## **DRAFT RULES**

When there is more than one team at a grade level or division (i.e. 3/4 5/6 7/8) a player draft is conducted. The purpose of the draft is to ensure that the teams are as equal as possible. NECYFL rules and Beverly Youth Football policy dictates that all teams be evenly matched with regard to collective skill with no "stacked" or "developmental" teams. Each team in an age level will have the same number of players in a given grade (or within one) as the other teams at that level.

In order to meet our goal of balanced teams, we cannot grant request regarding team placement. NECYFL requirements are very straightforward regarding this issue.

One of the great things about Beverly Youth Football is that all of the players will be mixed with same aged players from other elementary and middle schools. All of these schools feed into Beverly High School, so players will meet new friends with whom they will eventually go to school.

Siblings are the only exception to this rule.

Only Head coach and 1 assistant coach per team to conduct draft. No other coaches, parents or children allowed.

Coach's children shall be automatically placed on their parent's team. BOD will determine where coaches children will be drafted.

If a coach is interested in other parents coaching with his team he will have to draft their children.

Draft picks will start with higher grades first.

A coin flip will be used to decide first pick at older level other team gets first pick at younger level.

## **BROTHERS**

If brothers are at the same level but different grades, oldest brother gets drafted 1st. Brothers playing in same grade will be drafted together as consecutive picks. Brothers playing at different levels will be placed on corresponding team based on older child's team, if parent would like to follow same color. Parents will be asked in advance BEFORE draft takes place. If the younger sibling at same level but in different grade will be allocated to same draft slot on younger grade as the older drafted sibling. If that slot is not available due to a coaches pick assignment or any other reason, the younger sibling will be allocated to the next available draft slot below the original allocated slot

## **Example:**

John Doe is drafted by Gladiator Black and his brother is drafted by Crusader / Spartan Orange.

Crusader / Spartan Orange will then trade pick with Crusader / Spartan Black where brother was picked.

I.E. 4th pick for 4th pick 6th for 6th 20th for 20th ETC ETC

This makes us a more family friendly league.

Only exception is that of the Titans which only has one team and who don't necessarily follow the same schedules as the Crusader, Spartan, and Gladiator teams.

Teams Black and Orange will be decided after the draft is complete so coaches cannot try to manipulate picks based on brothers at different levels. This way coaches pick a team first then we can try to match siblings at different levels without having to trade players!

Members of Beverly Youth Football board of directors will be present at draft to ensure all rules are followed as stated above and to answer any questions that may arise.! The board reserves the right to amend procedures at any time to better meet the goals of Beverly Youth Football and the best interest of the Beverly children.