

El Segundo Girls Softball

Player Selection Process / Draft

A. Definitions

1. Draft: The process of managers selecting players of her/his choice from all the players available in the division.
2. Protected Players: Refers to the right of a manager/coach to protect (freeze) a player(s) from being drafted by another team. All protected players must have board approval.
3. Mgr/Coach: All mgr/coaching combinations must be approved by the board and not create unreasonable balance to a division. Exception: 8U mgr/coach combinations are not subject to the same mgr/coaching restrictions as the 10U, 12U & 14U divisions.
4. Blocking: Refers to a player being blocked from being placed on a specific team. Blocks can be on a manager, coach, or another player. This request must be made to the player agent/board and approved.
5. Returning Player: A player that is returning to the same division.
6. Incoming Player: A player that is coming up into the division.
7. Inexperienced Player: A player who has no previous softball experience.
8. Siblings: Siblings will be placed on the same team if so requested. After the first sister has been drafted, the second sister will be protected (frozen) and drafted in the round that she is designated.

B. Player Selection

1. All teams in the 8U, 10U, 12U and the 14U divisions will be formed by a selective draft.
2. Each team can protect up to two players. Exception: siblings
3. Prior to the draft (3 days), the managers will declare their protected players.
4. Players that are protected must be drafted first in the round that they are designated.
5. A coach may be present at the draft with the manager. At the beginning of the draft each manager will designate to the player agent, who will be speaking for the team. This is the only person who can speak for the team during the entire selection process. If a manager cannot be present, then a coach may represent the manager with approval from the player agent.
6. A serpentine method will be used. The team drafting last in each round will make the first selection in the next round.
7. Each manager will select a number to determine the order of the draft selection and their team number for the season. The drawing of the numbers will be on a first come basis except in the 8U & 10U divisions or on the occasion team order has been set by the board in another division.
8. In the 8U/10U divisions, the first 2 rounds or pitching rounds will be predetermined prior to the draft and the selection process will begin in the 3rd round. The team numbers will be predetermined by the board prior to the draft. This is to ensure as much balance as possible to pitchers. Only mgrs who don't have a protected player as a pitcher will draw for a team number.
9. The 12U and 14U divisions will draft their own pitchers. Depending on the number of pitchers available, the board will determine whether one or two rounds will be blocked for pitching. After the pitching round/s are completed the remaining pitchers (if any) will drop down into their ratings to be selected in the draft.
11. The teams will then begin to draft their teams from the remaining girls.
12. As each player is drafted, her name will be entered on a master copy.
13. Managers may select a player from a lower grouping even if players are still available in a higher grouping. However, protected players must be drafted first if in a higher grouping.
14. Teams may drop to a lower grouping but must take a protected player or sister first within that grouping. Once the protected player has been drafted they may draft freely within that grouping.
15. If a manager selects a player that is blocked, the manager will be told that the player is blocked and will then select another player. No explanation for the blocking will be given.
16. When the last round is completed, teams have the option of trading players. Unfair trades that would cause an imbalance of the teams will not be allowed. All trading **must** be completed at this time and approved by the Player Agent, President and/or other present board members.

17. At the end of trading, each manager will immediately make out a team roster in alphabetical order. The final roster must be signed by the manager and returned to the player agent.

No trades will be made after the completion of this process unless extenuating circumstances exist and it is approved by the board!