

Recreational Draft Policy

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Introduction:

The creation of teams through a draft promotes competitive balance during each recreational sports season. A fair and objective draft is predicated on the completion of player ratings at the end of the previous season. The Commissioner of the sport is responsible for notifying that season's coaches of the rating process and collection of ratings.

Player Ratings:

The Sports Commissioner is charged with developing a ratings tool that adequately assesses the player's talent and acumen in the given sport. Categories may include but are not limited to:

- Specific Physical Skills development for that sport (i.e. shooting, throwing, catching)
- Performance/effort in both practices and games
- Attendance and Commitment

Upon completion of ratings, each player will have a point value, tier or grade assigned. Best practice suggests that all coaches and commissioner(s) should meet and agree on the ratings or tiers, across each participation level, to ensure best efforts for consistency and accuracy. Once ratings are aggregated and reviewed to make sure that the overall order of players is accurate with discrepancies resolved and adjustments made, if necessary.

Player ratings and tiers and rankings are highly confidential, and should not be distributed, nor discussed, with any outside parties, including assistant coaches, parents or players.

Player Drafting:

Player drafting must align with the PRAA Bylaws in attempts of creating fair and balanced teams. If possible, drafts should be attended by the Commissioner, or their representative or representative of the Board.

- Copies of final ratings shall be distributed to all coaches just prior to the draft
- Draft/Selection order will be randomized
- The number of players grouped in each round will be determined by the number of coaches/teams participating. For example, if there are 4 teams, there will be four players available per round, grouped by rating.
- The coach with #1 drafting spot will select a player from the top 4 players available.
- A coach must select his or her child if they are rated in the current round in which selections are occurring.
- The draft will continue in a snake-type format, or the team with the lowest cumulative point total will make the first selection of the subsequent round.
- If the prior year ratings are non-numerical and a cumulative point/grade cannot be determined, a collaborate approach by the coaches should exist to ensure fairness.
- Post-draft, adjustments to the rosters can be made, within reason, based on need for assistant coaches, or to ensure fairness and balance.