

## Tinton Falls Girls Softball League Draft Rules

1. All teams from the previous year are disbanded. All players are drafted
2. Only managers, the player agent, and if required, the league president may attend the draft. The player agent may not have any children participating in the draft unless no other qualified person is willing to do it and all the managers in the draft agree.
3. At the end of each season, player ratings are completed for each player that played that year, by her team manager.
4. Prior to the draft, all players will participate in evaluation sessions where the managers for their division, and the player agent for their division, will evaluate their abilities.
5. The player agent will use the prior year's ratings and the player agent ratings from the evaluation sessions as well as any other relevant information to assign the players in rank order starting with 1. The previous year's ratings, player agent's ratings and the player rank order will be distributed to the managers prior to the draft.
6. A manager's child will be slotted into the draft based on what round the child would be selected according to the rank order of all players as compiled by the player agent. The child will count as that manager's pick in that round. If the manager has more than one child, they must use a draft choice for each additional child, also based on where they are ranked. If the manager has 2 children and they are both ranked in the same round, then the second child will be drafted in the subsequent draft slot. Should the manager have 3 children and they are all ranked in the same round, or 2 of the children are in the same round and the 3<sup>rd</sup> child is in the subsequent round then the children will be selected in the 3 consecutive rounds starting with the round before the round in which at least two of the children are ranked (i.e. one child is promoted up a round).
7. Each manager will be allowed to select one assistant coach prior to the draft. The assistant coach's child or children will be considered the manager's child or children for the purposes of the draft and selected in the same fashion as the manager's child above.
8. The draft order will be selected via random draw except when a manager's daughter is ranked in one of the first two rounds. In this case the manager will be given the draft number that corresponds to rank of the highest ranked daughter of the manager.
9. Managers will select their teams from the entire player pool. The draft will be in a serpentine, sometimes called 'S', fashion, with the last pick of the 1<sup>st</sup> round having the 1<sup>st</sup> pick of the second round, and so on. Picks will continue until all players have been chosen.

10. The draft order will be modified in cases where more than one of the manager's children (which includes their assistant children and any siblings of a player drafted in the first round) are ranked in the same round and the round is one of the first three. In this case the player agent will adjust the draft order to equalize the draft. See the appendix for an explanation.
11. Players who register late (following the draft) will be assigned to the next team that was scheduled to pick in the draft unless there are teams with fewer players, in which case the player will go to the first team with the fewest players going in the draft order from where the draft ended.
12. Siblings will be placed on the same team unless parents request otherwise. When a child with a sibling is selected, the sibling is selected in the draft round in the same fashion as the manager's additional children are selected above.
13. Requests by parents will be provided to all managers as additional information to assist in their draft decisions, but the requests are not required to be satisfied by the managers.
14. The draft proceedings will be held in the strictest confidence by all attendees.
15. The process will be monitored by the Player Agent and if required, the league president.
16. Players may be swapped among teams after the draft has been completed in the spirit of maintaining equally competitive teams. Any player movements must be made prior to leaving the draft and must be agreed to by all parties present at the draft.
17. Any problems with the draft meeting the goal of selecting equally competitive teams must be raised during the draft to the player agent and if necessary the league president. During the draft, the player agent may make whatever changes are necessary to ensure balanced, equally competitive teams are selected, however any manager may protest that change. If a protest is made the entire board of directors will hold a special meeting held within 3 days of the draft to decide the matter and determine the final team rosters. The managers and the player agent must attend the meeting.
18. After the draft, the selection of team names will be done via random draw unless decided otherwise by the board of directors.

## APPENDIX

### Method to Use to Equalize the Draft

Let's use an example of there being 4 managers and 48 players in the draft. The players are numbered from 1 to 48, ranked in order such that #1 is the most talented. If every manager drafts the highest ranked player available, then manager A gets player #1, manager B gets player #2, etc. The following shows the results of the first 6 rounds.

Manager	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
A	1	8	9	16	17	24	75
B	2	7	10	15	18	23	75
C	3	6	11	14	19	22	75
D	4	5	12	13	20	21	75

One can see that adding up the player rankings in a theoretical perfect draft will result in totals of 75 for all teams after the 6<sup>th</sup> round. So, where warranted the draft order will be changed to equalize the draft.

An example if the draft isn't equalized and manager A has two children who are ranked 1 and 2 is below:

Manager	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
A	1	2	9	16	17	24	69
B	3	8	10	15	18	23	77
C	4	7	11	14	19	22	77
D	5	6	12	13	20	21	77

Now this draft can be equalized by changing the draft order so that Manager A gets the last pick in each of rounds 3 through 6 such as the following:

Manager	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
A	1	2	12	16	20	24	75
B	3	8	9	15	17	23	75
C	4	7	10	14	18	22	75
D	5	6	11	13	19	21	75

The manager with the children does not necessarily pick first. The above is just an example, the actual solution for a particular draft will vary depending on the rank of the children and how many children are involved.