

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. If a player is on an FSC Select team for the current spring/summer season, they will lose their keeper player status in that division during the spring recreational season. All Select players who choose to play in their age eligible division during the spring recreational season will be as equally dispersed as possible throughout all available recreational teams to maintain fair and equitable teams throughout the division.

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. Once the first round is complete, the draft will repeat itself in the same starting

order (straight continuous order NOT reverse snake order) until all free agents are drafted. This method will continue throughout each round of the draft to ensure the fairest draft order possible for all teams.

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 choose again for numerous reasons including, **but not limited to:**

- Existing keeper players
- Select player limits (must be distributed as evenly as possible)
- Total pitchers & catchers on a roster (keeper or drafted)
- Parent opt outs

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 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.

“Specific protocols shall be followed to account for new players joining a keeper team during the player draft process.

The following protocol shall be followed when an assistant coach and their daughter seek to join a keeper team:

(a) If you are the Head Coach, your child is automatically on the team; and (b) one assistant coach gets to automatically secure their child on the team too, but the assistant coach's child counts as the team's first draft choice.”

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

For free agent siblings in the same division, when the first sister is drafted, all additional siblings in the same division are automatically drafted to the same team and will fill that number of draft picks for the coach drafting the first sister. Siblings in the same division will always be placed together.