

ASSIGNING NEW PLAYERS TO A TEAM

“New Player” is defined as a potential full-time player coming into the league after the draft has been completed. He will be rated 1-6: #1 (highest), #2, #3, #4, #5, or #6.

A New Player desiring to join the league must attend a practice to be rated by at least three board members or be known to at least two board members. Ratings will be based on the following criteria: (1) running, (2) hitting, (3) hitting for power, (4) fielding, (5) throwing, and (6) intangible.

If the New Player's skill level is deemed appropriate for inclusion in the league, he will immediately be included in the league and either (1) placed on a team if there is an opening or (2) placed in the player pool and waiting list if there is no opening and remain there until an opening exists.

OBJECTIVE

In order of importance, the following represents the league's objective when filling open team roster positions:

- 1) In order to encourage new player interest in our league, placement of eligible players to fill a roster spot as soon as a roster spot is available;
- 2) As much as possible, maintain “competitive balance” among the league teams;
- 3) Streamline the procedure for timely and efficient placement of players on a team;
- 4) Minimize the “stacking” of a team.

PROCEDURE

1) During draft: The team manager has the sole responsibility/authority for selecting the players for his team.

2) Subsequent to draft: With one exception noted below (item d.), a quorum of board members will assign players to teams. A board member will notify a player when that player is assigned to a team or the board member will ask the team manager to make such notification.

A team manager is not authorized to unilaterally notify a player of assignment to a team.

a. A manager must notify a league official when he officially drops a player from his team roster. “Retroactive” notification dates will not be recognized. To avoid confusion, such notification must be in writing (or e-mail).

b. Board members will be responsible for recording the official “roster opening” date when a team roster opening occurs.

c. Board members will be responsible for recording the “eligibility to play” date for new players approved to play in the league.

d. A New Player will be assigned to a team, in order, based on his “eligibility to play” date, his rating, and the rating of the player he is replacing. The rating of the New Player must be within one level of the rating of the player he is replacing (exception: a #4 may replace a #6); otherwise, he will be placed in the player pool and on a waiting list until there is an opening.

If a New Player can replace more than one player, he will replace the player with the earliest “roster opening” date. If more than one player have the identical “roster opening” date, league officials will flip a coin to determine order of selection.

If more than one New Player has the same “eligibility to play” date, the manager may select the player for his team from those players. This is the only circumstance, post-draft, where the manager can select a new player.

e. Unfilled draft roster openings: Draft roster openings that were not filled during the draft, will be filled subsequent to the draft based on draft order and the criteria above. However, if draft positions are not filled, and other (any team) roster openings occur as a result of a player being dropped from a roster, the filling of such a roster position(s) takes priority, in every case, over filling an unfilled draft roster opening.

f. A team which loses players thus placing that team's roster number below the team with the then lowest number of roster openings will receive priority for receiving replacement players until its roster number is equal to the team with the next lowest roster player number. At that point in time, the priority of receiving replacement players switches back to the criteria identified in this procedure based on "roster opening" dates.

g. When a player who is placed on the "disabled list" (DL) is ready to play on a team on a regular basis, his original "eligibility to play" date will be the determining factor in terms of where he fits in the "queue" for placement on a team. As a result of this "eligibility to play" date, in most cases, the player coming off the DL will be placed on a team before new players entering the league.