

LYAA

...Lakeshore Youth Athletic Association (Mooresville, NC)

“Building Community Through Youth Athletics”

Team Organization and Draft Procedures

The LYAA Football Program is designed to provide fundamental instruction in the game of football where children learn that their rewards are a direct result of their determination, hard work, persistence, and dedication to purpose. This is accomplished through an emphasis on sportsmanship, team play, self-discipline, integrity and fair participation.

It is our responsibilities as coaches to uphold these principles at all times through our actions and attitudes. To insure that these core values are upheld, a certain level of equality must be maintained. The following guidelines have been set forth to foster fairness and continuity in team composition:

Age Levels:

Varsity - 5th & 6th Grades

Junior Varsity - 3rd & 4th Grades

Team Size:

Teams will be comprised of at least 16 and not more than 22 players.

Coaches:

Each Team must have one Head Coach who may choose up to three Assistant Coaches. All coaches' children are evaluated and counted against the teams draft status at the appropriate skill level.

Evaluation:

The first six practices are considered as open evaluations. By the end of the last practice before draft day, all players must have an evaluated skill level of A, B, or C. Disagreements over skill level will be adjudicated by the Sport Director.

Team Continuity:

Complete teams (players and coaches) within an age level will remain together. Existing teams (players only) within an age level will be chosen via “blind draw” by new head coaches in that age level prior to the draft, thereby becoming a complete team. Complete teams rising across age levels will remain together. Players rising across age levels without a coach will be subject to the draft.

Players Option:

Any player/parent may elect to enter the draft. This election must be made in writing to the Sport Director, prior to the draft.

Siblings:

At a parent's written request, siblings will be placed together on a team, and counted against the team's draft status. **No other selections are allowed.**

Draft:

The draft will be overseen by the Sport Director, and attended by each head coach and one assistant. The Sports Director is responsible to maintaining rosters and managing team balance

Each complete team's makeup is evaluated and categorized by A, B and C players. The team with the fewest number of A players will choose first (in case of a tie, a number draw will be used). Teams will continue choosing until a relatively equal number of A players exist on each team.

Example:

(Team 3) has 5 existing A players, (Team 2) has 3 and (Team 1) has 2.

Assuming that 5 A players are available in the draft, the following could occur:

Team 1 picks A1 = 3-A Players on Team 1

Team 2 picks A2 = 4-A Players on Team 2

Team 1 picks A3 = 4-A Players on Team 1

Team 2 picks A4 = 5-A Players on Team 2

Team 1 picks A5 = 5-A Players on Team 1

Team 3 already has 5-A Players on Team 1 (Balanced)

- In case a balance can not be achieved, additional B picks will be awarded.
- Choosing a lower level player will automatically change their classification to that of the highest remaining player in the draft. (Choosing a B player when an A player is available makes that player an A).
- No passes are allowed (each team must draft a player on their assigned pick).

The above process will be repeated for B and C level players until all players have been assigned to a team.

Expansion Draft:

In the case of an expansion draft, (one or more additional teams are created due to increased registrations) the standard draft rules will be used to establish relatively equal teams.

If an acceptable level of parity can not be achieved, the Sport Directors may amend these rules in the best interest of the players and the organization.