## **BARRINGTON YOUTH FOOTBALL** 2015 PLAYER DRAFT PROCEDURES

We have a responsibility to draft our teams so that they all will be as competitive as possible within the TCYFL. We have that responsibility to all of the players in Barrington Youth Football, not just a select few. In the end, the players don't always remember their wins and losses, but they will remember their experience with BYF, the comradery of the teamwork necessary to play this great game and the coaches who have made a difference in their lives as players and as young men.

## I. <u>BIG TEN</u>

The Big Ten Coach at each respective TCYFL age-weight level ("Level") will select the Big Ten team from players at each Level during the second week of conditioning. The TCYFL has set the first day on which a draft may occur and teams selected as the Second Monday in August (in 2015 - August 10<sup>th</sup>). The Big Ten will select the best and most qualified players for Big Ten teams. The Big Ten Coach will endeavor to make their selection by the Wednesday after the conditioning start day (in 2015 - August 5th). A player may not "opt out" of the Big Ten. TCYFL rules require that any player selected on a Big Ten team who chooses to opt out must play striped at Pac Ten on the line only, or play up at the next Level.

## II. MAC TEN/SECOND BIG TEN

In the event that the TCYFL has a Mac Ten at one or more Levels and BYF is required (or the BYF BOD elects) to field a Mac Ten (or second Big Ten) team at such Level, the Mac Ten Coach (or second Big Ten Coach) at such Level will select the Mac Ten (or second Big Ten) team from players remaining after the Big Ten team is selected at that Level. The Mac Ten (or second Big Ten) team coaching staff will endeavor to make their selection by the next day after the Big Ten makes its team selection.

## III. <u>PAC TEN</u>

The players at each Level remaining after the Big Ten team (and Mac Ten/second Big Ten, if applicable) is selected will participate at the Pac Ten competition category. If there are sufficient players to field more than one team at the PAC, then all such players shall participate in the PAC Draft. The goal of the PAC Draft is to have Barrington Youth Football field relatively equal PAC teams. The Draft process is not to be used to stack teams or to achieve unfair advantage over teams. Those actions cause harm to our friends, neighbors and, more importantly, to the children of BYF.

1. <u>Timing of the Draft.</u> The PAC Draft generally will occur during the weekend after the Big Ten team is selected. The Level Head will set the day, time and place most convenient to the majority of Level Head Coaches. PAC teams will be announced on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

2. <u>Participation</u>. Only the Head Coach and/or his protected Assistant Coach may be present at the Draft together with the Level Head, BYF BOD members and Big Ten Head Coach. No other

persons including, without limitation, other potential assistant coaches, parents, or children will be allowed to attend the Draft.

3. <u>Protected Players.</u> A Head Coach may "protect" one Assistant Coach. Only the children of the Head Coach and his protected Assistant Coach will be "protected." Coaches must declare their intended protected players before any draft procedures can begin. A Coach's "child" or "children" is a member of the coach's immediate family, including stepchildren and legal guardianship. Other blood relatives such as nephews and nieces will be considered a Coach's "child" or "children" only if that Coach has no other child in the Level. If a Head Coach or protected Assistant Coach has no child participating in the Level, that Coach will not be allowed to protect another player.

4. <u>Draft Order.</u> The Draft order will be determined by random draw of numbers just prior to the Draft. The Blind Draft (defined below), if applicable, will also be conducted in the Draft rotation. The Draft rotation will be "serpentine" -- first to last, then last to first. For example: If there are 4 PAC teams at the Level, the rotation of the first round will be team 1 first, followed by team 2, and so on until team 4 selects. The second round will be in reverse order with the team 4 selecting first, then team 3, team 2 and finally team 1. Each subsequent round will continue in serpentine order.

5. <u>Player rankings.</u> The Level Head (unless also a coach at the Level) and the Big Ten coaching staff will rank each PAC player. Players will be rated using a standardized form. Each player will be evaluated overall and in each category with a number 1-5, with 1 being the highest and 5 being the lowest. These ratings will be accumulated into a spread sheet for the Draft. The protected players also will be slotted by round. On Draft day one hour prior to the Draft each Head Coach or protected Assistant Coach will receive a draft information sheet. The Draft information sheet will have the players name, number, rankings, slot (if protected), individual scores, times, and weight. THE DRAFT INFORMATION SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LEVEL HEAD AT THE END OF THE DRAFT. AFTER THE DRAFT, COACHES ARE ADMONISHED TO NOT DISCUSS RANKINGS, PROPOSED/EXECUTED TRADES OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DRAFT, COACHES OR PLAYERS.

6. <u>Players who missed evaluations</u> Players who do not go through evaluations and have no ranking will be selected in a Blind Draft to be conducted as set forth below. If a Head Coach or protected Assistant Coach's child has not been evaluated at that Level, that coach must use his first round pick to choose that player. If there is more than one child of the Head Coach or Assistant Coach who has not been evaluated at that Level, the coach will use his respective and consecutive first, second, third, etc. round picks to choose those players.

7. <u>Adjustments</u> Before the Draft order is determined, the Level Head will take suggestions from Head Coaches to adjust the rankings, slots for protected players and whether to move players from the Blind Draft into the regular Draft with a ranking. There will be a vote of Head Coaches for each suggestion. The vote must be two thirds in favor of adjustment to the rankings or slots and a

unanimous vote to move a player from the Blind Draft into the regular Draft. There may be an appeal of the rankings prior to the Draft to the BYF Board of Directors who may make adjustments prior to the Draft.

8. <u>Special Requests.</u> Siblings will be placed on the same team unless otherwise requested by their parents. If a player is chosen who has a sibling, the Coach will chose that player's sibling in the round correlating to the siblings' evaluation ranking, in the same manner as Coaches children are selected. Special requests for car-pooling, convenience, coaching, etc. are not granted except with the full agreement of the Level Head and all PAC coaches within that Level or as directed by the BYF Board of Directors.

9. <u>Blind Draft.</u> After the Draft Order is determined and any adjustments addressed, but before the regular Draft begin, the Blind Draft will occur if there are enough Blind Draft players to complete at least one full round. The order of the Blind Draft will be the same as the Draft. The process is as follows: (i) the names of all players in the Blind Draft are placed on separate pieces of paper upside down on a table; and (ii) the Head Coaches come up in Draft order and pick a sheet from the table as long as there are enough Blind Draft players to complete a full round. Thereafter, the extra Blind Draft player sheets are put aside and restarted at the end of the regular Draft, based on the Draft rotation until all Blind Draft player sheets have been selected.

10. <u>Draft Picks</u>. Each Head Coach shall make all Draft picks. Head Coaches may pick within any player ranking level, but they must choose their protected players in the round where they are slotted. If two of a Coach's protected players are ranked as a 1, then that Coach's next Draft pick(s) shall be suspended until all other Coaches have either selected or have had the opportunity to select three players from players ranked as a 1 (or number 2 if there are no further players ranked as a 1).

11. <u>Time Limit</u>. There is a two minute time limit on all Draft picks; Coaches will be warned when they have 30 seconds left, then 15 seconds. If a Coach does not make a pick within the time limit – the Coach's team will automatically get the highest ranking player left on the Draft sheet who is also next alphabetically.

12. <u>Trades.</u> Immediately after the Draft is complete, Coaches may propose/execute trades. No trades will be executed after the Coaches leave the Draft without the agreement of the Level Head.

13. <u>Post-Draft Registered Players</u> A post-Draft registered player(s) not assigned to the Big Ten or Mac Ten will be assigned to teams based on the Draft rotation. An exception may be made by the BYF Board of Directors as it may deem appropriate for the Level.