

LMYA

Policies and Procedures

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Sports - General

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Intramural
Team Selection (Drafting)

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1.0 Purpose

To establish a consistent means for the selection of individual players to intramural teams in all sports programs sponsored by the Lower Macungie Youth Association, Inc. (LMYA). The intent is to provide equal competition among LMYA intramural teams in the same age category, in order for fair and enjoyable competition to occur.

2.0 Scope

This policy covers the team selection process or draft for all LMYA intramural sports programs, including the requirements for new teams, the placement of brothers/sisters on the same team, and the impact of a coach's child on the selection process. Players in younger age groups (e.g., 8 and under) may be assigned to teams by the Sport Coordinator based on neighborhood/geographical area.

3.0 Responsibilities

The Sport Coordinator will be responsible for the administration of this policy.

The Intramural Sport Coordinator and/or Age Category coordinators will be responsible for implementing the rules established by this policy for the selection of intramural teams.

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for providing a master list of all available players by age category. The Committee may also provide a list of the previous year's team rosters upon request by the Sport Coordinator.

Coaches shall be responsible for abiding by the rules of this policy and seeing that a competitive balance is maintained among all LMYA intramural teams in the same age category.

4.0 Definitions

Draft - a method for selecting individual players from a group to fill intramural team rosters.

5.0 Procedure

Drafting will occur at the beginning of each season with players entering the draft selection process every time they move from one age category to the next age category (at a minimum). More frequent re-drafting may occur at the discretion of the Sport Coordinator.

As soon as possible after sign-ups, the Sport Coordinator shall make a determination of the number of teams which LMYA will sponsor for a given age category. When players sign up, they will return to their previous team if they are returning to the same age category or they may request to re-enter the draft.

If the number of teams is the same as the previous year, all players returning in the same age category will be re-assigned to last year's team.

If the number of teams is less than the previous year, the Sport Coordinator shall decide which team(s) will be disbanded. Returning players will be re-assigned to the available players' pool or placed on an existing team at the discretion of the Sport Coordinator.

If the number of teams is greater than the previous year, the new team(s) shall have the first choice in the player selection process. All teams will select one player in the first round.

The actual order of selection shall be determined in advance by the Sport Coordinator. A typical draft order would be the inverse of the previous season's finish or determined by the number of returning players on each team where the team with the least players drafts first and so on.

All available players in a given age category will be invited to participate in a general practice session where all coaches will be given the opportunity to assess the skills of the individual player. More than one session may be necessary to obtain a fair assessment, but this should be determined by the Intramural Sport Coordinator.

All players who were not able to attend the general practice session(s) shall be assigned to a team at random, i.e., by picking names out of a hat. They may NOT be chosen during the actual team selection process, with the exception that a coach may elect to draw a name from the hat at random as any one of his draft picks during the selection process.

The child of a head coach is automatically assigned to that team, unless otherwise requested by the coach. A head coach is allowed to select only one assistant coach before the draft. If the assistant coach's child is available in the player pool, he/she will be assigned to that team. Once an assistant coach is named, he or she will serve as assistant throughout the time that his or her child plays in this age category (i.e., teams may not "switch" assistant coaches from year to year to add more players). Other assistant coaches may be appointed once the team has been selected.

The actual selection process shall proceed as described in Exhibit A.

Should all coaches in a particular age group decide to modify the draft policy as described above and choose another method of selection, they must have the approval of 75% of the coaches in that age group and the Sport Coordinator.

6.0 Related Policies/Procedures

Individual Sports Policies

7.0 Exhibits

Exhibit A. Draft Process

**Exhibit A
Draft Process**

In the first round, all teams select a player based on the team selection order as defined by the Sport Coordinator.

In the second round, only the team with the fewest number of identified players (including returning players, coach's children, assistant coach's children, and brothers/sisters) selects a player. If two or more teams have the same number of least players, the team selection order used in the first round will determine who selects first.

Selection of players will continue in this fashion until all teams have the same number of players. The team selection order for the next round will be identical to that established by the Sport Coordinator. After that round, the team selection order for the next round will be exactly opposite of the first round. This reversing of team selection order will continue until all players have been selected.

EXAMPLE (3 teams, target: 14 players per team)

	<u>TEAM A</u>	<u>TEAM B</u>	<u>TEAM C</u>
Previous season finish	First	Second	Third
Number of returning players	6	4	8
Coach's child	1	1	1
Asst. coach's child	1	1	1
Brother/sister	1	0	0
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Team Roster prior to draft	9	6	10
DRAFT ORDER:			
Round 1	C	B	A
Round 2	B		
	<u>Basis for team selection order</u>		
	Based on previous season		
	Team B starts round with only 7 players		

Round 3	B				Team B starts round with only 8 players
Round 4	B				Team B starts round with only 9 players
Round 5	B	A			Team A and B start round with 10 players
Round 6	C	B	A		All teams start round with 11 players
Round 7	A	B	C		Reverse selection order rule applies
Round 8	C	B	A		Continuation of reversing order rule
End of Draft	(All teams now have 14 players)				