



Glencoe Youth Football  
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## Glencoe Youth Football Draft Policy

### **Policy Objective:**

The goal of this policy is to ensure that GYF league meets both the spirit and intent of the TVYFL rule on team formation. Our goal is to strive towards teams that are equal in skill and ability and prevent unbalanced teams.

### **Conduct:**

Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner during the draft process. Healthy, respectful debate is expected to ensure inequalities are addressed.

### **Draft Procedure:**

1. All players will be evaluated during the Tide Summer Camp. Each coach at each grade level (including HS coaches) will take a mental note of each athlete's ability in several drills. The evaluation will contribute to the drafting of teams
2. Each grade level draft can occur only after at least 4 hours of regular scheduled practice. In order for the draft to occur, all coaches in that grade level must agree to begin.
3. Each grade level draft will be facilitated by the President, Vice-President or Coach of Coaches.
4. Before the draft begins, all athletes will be divided by both grade and probable playing position, either lineman or skilled player.
5. The draft will occur in a snaking fashion (i.e. 1-2-3-4, 4-3-2-1) Players will be drafted by group (position & grade) until all players in that group are exhausted. (i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> grade linemen are all drafted, then 6<sup>th</sup> grade skill are drafted, then 5<sup>th</sup> grade linemen, then 5<sup>th</sup> grade skill).
6. Teams are allowed 3 Coach assigned players including the Head Coach.
7. All coach assigned players must be identified before evaluation week (youth camp) begins. Coaches must draft their kids in the likely order they would be drafted according to the evaluation and knowledge of the player's current ability. Agreement by the Head Coaches to this slotting is needed before the draft can begin. The overseeing officer will facilitate this process. In the event the coaches can't come to an agreement, the officer will make the decision on coach kid draft placement. Any decision can be appealed to the Board for a final decision. The grouping of coaches must not irreparably unbalance the teams. Coaching groups will be broken up if this is the case.



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8. Draft order for each player group will be determined by using a combination of expected player draft order and team need after coach kids have been slotted. Should need be equal, a coin flip or random draw out of a hat will be used to determine draft order. To ensure balanced teams, a team may get more than one number one pick in the given categories, but it is suggested that at each change of group, the team that gets to draft first should change. For example if Team A drafted first for 6<sup>th</sup> grade linemen, Team A should not choose first for 5<sup>th</sup> grade linemen. (This is more applicable if there are a larger number of teams.) In the event coaches can't come to an agreement, the officer will make the decision on draft order. Any decision can be appealed to the Board for a final decision.
9. \*\*Trading for the purpose of team requests is allowed after the draft is completed. Trading may not unbalance the team's competitive or grade level balance. Players should be traded for equally rated players. The coach who has the draft rights to a player has the right to refuse any trade for that player. GYF Board must approve any trade.

### **Notes:**

- Brothers from the same family that request the same team must be honored, once the first brother is picked the second brother must be drafted in the likely order they would be picked. Overseeing officer will have final say in any disagreements about order for second brother picked. \*Those two brothers now count as two of the three allowed assigned players.
- Evaluation sheets and player draft order should not be shown or shared with the kids or the parents; they are for internal league purposes only.
- TVYFL bylaws require that each team have the same number of players (within 1 player) and at each grade level, no exceptions. Coaches need to understand that teams are not final until after Team Book Verification Night. Player movements may be required after the draft due to drops and/or season ending injuries.
- At the 3/4 level only, consideration/effort should be made that a player is not "orphaned" from all other players at the same grade school. For example, five players from grade school A on team A, and only 1 player from grade school A on team B. However, this should be considered at the conclusion of a draft to ensure an equal draft. If changes occur, trades must maintain equality and balanced teams.
- No external communication with players or parents is allowed during the draft.
- Player team assignment communication is not allowed until the designated announcement date and time set by GYF.



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- Players entering the league after the draft has been completed will be placed on the team that had the next pick for that player's grade level and player group. Additional existing player moves may be necessary to provide grade level and competitive balance. The GYF Board will have the final determination.