



HFL – Mendon Youth Baseball House League Draft Guidelines

1. The total number of teams for each league will be determined by the Board of Directors.
2. All coaches will be approved by the Board of Directors and subject to background checks, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors will appoint a draft coordinator who will oversee the draft. The draft coordinator along with the league representative will set up the draft in advance. The draft coordinator will not be a coach in the respective league nor have a child in the particular draft.
4. Coaches for each league will meet prior to the draft and may request rule changes pertinent to their league.
5. Players returning to a team are automatically placed in consecutive rounds beginning in the 2nd round.
6. All teams pick in the opposite order of their finish from the prior regular season (excluding postseason record).
7. The draft will be a “traditional” draft (not a “snake” draft).
8. All teams must receive a 1st round pick and last round pick. However, if a team has only one pick in the draft due to many returning players, such pick will be a 1st round pick.
9. In an effort to maintain balance, the number of players in the oldest age group shall be spread across teams as evenly as possible (e.g., spread 12 year olds across the Majors teams as evenly as possible). This could prevent a team from drafting a player or force a team to draft a player.
10. Players new to a league will be automatically placed on a team only under the circumstances described below. Such players shall be assigned to the 2nd to last round and coordinated as fairly as possible with the distribution requirements described in 9. above. If multiple players are automatically being placed on a team, they will be assigned in the rounds immediately preceding the last round (e.g., 2nd to last round, 3rd to last round, etc.)
 - a. Parent/guardian is the head coach.
 - b. The player in the draft has a sibling who is returning to a team.
 - c. If two or more siblings are in the same draft, as soon as the first one is taken, the other sibling(s) will automatically be placed on that same team. In the case of two siblings in the same draft, if the first sibling is not selected until the next to last pick, then the second sibling will be the last round pick (the same logic shall apply in the case of three or more siblings in the same draft).

11. To receive a particular parent/guardian as an assistant coach, a head coach must first draft that parent's/guardian's child.
12. Team sponsors will be assigned after the draft.
13. Any late registrants for Minors and Majors shall be placed on a team as follows:
 - a. If the late registrant is a returning player to the league in question (i.e., played on a team in the same league the prior season), he/she will automatically be returned to the team he/she played on in the prior season, unless: i) adding the player will result in that team having two more players on its roster when compared to the rosters of the other teams in the league or ii) the team he/she played on in the prior year was eliminated due to a reduction in number of teams.
 - b. If the late registrant is not a returning player to the league in question (or is a returning player who cannot be assigned to his/her prior team due to conditions outlined in paragraph a. immediately above), the names of all eligible teams will be randomly selected to create a "pick or pass" order that applies only to the late registrant. Each eligible team will pick or pass in this randomly selected order, with the last eligible team required to add the player if all other eligible teams have passed.
 - c. For each subsequent late registrant, these same procedures will be reapplied — that is, the late registrant will either be placed on his/her prior year's team as a returning player (per paragraph a. of this section) or a new randomly selected "pick or pass" order will be established for the late registrant (per paragraph b. of this section).
14. Any late Intermediate registrant will simply be put on the next available team based on the draft order (i.e., no "pick or pass" round).
15. Coaches are responsible to keep the draft order and discussions regarding players confidential. Coaches must contact all players on their team within three days after the draft.