

Dalton Parks and Recreation Football Draft Policy

The draft is moderated and presided over by an Athletic Coordinator from Dalton Parks and Recreation. Draft rules are in accordance with the Dalton Parks and Recreation policies and mission. This process will be used for all 4-12-year-old football drafts.

DRAFT ATTENDANCE – At least one coach must be present from the coaching staff. Only the head coach may attend. If the head coach is not available, they may appoint a representative. Players may not attend the draft process at any time.

PLAYER NOTIFICATION – When the draft is complete all coaches must contact players on their respective rosters. Prompt communication from the coaches is expected. Coaches should contact their players within 24 hours after receiving their rosters from the Athletic Coordinator.

CONFIDENTIALITY – The draft is kept completely confidential, including evaluation results and player draft order. Each individual attending the draft is responsible for maintaining confidentiality of the draft and draft materials. Violation of this rule by a coach is cause for suspension of the coach.

DRAFT POOL – The draft pool is formed by the Athletic Coordinator based on program registration.

DRAFT POOL CANDIDATES – A list containing all candidates for the draft along with any freezes will be made available to coaches prior to the start of the draft.

FREEZES – Each coach will be allowed FIVE (5) freezes for their team. This includes the coach's children and the children of their assistants.

DRAFTING SIBLINGS/LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD – Siblings will be noted on all evaluation and draft materials. Coaches must take all siblings/children in the same household. Coaches may lose a pick due to having picked siblings (Ex: In round 4, Coach John picks a player with a sibling. Coach John will then lose his round 5 pick because he has taken a sibling pair in round 4.)

DRAFT PROCESS – Coaches will draw numbers to determine draft order. Once the order is established, the Athletic Coordinator will place coaches in order on the draft board. All freezes will be placed onto their respective teams. Teams that do not have five freezes will be allowed to pick from the eligible players to bring them even with other teams. Once all teams have the same number of freezes/first round picks, coaches will select players from the draft pool. This will be done via snake rotation (1 through 8, 8 back to 1, 1 through 8, etc.). Once all players that were at evaluations are selected, players that were not at evaluations will be hat picks. Hat picks will also be drawn via snake rotation until all players that are draft eligible are placed onto a team.

TRADES – Once the draft process is complete, coaches may ask to trade **ONE** player for another. If the coach with the desired player does not agree **IMMEDIATELY**, the trade is no longer in effect and both players will stay on the teams they were drafted to.

POST-DRAFT – The Athletic Coordinator will end the draft after all players are placed onto a team. Coaches will receive their rosters the next day and are then expected to communicate with their team within 24 hours.