 5 or more high school or pre-selected players, and "Club" for those with fewer than 5 high school players (none of which can be pre-selected). If there is not enough participation, teams with and without pre-selected players shall play in the same bracket.
- h) Trades shall be allowed immediately after the draft. All managers must be present for the trading session.
- i) All trades must be registered with the Division Director who will record the appropriate changes onto the roster.
- j) Once trading activity is concluded, the Division Commissioner shall close the floor to trading. **NO FURTHER TRADING MAY TAKE PLACE AND ALL ROSTERS ARE FROZEN** at this time.
- k) All trades shall be conducted in accordance with official PONY rules.
- l) **AT NO TIME** shall any participant of the draft discuss the results of the draft or any trade with any parent, player, relative or acquaintance. Violation of this confidentiality rule shall result in censure by the Board of Directors.