



South Clackamas Athletic Association

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1. DEFINITIONS

- SCAA – South Clackamas Athletic Association
- CCJBA – Clackamas County Junior Baseball Association
- JBO – Junior Baseball Organization, Inc.
- ASA – Amateur Softball Association
- Board – SCAA Board of Directors
- Player – Registered playing member of the SCAA
- Head Coach – A Coach who is officially listed on the State-approved team roster and is generally in charge of the coordination and direction of team activities.
- Assistant Coach – Coach who is associated with a specific team belonging to the SCAA, other than the Head Coach, and is named on the official coaches roster. Two assistant coaches per team—CCJBA Rule.
- Division – One of six age groups (T-Ball, 8-Year Minor, Midget, Junior, Senior and Cub) that players are divided into for play.
- League – One of the skill levels (Federal, American, National) within the Midget and Junior Divisions.
- Protected Player – A player who is made unavailable to any other team in the draft. Protected players are identified prior to the beginning of any draft within a Division.
- Retained Player – A player who is made unavailable to any other team during the current year within a specific League draft. Retained players remain eligible to be drafted to a higher League. Retained players are identified after any previous League drafts and prior to the beginning of the retaining coach's League draft and must have played for the coach the previous year.

2. MISSION STATEMENT

The SCAA is a non-profit organization affiliated with Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. The organization consists of a Board of Directors, Coaches and the Players, and exists for the purpose of providing the opportunity for children generally between the ages of 5 years and 15 years old to practice, play and learn the game of baseball.

The objective of the organization is to provide the most positive and rewarding youth sports experience possible for all players of every age and skill level, while providing the opportunity to maximize each player's skill development, knowledge of the game of baseball, and recognition of the importance of sportsmanship.

The organization is also involved in activities necessary to raise funds to support the accomplishment of the general objectives of the program. These activities include the operation and maintenance of facilities for the purpose of selling concessions and conducting tournaments and those fundraising activities involving the Coaches and Players.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

3.1 BASEBALL

The SCAA baseball program is structured to allow each player to participate at a skill and motivation level that is correct for that individual. The structure consists of four Divisions: T-Ball (5-7 year olds), 8-Year Minor (8 year old), Midget (9 & 10 year olds), Junior (11 & 12 year olds) and, depending upon registered participants, Senior (13 & 14 year olds) and Cub (15 year olds). Within each division above T-Ball and 8-Year Minor there are three Leagues. The National League is intended for the least experienced or skilled player. The American League is intended for the player with average experience and skill. The Federal League is intended for players more experienced, skilled, and competitive.

This program structure allows teams competing within each Division and League during the regular season the opportunity to advance beyond the regular season schedule and into post-season competition at the County and State levels.



The National High School Federation rulebook, with some modifications, governs play within the SCAA. The modifications are specific to each Division, and are designed to allow players at younger levels to compete while following the Federation rulebook as closely as possible.

3.2 SOFTBALL

The SCAA softball program falls under the jurisdiction, rules and procedures of the Amateur Softball Association.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 GENERAL

The operation and activities of the SCAA is overseen and directed by a Board of Directors comprised of seven members. This board shall consist of the following seven members:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Area Head
- Field & Equipment Coordinator
- Umpire Coordinator

The Board of Director seats shall be elected positions, with the exception of the President. The expiring Vice President shall fill the President's position. The Vice President position shall be accepted with the understanding and intention that the individual shall ascend to the position of President after successfully serving the Vice President term. All positions shall be for a two-year term of office beginning in December. Should a vacancy occur in any of the Board of Director positions prior to the expiration of that position's term, the President shall appoint a replacement to serve out the term. Should the President fail to serve out a term of office, the Vice President shall serve out the remainder of the President's term as President. Should both the President and Vice President fail to serve out their term in office, a new President and Vice President shall be elected by a majority vote of current Head Coaches.

4.2 ELECTIONS

Annual elections shall take place after the end of the current year's season, during the November Board Meeting.

- SCAA coaches and Board members shall make nominations for Board positions.
- Board positions shall be elected by a majority vote of Board members and/or Head Coaches
- The President shall cast any require deciding vote in the event of a tie vote.
- Nominations shall be solicited for Board member positions a minimum of one meeting ahead of elections.
- All Board positions are volunteer positions.
- Board Members should attend a minimum of 75% of regularly scheduled board meetings.
- Board Meetings shall be held monthly (or as often as necessary) during the year.

4.3 PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all SCAA meetings, to perform such duties as it pertains to the office of President, or to perform other duties as the Board of Directors may direct.

- Schedule and call Board meetings, Coaches meetings and any other applicable Association meetings.
- Supervise the nomination and election of new board members each year as needed.
- Supervise SCAA player drafts or tryouts and work with the coaches in forming teams.
- Authorize all monetary expenditures and checks issued by the SCAA.
- Resolve requests by players and/or parents for team changes.
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors

4.4 VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the SCAA President, the Vice President shall exercise all powers of the President.

- Serve as the official representative (area head) of the Association at county or state meetings.
- Serve as the SCAA Representative for purposes of representation and/or interaction with County, State or other Associations.
- Provide Board representation for issues related to players/coaches, parents/coaches, team changes and aid in the resolution of these issues.
- Investigate on behalf of the Board, complaints related to coach and player actions.
- Relay all requests by players and/or parents for team changes to the Board.
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors



4.5 TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to supervise all money belonging to the SCAA, to make deposits in a reliable bank, to supervise the paying out of funds, and to keep accurate and current records of account activities. Additionally, the Treasurer shall regularly advise the Board of current financial account statuses at each regular Board of Directors meeting.

- Sign all checks issued by the SCAA
- The President must approve all checks over \$500.
- Provide a financial report to the Board at all monthly board meetings documenting the status of accounts of the SCAA
- Arrange insurance coverage as directed by the Board of Directors for the SCAA
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.
- Collect any outstanding product and/or money from coaches and/or players as required.
- Provide the Board with a full report of the amount of money raised by each team in the Association.
- Arrange for and/or purchase and distribute to coaches any prizes or awards to be issued to players for participation in fund raising activities.
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.

4.6 SECRETARY

The Secretary is responsible for drafting and publishing correspondence for all SCAA activities. The Secretary shall coordinate all activities associated with: regulation, including the issuance of registration letters and announcements, publicity, procuring a registration site(s), and the collection of registration forms.

- Retain current Association copies of player registration forms
- Maintain a record of player information containing at minimum: name address, phone, parent's name and coach.
- Record minutes at all Board and Coaches meetings.
- Collect and count all ballots for Board elections.
- Collection of late registrations and coordinating with the Board to place the late registering players on teams.
- Work with the President in setting up player drafts.
- Work with the Treasurer in depositing registration fee funds.
- Provide each Coach with one copy of the registration form for each player on that coach's team.
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.

4.7 AREA HEAD

The Area Head will be the coordinator and link between SCAA and Clackamas County Junior Baseball and the liaison between SCAA and Junior Baseball of Oregon. The Area Head will vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.

4.8 FIELD & EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

This position requires that the field schedules for games are sent to the appropriate venues so that fields are prepped for games properly. This position also is to make sure that each team has and is in possession of the proper equipment before the start of the season and meets JBO's official specifications. Each coach is responsible for adhering to the rules of safety and is responsible to let the equipment coordinator know if they are in need of any equipment. The Field & Equipment Coordinator will vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.

4.9 UMPIRE COORDINATOR

The Umpire Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of all activities relating to the umpiring & officiating of baseball games for the SCAA. The Umpire Coordinator shall act as a liaison between the umpire crews, coaches and the Board of Directors.

- Responsibility for the scheduling of umpires for all SCAA-related baseball games.
- Coordinate and oversee the annual Umpire Training Clinics for purposes of umpire certification and training for SCAA umpires.
- Assist in the regular recruitment of umpires to ensure sufficient coverage to officiate league and/or tournament games.
- Regularly review and monitor the performance and effectiveness of umpires during the baseball season; assist with additional individualized training as needed.
- Vote on all issues before the Board of Directors.



5. COACHING INFORMATION

5.1 COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications of all coaches will be reviewed by the Board to ensure the quality and integrity of the SCAA. Coaches are required to complete and submit an application to coach in the SCAA, and sign any applicable *coaching contract* as may be required by the SCAA, CCJBA or JBO. Coaches will also be subject to a criminal background check. Specific requirements of coaches shall include:

- Present street address within the boundary of SCAA player eligibility.
- Current driver's license.
- Current auto license.
- Personal references relating to past coaching experience and character.

5.2 COACH SELECTION

All persons wishing to coach within the SCAA must notify the Board of Directors prior to the scheduled day of try-outs. Applications to coach shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board before a coach will be allowed to field a team.

Candidates for coaching positions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Meeting the coaching qualifications as outlined within these bylaws.
- Past coaching experience in baseball and/or other sport.
- Personal experience gained from playing, attending clinics, or other specific training.
- Personal references.

Should the number of coaches requesting to coach at a particular level exceed the number of teams the SCAA will field at that level, the Board will make the final selection of coaches. The selection will be made after the Board conducts interviews with each prospective coach. The Board shall complete this process prior to the player tryouts and draft process.

The following criteria shall be used for the purpose of coach selection in the event that more candidates exist than there are coaching positions available.

- Number of players from last year's team eligible and qualified to play at the level under consideration;
- Past experience with the SCAA;
- Player at a higher level;
- Player at a lower level;
- As head coach at a higher level;
- As head coach at a level under consideration;
- As head coach at a lower level;
- As assistant head coach at a higher level;
- As assistant head coach at a level under consideration;
- As assistant head coach at a lower level;
- Player(s) eligible and qualified to play at level under consideration is the son of head coach;
- Experience coaching baseball at the high school, collegiate, or comparable level

5.3 COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Coaches are responsible for conducting themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the field and around the playing area. This shall include attendance at all SCAA games, tournaments, and other meetings or functions at which the Coach formally or informally represents the SCAA, or is recognized as being a member of the SCAA. Inappropriate actions shall include but not be limited to the use of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate physical contact or verbal abuse of players or umpires, or any other actions or behavior determined to be injurious or hostile to the interests of the SCAA.

Specific responsibilities of Coaches shall include as a minimum the following tasks:

- Notify all players within 72 hours of the completion of the draft that they have been selected to that Coach's team.
- Schedule, organize and conduct a minimum of two practices per week prior to the start of the regularly scheduled season and one per week during the season, weather permitting and dependent upon field availability.



- Solicit the help of player's parents or other qualified individuals to participate as assistant coaches (include them on the official SCAA coach's roster), and team parent.
- Attend all games and practices or appoint an assistant coach or other qualified individual to function as Head Coach for any game or practice the Head Coach is not able to attend.
- Promote and oversee team participation in SCAA fundraising events and encourage player and parent participation in these events.
- Ensure that a scorebook is kept at all games.
- Be responsible for the safety and well-being of all players, ensuring that they wear appropriate clothing and equipment at all times.
- Supervise the activities of all players at practices, games and other SCAA functions. This includes such things as ensuring that all players are picked up by the parents or other responsible individuals after such activities. Do not leave until all players are picked up.
- In the event a home game is rained out, notify the Coach of the other team and the Umpire Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Reschedule all games rained out according to established SCAA rules.
- Responsible for providing leadership to players during practice, games, and other SCAA activities.
- Attend regularly scheduled coaches meetings. If a Head Coach cannot attend a meeting, arrange for an assistant coach or other qualified individual to attend in the Head Coaches absence.
- Attend scheduled coaching clinics and encourage Assistant Coaches to attend.
- Publish and distribute a team roster at the beginning of the season.
- Attend tryouts and participate in player evaluations. Participate in the player draft. Be responsible for all SCAA equipment that is issued. Any equipment lost during the season shall be reported as soon as possible and not later than the end of the season.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions and behavior of players at all times. This shall include all time before, during and after games and practices, on and off the field, and in the field area.
- Responsible for teaching and demonstrating sportsmanship whether winning or losing to all players.
- Require appropriate behavior and good sportsmanship from player's parents and fans. Be responsible for the conduct of Assistant Coaches and player's parents.

6. FUNDRAISING

All coaches and players are expected to participate in any fundraising events prescribed by the Board of Directors of SCAA; participation is mandatory. Additionally, in order to avoid conflicts with fundraising activities coordinated by the SCAA, all fundraising conducted by a specific team outside the activities coordinated by the SCAA are subject to review and approval by the Board. A proposal that includes a description of the fundraising activity and what the funds raised will be used for must be presented to the Board. When the Board approves specific fundraising activities, documentation of the activity's earnings and what was purchased with the funds raised must be submitted to the Board as soon as the activity is complete.

7. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

7.1 PLAYERS

All players are responsible for conducting themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the field and around the playing area. Unacceptable behavior shall include the use of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, missed practices and/or games, or any other actions or behavior determined to be injurious or hostile to the interests of the SCAA.

Coaches shall have the authority to suspend any player who willfully violates the rules and guidelines of the SCAA. In the event of the willful violation of player conduct guidelines by any player, the following steps shall be taken as needed to resolve the problem:

- The Head Coach shall speak with the player to see if the problem can be resolved.
- If the problem goes unresolved, the Head Coach shall speak to the parents of the player to see if the problem can be resolved.
- The Head Coach shall notify a Board member regarding the problem after discussion with the parent(s).
- If the problem continues unresolved, the Head Coach may suspend the player or recommend dismissal of the player to the Board.
- The Board shall handle a formal dismissal of any player. Before dismissal, a hearing shall be conducted with the Head Coach and Board. At this hearing, the Player and/or the Player's parent(s) shall have the opportunity to present the Player's case, calling any witnesses to speak at the hearing in support of the Player's case.
- Dismissal of a Player shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board.



7.2 COACHES

Coaches are responsible for conducting themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the field and around the playing area. This shall include attendance at all league games, tournaments and other meetings and/or functions at which the Coach formally or informally represents the SCAA, or is recognized as being a member of the SCAA. Inappropriate actions shall include but not be limited to the use of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate physical contact or verbal abuse of players or umpires, or any other actions or behavior determined to be injurious or hostile to the interests of the SCAA. The Board shall have the authority to suspend any Coach who willfully violates the rules and guidelines of the SCAA.

In the event of the willful violation of Coaching conduct guidelines or responsibilities by any Coach:

- The President shall speak to the Coach to see if the problem can be resolved.
- The President shall document the discussion held with the Coach regarding the matter by notifying and informing the Board of the discussion.
- If the problem is not resolved and additional violations occur, the Board shall have the authority to dismiss the Coach.
- The Board shall perform formal dismissal of any Coach. Before dismissal, a hearing shall be conducted with the Coach and Board. At this hearing the Coach shall have the opportunity to present his/her case, calling any witnesses to speak in support of the Coach's case.
- Dismissal of a coach shall require a 2/3 vote of the board.

7.3 BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members are responsible for conducting themselves in an appropriate manner on and off the field and around the playing area. This shall include attendance of all SCAA games, tournaments, other meetings and/or functions at which the Board Member formally or informally represents the SCAA, or is recognized as being a member of the SCAA. Inappropriate actions shall include but not be limited to the use of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate physical contact or verbal abuse of players or umpires, misappropriation of funds, or any other actions or behavior determined to be injurious or hostile to the interests of the SCAA. The Board shall have the authority to suspend any Board Member who willfully violates the rules and guidelines of the SCAA. In the event of the willful violation of conduct guidelines and responsibilities by any Board Member:

- The President shall speak to the Board Member regarding the inappropriate action to see if the problem can be resolved.
- The President shall document the discussion held with the Board Member regarding the matter by notifying and informing the Board of the discussion.
- If the problem is not resolved and additional violations occur, the Board shall have the authority to dismiss the Board Member.
- The Board shall perform the formal dismissal of any Board Member. Before dismissal, a hearing shall be conducted with the Board Member and the Board. At this hearing the Board Member shall have the opportunity to present his/her case, calling any witnesses to speak in support of the Board Member's case.
- Dismissal of a Board Member shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board. The Board Member under consideration for dismissal shall not have a vote in the dismissal decision.

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

8.1 GENERAL

Children between the ages of 5 and 15 years old on or before August 1 of the year of play are eligible, as defined by Junior Baseball of Oregon. A player beyond the age of 15 years old as described above shall be considered eligible to participate if he/she is attending school in the same grade level as the majority of 15-year olds.

The area boundary, for the purpose of determining eligibility for participation in the SCAA, shall be defined as all addresses which reside within school district boundaries of Beavercreek, Clarks, Mulino and Carus. Players must reside, at the time of registration, at an address within the area boundary of the SCAA and be regularly attending school at one of the referenced schools (or home schooled or attending a private school) to be eligible. Players from outside these boundaries shall be eligible to participate in the SCAA program if agreement has been reached and a "player waiver form" is received from the Area Representative for the player's area of residence, and the SCAA Area Representative. All requirements of Junior Baseball of Oregon must also be met.



Players who reside at an address that does not lie within the boundaries of any JBO program may be eligible to participate in SCAA with the approval of an SCAA Board Member.

8.2 SPECIFIC AGE GROUPS

The following guidelines shall be used for the determination of player eligibility for each age group.

- T-Ball Generally at least 5 years old and not older than 7 years old on or before August 1 of the season being played or attending first or second grade in the spring of the year of play. Players who are 4 years old on or before August 1 can play only if their parent is the Head Coach or Assistant Coach of the team they will be playing on. However, upon the request of a player's parent, the Board shall consider eligibility.
- 8-Year Minor Generally eight years old on or before August 1 of the season of play or attending second grade in the spring of the year of play
- Midget Generally not older than 10 years old on or before August 1 of the season of play or attending third or fourth grade in the spring of the year of play.
- Junior Generally not older than 12 years on or before August 1 of the season of play or attending fifth or sixth grade in the spring of the year of play.
- Senior Generally not older than 14 years on or before August 1 of the season of play or attending seventh grade or eighth grade in the spring of the year of play
- Cub Generally not older than 15 years on or before August 1 of the season of play or attending eighth grade or ninth grade in the spring of the year of play.

At all age levels, a player exceeding the age limitation described above shall be considered eligible to play at a particular age level if the player is attending school in the same grade level as the majority of players at that level.

Based on maturity and skill level, if a player desires to move up to an advanced level of play (typically one level), the parent may solicit the Board and provide written request for consideration. This request must be submitted prior to try-outs. The player will be evaluated at the time of try-outs and if the player's maturity, skills and abilities are acceptable with playing at the next Division up, the Board will consider the request. The Board's decision is final.

9. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

9.1 GENERAL

No player will be allowed to participate in practice or games until the Board Secretary has received a completed registration form and the registration fee is received by the Board Treasurer.

- Registration shall be held in January of each year.
- Formal registration sessions shall be scheduled on a minimum of one weekday evening and/or one weekend day and/or by mail.
- Notification of registration times and places shall be mailed to all previous players who are eligible to play during the upcoming season.
- Mail in registration shall be allowed.
- Final deadline for all registrations shall be February 1. (Special consideration may be given by the Board of Directors for special circumstances or for new residents of the area to permit late registration.)
- All players must submit a completed registration form and pay the required registration fee prior to participating in any practice or game activities.
- Players will be subject to a late fee for registration forms submitted after February 1.
- Registration ends February 15.
- The Board shall forward all registration applications received after the completion of the draft to the Board Secretary for review. The Board may assign players registering late to a team.

9.2 REGISTRATION FEE

- The registration fee shall contribute toward costs associated with a player's participation in the SCAA for a single season.



- The Board, as required to meet the financial needs of the program objectives, shall annually determine the registration fee amount.
- The registration fee amount shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors each year.
- Payment of a registration fee by each player shall be made at the time of registration.
- The amount of the registration fee shall be reduced for all additional players from a single family (household) after payment of the standard fee is made for the first player to register.
- The registration fee shall be waived for players who are members of the Board member's families.

9.3 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship consideration shall be given to any player whose family is not able to pay the full registration fee at the time of registration. Evidence of need and/or a discussion of the familial circumstances must be communicated to the Board to establish eligibility for scholarship consideration. The Board suggests that this evidence be in the form of notification/confirmation by the player's school of the player's eligibility for the "School Lunch Subsidy Program."

The following methods of registration fee reimbursement may also be considered by the Board in lieu of payment in full of the registration fee for qualifying players.

- Payment of the registration fee in installments arranged and agreed to by the Board and the player's parents.
- A combination of a reduced fee to be paid and participation in concessions sales or other volunteer duties or activities associated with the SCAA, as agreed to between the Board and the player's parent(s).

10. PLAYER DRAFT & TRYOUT INFORMATION

10.1 GENERAL

The draft process of the selection of players to teams is organized to match together players of similar age and skill level on teams. This process allows for participation by all players at levels that provide the challenges needed for growth and at the same time ensure a competitive level at which players will have a successful baseball experience.

10.2 TEAM DISTRIBUTION

The number of teams fielded by the Association each year will be determined by the number of players registered within each Division. There will be a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players on any team. Prior to the draft the number of teams to be drafted within each Division will be determined to maintain team rosters within these guidelines. The number of players drafted to any individual team may be limited, allowing the creation of an additional team as necessary, to prevent more than 15 players from having to be drafted by any team. Any changes to these numbers are subject to review and approval by the Board.

If, through the independent and Board evaluation, the Board believes that there is enough talent for a federal team, then a Federal team will be drafted at that level.

The distribution of teams within the Federal, American, and National Leagues shall be determined by the total number of teams fielded by the SCAA in each Division, and is governed by Clackamas County Junior Baseball Association guidelines. Waivers will be required for team distribution outside the following matrix. Team distribution shall be as follows:

Number of SCAA Teams in a Division	Number of Federal League Teams	Number of American League Teams	Number of National League Teams
3	0	1	2
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	3
6	1	2	3
7	1	2	4
8	2	2	4
9	2	3	4
10	2	3	5

10.3 TRYOUTS

Player try-outs will be scheduled and coordinated by the Board. They will be conducted for players who will be participating in the Midget and Junior Divisions prior to conducting the draft. Try-outs will not be held for players participating in the T-Ball or 8-year Minor Divisions.



Try-outs are conducted for the purpose of evaluating a player's skills in relative terms as compared to other players. The results of the try-outs are used as a basis for the selection of players during the draft. Try-outs will most likely be held on a Saturday in February each year. Separate try out times may be scheduled for players participating in each division. Players being considered for play at the Federal level may be asked to participate in a second try out. There may be two days of try-outs for each level. Try-out sessions will consist of various stations to properly evaluate each player including throwing, fielding, hitting and running. Parents will be asked to not be present during the try-outs.

10.3.1 Players

All players should be encouraged to participate in the try-outs, and the players who wish to be considered for the Federal and/or American League draft are required to participate in try-outs.

Any player who does not participate in try-outs and is not protected or retained by his/her previous year's coach will be placed in the general draft for selection.

10.3.2 Coaches

Coaches at all age levels are expected to encourage more proficient and skilled players to try-out for the American and/or Federal team in their division. This is necessary to provide the best opportunity for development of their skills to the highest level possible and participate with players of similar skills.

Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the try-outs for the purpose of player's evaluation and preparation for the draft. The Board will attempt to provide independent evaluations for all players participating in try-out for use by coaches. These will be made available to all coaches prior to the time of the draft.

10.4 DRAFT PROCEDURES (Midget, Junior, Senior and Cub Divisions)

The draft will be coordinated and managed by the board. It will most often take place on a weekday evening within two weeks following try-outs.

10.4.1 Draft facilitators

Board Members, or qualified persons appointed by the President, shall facilitate the draft process for each Division during the draft. The Facilitator(s) shall conduct the flipping of coins to establish the coaches' draft selection sequence, shall record the results of the draft process for submittal to the Secretary and mediate the draft process as necessary.

10.4.2 Participants

All coaches must participate in the draft process, and select players for the team they will coach. In the event that a Head Coach cannot be present at the draft, the Board must be notified prior to the draft. The Head Coach shall then arrange for an Assistant Coach or other appropriate representative for the Head Coach to be present and act on behalf of the Head Coach.

10.4.3 Information to be provided to Coaches

A list identifying all players eligible to be drafted will be provided to all coaches at the time of the draft. This list shall identify players by name, draft try out number and include available information pertinent to the selection of the player (e.g., past experience, etc.). Players previously selected in any prior drafts will also be identified.

10.4.5 Draft sequence

The draft will be conducted in the following sequence: Federal team(s), American team(s), and National team(s). Each level will finish the draft process prior to the beginning of the next level draft. Without prior Board approval, Coaches may only be present at, and participate in, the draft at the level they will be coaching.

10.4.6 Federal team draft

Commonly, the Federal team(s) will be established after the completion of the try outs and prior to the general draft. It is customary for the Federal coach(es) to call each player (and/or player parents) that they plan to select for the Federal team prior to the draft, and to confirm that the player wishes to play at that level. In this manner, the Federal team is confirmed prior to the scheduled general draft.

The names of players drafted to the Federal team will not be released beyond the SCAA until the completion of the general draft. Player selections to the Federal team(s) at each age level are subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors.

10.4.7 Protected Players



Prior to the beginning of the draft selection process for each Division, coaches may “protect” a specified number of players, as further defined herein, from being drafted by any other League coach within the Division. All players within each Division will be eligible for the general draft with the following exceptions:

Each returning Head Coach from the previous baseball season will be allowed to protect three (3) players from the general draft.

- The three (3) players must be the Head Coach’s child and two Assistant Coach’s children. If there are no assistant coach’s children, the coach may protect up to two (2) players who played for him/her the previous year to bring the number to three protected players.
- The players to be protected shall be named no later than the night of the draft and prior to the beginning of the draft.
- A coach participating in the draft who did not field a team the previous season will be allowed to protect three (3) players from the general draft.
- Protected players must be the Head Coach’s child and two Assistant Coach’s children.
- If there are no Assistant Coach’s children, the new coach will draft until he/she is equal in numbers to the other teams that are drafting.
- Players to be protected shall be named prior to the beginning of the draft.

10.4.8 Player Retention

Prior to the beginning of the draft selection process for each Division League, returning Coaches participating in the draft of teams in that League will be allowed to retain up to six (6) players from the prior year’s team. These six players include any “protected players.” Retained players must have played for the coach the previous season. The name of each player retained by a previous year’s coach will be removed from the list of eligible players to be drafted.

National League coaches cannot retain players prior to the American League draft; they remain eligible for draft by an American League coach. American League coaches cannot retain players prior to the Federal League draft; they remain eligible to be drafted by a Federal League coach.

10.4.9 Player Selection Sequence

The order in which coaches will select players in the draft will be determined by flipping a coin. The order shall be implemented in a rolling sequence, (i.e., three coaches would draft players in this sequence: 1-2-3, 2-3-1, 3-1-2 ... etc.).

For each player retained/protected at the beginning of a League draft, the coach will in effect have utilized a selection opportunity in the normal sequence of the draft. This means, as an example, that by selecting five players to be retained/protected from his previous year’s team, a coach has used his first five selection opportunities in the draft sequence. The next player selection opportunity for the coach will begin with the sixth draft choice. After all coaches have reached a level of five selections, a coin flip will determine the draft order and the draft will continue until all players are selected.

10.4.10 Player Notification

Coaches may contact their players for all levels within five days after the Board has given its final draft approval.

10.4.11 Player team changes

When the draft is complete, players may not change teams without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. Any player drafted to a team becomes a member of that team for the duration of that season. If a player (or player’s parents) wishes to change teams for any reason, an appeal must be made to the Board of Directors in writing, explaining the situation and specifying the circumstances for the requested change. The Board will review the appeal and the final determination will be communicated to the player and his/her parent. The Board of Director’s determination is final. Should this determination result in a denial of the requested change and the player still elected not to play for the original drafting team, the player’s registration fee will be refunded in full. Finally, should recruitment of additional players become necessary after the draft (to complete minimum team rosters as needed), the Board of Directors will assign any players added to the League in this manner to the appropriate team roster, generally following the normal draft sequence. Players specifically recruited by coaches following the draft will not automatically be placed on the recruiting coach’s team.

10.4.12 Final Draft Approval by the Board

The SCAA Board will review all team selections and will give final approval of the draft before notification of players.

11. AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS - These bylaws may be modified at any time by the SCAA Board of Directors.