

Player Evaluations & Draft Process

Player Evaluation Process:

There will be a mandatory evaluation date and time for all free agents in each age division (no evaluations for 6U players). The date and time will be determined by the league and communicated to all free agent players. Players who cannot attend the mandatory evaluation because of extenuating circumstances may request board approval to attend the make-up evaluation (if any). The make-up evaluation will be held on a date determined by the league.

Evaluations will consist of stations that will be run one at a time so the evaluating coaches can see all free agent players perform in each capacity. All players will field ground balls, catch pop flies, throw, run, and hit. There will also be a catching station and a pitching station for players who wish to be evaluated as a pitcher or a catcher.

Every head coach and one assistant coach per team may attend evaluations to rate all free agent players within their age division. The coaches will keep their evaluation sheets for draft preparation; **however, evaluation data should remain confidential.**

Keeper team players are not evaluated unless determined necessary by the FSC Board of Directors.

Player Draft Process:

At the time of the draft, the head coach and one assistant coach may attend the draft. The coaches may confer quietly during the draft selection process, but only the head coach should make selections and address the group. If no Head Coach or Assistant Coach is approved by the Board prior to the time of the draft, one (1) Board member will be appointed to represent that team. There shall be no outside communication during the draft. This includes emails, text messages and phone calls. **Draft selection is to remain confidential. Sharing information regarding the draft process, especially the round in which a player is selected, is not acceptable and may impact the decision to allow a coach to have a team in future seasons.**

An approved head coach may enter the evaluations and/or draft without a designated assistant coach. Additional assistant coaches may be selected from the pool of parents once teams have been formally announced.

Draft order will be determined based on the number of existing keeper players on a team. The coach with the lowest number of keeper players will draft first, the next coach with the lowest number of keeper players will draft second and so on. If there is a tie for the number of existing keeper players between teams, a random draw will be done to break the tie. There will be no designated order in which numbers are drawn. If a team has four (4) or less players on their roster to begin the draft, they will be allowed two (2) draft picks (in a row) during the first round. Once the first round is complete the coach drafting last will draft first to start the second round. This method will continue throughout each round of the draft to ensure the fairest draft order possible for all teams. The draft will be done 1 division at a time until complete and the draft order will be followed until all available free agents have been drafted.

Time limit between picks will be 1½ minutes per player drafted (30 second warning will be issued). Please note, not all coaches will draft the same number of free agent players. Total allowed draft picks will vary by team and will be based on maximum space available minus existing keeper players. Each coach will be provided with a total number of existing keeper players and a total number of spots available for their team prior to the start of the draft process.

A coach may be denied a draft pick and asked to pick again for numerous reasons including, but not limited to, existing keeper players, parent opt outs, etc. The specifics of a draft pick denial will only be released at the discretion of the board of directors. If a coach is denied a draft pick, they are expected to move forward with their next choice within the standard allotted time allowed as noted above.

There will be a 15-minute trading period immediately after the draft. Trading can only take place during this time. Once the fifteen-minute timer has been set, coaches may engage in open communications regarding trades. When the 15 minutes expires, the President, Vice President, or other Board Representative will hear the trade agreements (if any) for approval. Trades can only be made for free agent players acquired during the draft process. Keeper team players are not eligible to be drafted or traded.

The Division Representatives, in consultation with the President/Vice President, shall have final approval of team rosters during and after the draft. All decisions made by the President or Vice President and Division Reps will be **FINAL**.

For free agent siblings in the same division, when the first sister is drafted, the second sister is automatically drafted to the same team and will fill 2 draft picks for the coach drafting the first sister. Siblings in the same division will always be placed together.