

Player Evaluations and Draft - Minors

The purpose of player evaluations and the player draft is to create as much balance between the teams as is possible. It is important that all players are evaluated on the basic skills of hitting, fielding, and throwing the ball. We also will evaluate pitchers and catchers, as these are extremely important skill positions that have a major impact. Coaches give each player a score on each of the skills observed at the evaluations. These scores are then turned in to the Athletic Director to be totaled.

There then is a Pre-Draft meeting, attended by all the coaches, the Athletic Director, and the Baseball Commissioner. The point rankings for each player that were turned in to the A.D. are reviewed to make sure they are reasonable. Things like prior playing experience, All Star selection, etc., are considered to ensure that the player rankings are as accurate as possible. Of course we realize that some players will turn out to be much better than their evaluation, and other players may not do as well as expected. The goal is to arrive at the fairest evaluation we can. The other objectives of this pre-draft meeting are:

- determine the top rated pitchers in the league
- determine the top rated catchers in the league
- finalize head coaching positions, based upon the number of players evaluated
- discuss pairings of assistant coaches with head coaches in an effort to "balance" the coaching
- determine all "frozen" players (defined later)
- determine point values for unevaluated players
- discuss any rulings or situations which need further explanation
- review the draft ranking and change if necessary

The actual Player Draft meeting will work as follows:

- 1) Review who the "frozen" players are. Only family relations like sons, daughters, grandsons, nephews, etc., of rostered head and assistant coaches may normally be "frozen" players. The other "frozen" player consideration that PSAA may allow for is the family relation of a team sponsor. However, there can be only two "frozen" players per team, no exception. Also, two top rated pitchers or two known top rated catchers may not be frozen on the same team if both players fall within the same first round selection.
- 2) If a player that is "drafted" has a brother/sister, the brother/sister is automatically on the same team.
- 3) The first round is a pitcher round. Each team MUST select one of the top rated pitchers, which were determined at the pre-draft meeting. The second round should be a catcher, from the list of top rated catchers selected at the pre-draft meeting. If a coach chooses to select a player not in the "catchers round", he may do so.
- 4) Each subsequent round will be an open draft. The players will be ranked and listed from highest evaluation to lowest. The number of teams will determine the number of players in each round. If there are ties in ratings, all players with that rating will be considered part of that round. Any "frozen" players that are in a tied grouping must be taken in the round that they evaluate in, or where they naturally rank.
- 5) Each team will draw a number to determine the draft order for the first round. For each subsequent round, point totals per team will be accumulated and the draft order will be the lowest point total to the highest. Any ties in point totals will be decided by drawing numbers. Players may now be selected from any level of rating on the list. If in the final round, there are fewer players available than teams, each team will have the option of taking a player or passing. If there are players left, then these players will be selected by an equal number of teams, determined again by the lowest point total to the highest.
- 6) The Baseball Commissioner and the Athletic Director will determine who can attend the pre-draft meeting and the draft meeting. Only the coaches and assistant coaches with frozen players may be present.
- 7) Trading of players will be permitted only at the draft, and must be approved by all coaches. Exceptions for trading after the meeting would be for sponsor conflicts or coach issues, but all trades must still be approved by all coaches, the League Athletic Director, and the Baseball Commissioner.
- 8) Any player added after the draft must follow the draft rules and be approved by the Baseball Commissioner.