

RBPW Football Team Placement and Formation Policy

All tackle football divisions (8U through 14U) with multiple teams will be established through evaluations and an open draft at their respective division similar to the policy of other teams within the West Coast Conference. The intent is to balance the Local track teams to be equally competitive. Conversely, National track teams are considered the competitive team(s) in that division.

Important points of the policy are as follows:

1. All players will receive a Priority Number on a first-come, first served basis determined by date of online registration. The Priority Number defines a player's priority to be placed on a team. In a situation where there are more players than eligible roster spots, players will be placed on teams based on registration priority number until the team is full. Those not placed on a team will be placed on a waiting list.
2. All players will be placed into their eligible age divisions according to National and Local Pop Warner rules.
3. It is highly encouraged that all eligible players attend the evaluation for their appropriate division prior to the draft. The evaluations are intended to place eligible players on the appropriate team, based on individual experience and ability.
4. All eligible players that do not attend the evaluation and draft will be placed on teams without the benefit of evaluation at the discretion of the RBPW Board in consultation with the coaches participating in the draft.
5. The evaluation and draft will be coordinated by the VP of Football (coaches representative) and Player Agent. At least one other non-coaching Board member must be present.
6. The draft will take place immediately following the evaluations. All trades and eligible moves must be completed following the draft. Player movement will not be allowed after the coaches have concluded the draft process. Please reference the policy below for adding new players to an existing roster after teams have been formed and commenced practice.
7. **Coaches and parents are forbidden from initiating contact with other families and players with the specific intent to recruit them from one team to another.** If approached by a family for advice, coaches are permitted to answer parent questions and give honest views as to the child's abilities and placement on either team. Any coach or parent determined to have violated this policy (or the spirit of this policy) shall be subject to penalties, including suspension from the league for up to one year, as may be determined by RBPW Board.

The draft will follow the evaluations. The purpose of the draft is to fill the vacancies on the respective teams with a balanced set of players based on existing football experience and positional needs.

- a. The draft will be a discussion between the coaches and will not involve parents or players.

Draft Procedure Policy:

8U through 14U levels are divided into National track and Local track teams, with National track designated as the more competitive level. "A, B and C" teams at the Local track level are drafted according to the procedures below.

All players are allocated to teams based on player evaluations and a draft by the head coaches. After the draft, player placement is final, opting out of playing at a certain division is not permitted, i.e. players may not opt out of being drafted by the "A" coach.

1. In the case where there is a level with at least one "National Track" team and one "Local Track" team, the coach of the "National Track" team drafts first up to the maximum number of players for their team. At that point, if there is only one "Local Track" team at that level, the "Local Track" team will have the remaining number of players in the draft placed on their team.
2. If there is more than one "National Track" team at a level, then those two (or more) "National Track" coaches shall alternate draft picks until their respective teams are full. Prior to the "National Track" coaches drafting their teams, returning coaches may protect up to 5 returning players of parents from their certified volunteer roster (i.e. coach's roster) from the year prior before the draft begins. This is intended to allow a returning coach to keep its coaching staff together if he so desires. New "National Track" coaches are not permitted to protect players prior to a draft. A "National Track" coach may not draft a player who is legitimately protected on a "Local Track" roster, i.e. a returning "Local Track" coach who protects the player of a returning volunteer from the certified volunteer roster from the previous year may protect the player from being drafted by the "National Track" team.
3. Once the "National Track" teams have been drafted, the "Local Track" coaches shall draft their teams subject to a returning "Local Track" coach's right to protect certain returning players prior to the "Local Track" draft. All new and returning players who have specified a coach request at registration will also be protected by each respective coach. Prior to the "Local Track" coaches drafting their teams, returning "Local Track" coaches may protect **up to 5 additional** returning players of parents from their certified roster from the year prior before the draft begins. This is intended to allow a returning coach to keep its coaching staff together if he so desires. New "Local Track" coaches are not permitted to protect players prior to a draft unless they were certified an assistant coach from the previous season at the discretion of the RBPW Board.

4. After a coach has announced the identity and number of players they wish to protect and coach requests have been submitted, the team with the fewest number of protected players will pick the first number of players until their roster is equal to the next number of protected players of another team. (For example, if there are three teams – Team A, B, and C - that protect 5, 3, and 0 players respectively, then Team C that protects 0 players gets the first three players in the draft. Then Team B selects one player and alternates draft picks with Team C until Team B and C both have 5 players like Team A. At that point, Team A selects the next player and Team A, B and C alternate draft picks until their teams are full.) In all respects regarding this policy, the RBPW Board reserves the right in its sole discretion to adjust or interpret the policy and make any final determinations which it deems to be in the best interest of the organization.

Policy for Adding Players to an Existing Roster after the Draft and To An Already Certified Roster:

1. Generally, no "new players" will be allowed to be added to a roster by the league following two full weeks of practice. A new player is defined as someone not on a roster. However, under special circumstances and upon the RBPW Board and Conference discretion a new player may be joined to a team after the draft and after the league has certified rosters.
2. Upon RBPW Board's discretion, with discussion with the "A" and "B" coaches, the new player will be added appropriately if the roster allows.
3. The new player must have all paperwork turned into RBPW before being added.
4. The RBPW Board must approve the new player for practice--not the coaching staff.
5. The new player must complete 10 hours of conditioning followed by 10 hours of practice in pads before playing in a scrimmage or game.
6. The new player must be added to the revised roster and the roster will need to be **recertified** by the West Coast Conference before playing in any scrimmages or games.