

Loveland Youth Football Draft Rules

Purpose of the LYF Draft

The purpose of the LYF Draft is to give Head Coaches the opportunity to build and/or add players to their new or existing teams with the objective of fielding a team that can be competitive within the Community Youth Football League (CYFL).

General Rules

Returning Head Coaches will keep all players returning from their prior years team, provided that the Head Coach has elected to return and coach at the next grade level. Any exceptions to this rule must be reviewed and approved by the Moderators of the LYF Draft. The Moderators of the LYF Draft will consist of the Football Director, the Assistant Football Director and the President of LYF, provided that no Moderator shall have a vested interest in the team or player involved in the situation requiring a ruling. Exceptions to this rule will include, but not be limited to, a situation involving a Head Coach who does not elect to return and/or coach their prior years team at the next grade level or a situation involving a player or players who request to play for another Head Coach.

Once the LYF Draft date has been established, the Head Coach (or their designated representative) will be responsible for attending the draft and selecting players. In the event that a Head Coach is not represented at the draft, the Moderators will become the representative of the absent coaches team.

Draft Eligibility

Players eligible for the draft will consist of any player who has registered and paid to participate in LYF and is not a member of an existing LYF team (the "Field"), excluding a player who is the son/daughter of the Head Coach of a new team and any player who is the son/daughter of an Assistant Coach.

A player, who registers after the LYF Draft date, will be placed on a team, by the Moderators, using the Draft Order as a guide.

Draft Order

The draft order will be established at the beginning of the draft. The Head Coach of any new team in a grade level will draft in the first position. The Head Coach of the team with the worst record in the previous years Divisional Games will draft in the second position, followed by the team with the next worst record and

so on. Concluding with the team with the best record picking in the last position in the draft. In the event of a tie in Divisional records, the first tiebreaker will be the teams overall record in the CYFL. The second tiebreaker will be given to the team with the fewest returning players. If an additional tiebreaker is necessary, it will be given to the Head Coach with the most seniority in LYF. Any further tiebreakers will be determined by the Moderators of the draft.

If there is more than one new team at any grade level then, the Moderators will conduct a coin toss to determine who will draft in the first position. The winner of the coin toss will draft in the first position and the loser will draft in the second position. The remaining draft positions will continue as outlined in the previous paragraph.

In the case of a grade level where no Division record exists (i.e. the second grade) the Moderators will determine the draft order based on the teams prior year performance.

Selection Process (see Example below)___

In the opening round of the draft (Round 1), each Head Coach (or their designated representative) whose team has fewer than the maximum number of players shall select one player from the Field in accordance with their draft position. In each succeeding round of the draft the Snake Rule will be in effect (meaning, the order of the draft positions in Round 1 will be reversed for the next round (Round 2) whereby the team drafting in the last position in Round 1 will draft first in Round 2. In Round 3 and each succeeding odd number round the draft positions will be the same as Round 1. In Round 4 and each succeeding even numbered round the draft positions will be the same as Round 2. This process will continue until all teams have the maximum number of players.

In the event that two (2) or more siblings are eligible for the same grade level draft, the Head Coach who drafts one of the siblings must draft the other sibling(s) using their draft position in the draft round(s) immediately following the round in which the first sibling was drafted. This rule will not apply if the parent(s) of the affected siblings allow the players to participate on different teams.

Supplemental Draft Picks (see Example below)

At the end of Round 3 of the draft, any team(s) starting the draft, or any round of the draft, with a number of players that is less than the team(s) starting the draft, or any round of the draft, with the largest number of players will receive a supplemental draft pick to be selected in the same position as the round in which they are drafting. Supplemental draft picks will be awarded at the end of each subsequent round in which a team(s) has (have) less players than the team(s) with the largest number of players.

Any “special requests” or other exceptions to the LYF Draft Rules can be presented to the draft Moderators for consideration **prior to** the beginning of the draft. Special requests will not be considered once the draft has started.

ANY DISPUTES ARISING AS A RESULT OF THE LYF DRAFT RULES MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MODERATORS. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE MODERATORS TO RENDER A DECISION REGARDING THE DRAFT, SAID DECISION WILL BE FINAL.