

The PURPOSE of the DRAFT

The goal is to create an environment for our players to enjoy the game of baseball. One of the ways to achieve this is to ensure balanced teams in our Division. The equalization draft process below is intended to help accomplish this objective

EQUALIZATION DRAFT PROCESS:

1. A random draw amongst the coaches for the draft pick order will begin the draft.
2. One draft round will equal one picked player per team.
3. All teams must pick one player per round and may not pass or trade a pick on a round.
4. Draft picking order will proceed from lowest number drawn to the highest and then from the same highest number to the same lowest number and so on.
5. The maximum number of players a team will be allowed to protect is two (2). Exceptions will be dealt with on an individual basis and the solution will have consensus amongst all of the coaches and the Division Coordinator.
6. Where no evaluation was done on a player, the Division Coordinator will consult with other coaches or executive to determine the player's ranking.
7. To assist in determining which Draft Round a player should be picked in and to help facilitate the draft process; players may be grouped according to the total number of teams. Each group will then be assigned a draft round number. For Example:
6 teams = 6 players per group,
therefore... first group of six players = draft round 1....second group of six players = draft round 2

This approach becomes very helpful when determining where a "protected player" should go in the draft process.

8. Teams may choose from any of the eligible players.
10. Where a coach has a child in a group of a round, the child will automatically be placed on that coach's team and this will constitute that team's pick for that round. Where both coaches have children in the same group the team will accept both players and the team will lose the right to choose on the next immediate round.
11. Where a team chooses a player and there is a sibling who wishes to be on the same team or due to specific valid circumstances there is a player who must be partnered with another player, then the team will accept the sibling/player in the predetermined Draft Round.
12. Special circumstances may require the trading of players. This will be allowed at the completion of the Draft process and all trades must be completed at the draft meeting and will have the approval amongst all of the coaches and the Division Coordinator.
13. The trading time limit will be established at the draft meeting and once the time limit has expired all teams will be finalized. No trading of players by the coaches will be allowed after this time or at any time during the coming season without the approval of the GHBA Executive and the Division Coordinator.