

Ralston Area Baseball Association Draft Rules.

MISSION: The purpose of drafting players is the answer to a long standing historical complaint that teams are stacked. By allowing all coaches to come together and draft, this stops teams from being "stacked". All coaches must agree to each pick for each team. The draft also allows coaches to pick kids they may have had from prior seasons. The draft takes all control from the board and places it in the hands of the coaches with board oversight.

1. At the official player draft, there will be a limit of two representatives for each team, of which only one will be the spokesman.
2. Draft position will be based on a random draw. This position will be held the entire draft. Team jersey color will be chosen in reverse order of the draft position.
3. In each division, after coaching staff players are chosen and up to 2 freeze picks are chosen and approved by all coaches; the first three rounds will consist of selections from the older of the two ages. Rounds 4 - 6 will consist of selection of the younger of the two age groups. Rounds 7 through the last round will be open to draft from either age group.
Note: If the draft has an odd number of rounds, or if there aren't a sufficient number of players to complete the last round evenly, the players available in the last round will still be drafted in the order of the draft previously determined by the team domino draw. Similarly, any late additions will be added to the next team in the remaining draft order as assigned by the League Commissioner.
4. The draft will start with the first position in the draft order making the first selection in the odd numbered rounds. The last position in the draft will make the first selection in the even numbered rounds. A team will not participate in a draft round in which a player has already been chosen through freezing of the player or the sibling or through drafting of a sibling. This procedure will continue until all players are selected.
5. Each child. The primary and secondary assistant coaches must have agreed to be assistants prior to the draft. If a manager does not have a child participating, he/she may elect to freeze another player.
6. If there are teams with incomplete rosters after the conclusion of the draft, teams will be filled as each new player registers in the order of the draft order previously determined by the domino draw.
7. All rosters will be set at the conclusion of the draft meeting. Coaches may agree to exchange players after the draft has been completed but before leaving the draft meeting. All exchanged players must be approved by an executive board member on the master player rosters for each team the exchange affects. The purpose of this rule is to allow accommodation of players with special requests and/or circumstances. All agreed trades should consider the age of the players traded to avoid an all older or all younger player team. After all exchanges have been approved and finalized, the entirety of the roster will be frozen.
8. Once the draft is over, the director of scheduling will confirm all practice field assignments. Practices will start April 1st and continue through the season as desired by the coaches.