# **Draft Day Protocols**

### **Player Ranking:**

-The players will be slotted by their ranking and will be based on the average of the 3 volunteer judges scores and based upon how many teams are in that division Ex. A Certain Division has 8 teams

Top 8 players ranked are described as first round players Second 8 players ranked are described as 2<sup>nd</sup> round players, ...etc

-We will slot all frozen players into the draft based upon draft order and ranking as described above. All coaches will know this information before entering the draft. This will help them better understand and zero in on potential players and which rounds they will be available to draft in

#### **Draft order status:**

Division rep will tabulate each team's frozen players and rank the teams based upon average score and potentially the number of freezes

Team 1:	Team 2:	Team 3:
Player 1 = 3.5	Player $1 = 3$	Player $1 = 4$
Player 2 = 4	Player 2 = 4.5	
Player $3 = 2.75$	Player $3 = 4$	
Player 4 = 4.1		
Average $= 3.59$	Average = $3.83$	Average = 4

-Team 1's average ranking is the lowest so they would be slotted before Team 2, with Team 3 slotted after both. Olive reserves the right to make some adjustments to this based upon amount of freezes each team has. (Ex. Positive adjustments for team with 1 freeze vs team with 3 or 4 freezes if the teams are close)

#### The Draft:

- -The Draft, for all divisions, normally occurs the Wednesday or Thursday following the initial Evaluation Day
- -The draft will start with the least average team and go forward until the highest average rated team goes last in a round. The next rounds follow the exact same order until the draft is complete (This is not a serpentine style draft)

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Team 1 Team 2 Team 3 Team 4 Team 5
Round 1 ->->->->->->
Round 2 ->->->->->->->
Round 3 ->->->->->
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- -Depending upon the ranking of players and where teams' freezes occur, Team 1 may not have a draft pick until the  $5^{th}$  round, Team 2 until the  $4^{th}$  round, and Team 3 until the second.
- -If the top 8 players are ranked between 5 and 4.6, all teams named above would receive a first round pick. Again it is all determined based upon where Freezes come in on the rankings
- -If a team has multiple frozen players ranked within a certain round, one player will be slated in that particular round and any additional players with move down one round
- -If a team has multiple frozen players that are ranked in the last round, one player will be slated for that last round and the other will be moved up into the second to last round
- -Teams are allotted 1 minute to place their pick for a player. We ask that coaches come prepared and stay engaged in the process so that the draft is completed in a timely manner
- -1 or 2 coaches per team are allowed to attend the draft. We will not allow more than 2

#### Freezes:

- -Machine Pitch through Bronco Divisions are allowed 4 freezes
- -Pony is allowed up to 8 freezes
- -A Freeze must constitute the Manager's child and any child of a coach you absolutely intend on having on your staff
- -If you are freezing one sibling on a team and another sibling is in the same division, both must be frozen if the intention is that they are to play on the same team

## Hat picks:

-Hat pick players are non-frozen players that did not participate in either the Evaluation Day or Make Up Evaluation Day. They are listed as HP on the sheet and will not be draft-able. These players will be randomly placed on teams at end of draft.

- -If a division does not have an equal number of evaluated players per team to be drafted, the draft will suspend at the end of the last completed full round where players have been evaluated and drafted.
- -The remaining evaluated players and hat pick players will be randomly placed on teams in order of draft if the number is exact with no players remaining to complete a round. The names will be drawn out of the hat to be completely fair for the uncertainty of non-evaluated (HP) players

Ex. If there are 3 evaluated players and 5 Hat Pick players remaining after the completion of a round, the draft will pause and these players will be chosen out of a hat in draft order

- -If there are not an exact number of remaining players to teams in the division, a lottery will occur to place the remaining players on teams
- -This process allows for an even chance for all teams to get a hat pick, and an even chance for all teams to get a possible extra player

Ex. 5 teams have 12 players and 3 teams have 13 players

#### Other information:

- -Family requests outside of freezes can be accommodated for and slotted if agreed upon by the managers in that division and need to made known before the draft starts by either a manager or the league. Rarely do friend requests get acknowledged
- -Trades among teams can also occur at the end of the draft if agreed upon by the managers and Division rep for that division. They must occur before all coaches leave that evening
- -Managers looking to "pull the wool over" another manager (especially one new to the league) on a trade will be severely scrutinized and punishments may occur
- -Rosters are final once all coaches leave the draft. The only adjustments may be to accommodate for late signups/ add-ons if room is available
- -We do have some <u>requests</u> by <u>parents</u> to not <u>play</u> for a <u>certain coach</u>. The division rep will communicate to that particular coach before the draft so that this information is not widely known or made public. The affected coach is to respect the decision of the family and not actively pursue this player. If the player happens to be a hat pick or randomly selected to that coach's team, the division rep will facilitate a trade