



2018-19: BASA Draft Rules

Here are some new guidelines that we will be incorporating for the 2018-19 Youth League season! We are excited that this will help our draft process be the fairest and most equitable it has ever been, and a benefit to all of our parents, the paying customers, **and most importantly, the kids.**

We have enjoyed unparalleled success and constant growth each year for our league. That is a testament to everyone involved, and specifically those volunteers who selflessly make "...the trains run on time." **Thank you for all that you do!**

The one area where we receive consistent feedback that needs improvement is how our teams are formed from the pre-season draft process. Inevitably, the draft process has created a top-heavy league with 1-2 teams at the top dominating the season, and 1-2 teams at the bottom that are unable to compete or learn from the experience. **This is demoralizing for what constitutes close to 20% of that age groups participants.**

To help alleviate this circumstance, which becomes a difficult experience for the family, fans and friends for those teams, and to help create a more equitable and balanced experience for all of our families and players, we will be implementing the **BASA Draft process.**

BASA stands for "**B**alanced **A**llocation of the **S**kills **A**ssesment." The BASA rules which we will apply are as follows:

1. **Two-player assignment limit for each team.** Head Coaches can have two players assigned to their team to start the draft. This is typically your own child, and your assistant coach's child. You can have more than one assistant, but the second assistant must be chosen from whomever is on your team after the draft. 2 players are the max, so if there is a sibling, those are your 2 players to start with. So, 2 players to start - of your choice.
2. **ALL other players are assigned by the league skills assessment process.** League officials will assign a Draft Specialist to assign players to each team based upon ability. The Skills Assessment testing that occurs prior to the season assigns scores to each player, and that scoring system will determine player assignment for each round of the draft. So, as an example, if there are ten teams, and there are 8 players with a score of 20 (the highest score), then those 8 go to

teams 1-8. Teams 9 and 10 get the next highest scoring level, and then a snake draft will give teams 9 and 10 the first picks in round two. Coach Green or Coach Dyer will provide verbal explanations if need be.

3. **The Draft Specialist will be a member of the Varsity coaching staff, and his/her notes will be made available to the youth league coaches after the draft.** Men's Varsity Assistant Tyler Lyons is the tentative choice for Youth League Draft Specialist at this time.

4. **Players must attend the Skills Assessment.** Players who do not attend will be randomly scored based upon available public information. Player names cross-referenced that knowingly play football in the community will be scored higher based upon sports training and assumed athleticism. No system is perfect, but we are committed to a blind, skills-based process.

This is the fairest process that achieved consensus from the Booster Club Board of Directors and should be an improvement in the make-up of the teams involved. There are obvious conflicts that can arise from this system, such as being on a team with their friends or carpooling with their neighbor. **But the *unanimous* opinion of the Board was the first priority would be an equitable draft system. This priority superseded all others.**