

City of Santa Clarita
YOUTH SPORTS
Team Draft Process



A. DRAFT ORDER AND METHOD

1. The **Draft order** is determined by a random selection of numbers out of a hat. The numbers will correspond with the amount of teams for that division. Each coach will select their own number from the hat.
2. The **Draft method** will follow a “Serpentine” format where the order reverses itself at the end of each round, allowing for the coach with the last pick in the round to have the first pick in the following round.
3. Coaches will have **1 minute and 15 seconds** to select their pick during rounds 1, 2, and 3 and **45 seconds** to select their pick in all remaining rounds. If coaches do not draft a player before time expires, the next undrafted player on the ranking sheet will be drafted to their team.

B. COACHES AND THEIR CHILDREN

1. Coaches will be allowed to have **ONE Assistant Coach** for the draft. Assistant Coaches **MUST BE DECLARED ON ASSESSMENT DAY: NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. The children of the Head Coach and their Assistant Coach will be placed in the round assigned based on the Average Sheet created by the assessment results. Youth Sports reserves the right to approve or determine proper placement for each child if deemed necessary.
3. The child of a Head Coach or Assistant Coach not attending Player Assessments will be locked into no lower than the fourth round.
4. There will **NOT** be special arrangements for extended family or friends.

C. HAT PICKS

1. A “**Hat Pick**” is defined as a child who has not attended Player Assessments. These players will be randomly placed on teams by the Youth Sports Office following the general draft (unless labeled an “Impact Player”: see section C-2).
2. An “**Impact Player**” is defined as a “Hat Pick” player that could significantly impact a team and should be considered as a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd round player in the league. Should a “Hat Pick” be determined by Coaches and/or Youth Sports staff as an “Impact Player”, they will be made available to draft in the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Round. If the identified “Impact Player” is not drafted by the end of the 3rd Round, they will be removed from the eligible to be drafted list and randomly placed on teams by the Youth Sports Office.

D. TRADES

1. Drafted players may **NOT** be traded before, during, or after the Draft.

ALL Draft related questions or concerns must be expressed at the draft table for consideration. Protests will not be considered after the Draft has concluded. ALL DRAFTS ARE FINAL.