

## TOTAL TEAM PROTECTS RULES AND PROCEDURES

### Rules:

- Parents can opt to have their child moved from a specific team protect. No questions ask.
- New teams will not be added unless the number of kids outgrows the number of present teams. All core teams will stay together with or without present coaching staff. Maximum player limits, 12 minor & majors and 13 rookies and T-ball.
- If the number of teams were to shrink or if a team has no coach, the Core Committee would decide collectively which team or teams would be dismantled. The criteria for selecting teams for dismantlement are as follows: Previous season's record, Managers history of conduct and coaches evaluations.
- New teams added per division will draft first and continue to draft until the total number players equals that of the other teams, a hat draw will determine the order of the new team draft. Once all teams have equal amount of players the draft will be new teams first (hat pick if more then one) and then by order of division finish. How a team finishes in the Spring, will count for how they will draft both in the Fall and the following Spring. Worse post season record drafts first, best record last.
- Try out's will have no point system. Strictly coaches notes to draft by.
- A Spring team can be protected in the Fall. Any new players added in the Fall by a new Fall team or an existing Spring team will go back into the Spring draft. No NEW teams will be protected in the Fall. Players added to a core team in the Fall will have to be placed with their original Spring core protect team in the Spring or added to the Spring draft. This is a Spring to Spring protect. Newly added players and teams from the fall will go back into the Spring draft.
- Manager leaves: Per board approval the team will be offered to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> coach. Should no parent or coach step forward, a coach and assistant will be assigned to the team. the board will do everything possible to keep the team together. Should we not find a replacement the team will be disbanded and placed in the draft.
- Manager loses first assistant coach, then must pick from his /her existing dad's first or draft / trade in the next draft to fill the void. or select a new assistant of a parent of a draft eligible player. All "NEW" assistants of existing CORE protected teams must be approved by the Core committee.
- Manager or coaches son/daughter who were protected as a 1,2 or 3 core protect goes back into the draft should a coach or manager step down. Reversing positions (mgr and assistant swap position) were the team neither gains nor diminishes regarding players will be allowed.
- IF a child or parents opts off a team. The child's parent cannot be picked to coach with an existing Total protected team without league approval.
- One trade per draft is permitted. Commissioners reserve the right to allow two trades if justified.

- No team can draft or hat pick a player who has opt off from the specific team or manager attempting to select or draw said player.

#### Additional Comments and Notes:

With the exception of the 5 year old division and due to the fact these kids do not try out. The committee feels we should start the total team protects at age 6. With a new draft and try outs at the minors division and at the Jr's division. The draft breaks are at divisions, not by how long team plays together.

Example: (A) team protects at the 6 yr level. This team (A) would stay together until they enter the minors division. Then a new draft would take place. (SPRING only protects). You would draft in the Fall, but these teams are not protected... NEW draft again in the Spring

#### ROOKIES TO MINORS:

Rookie 8 year olds will move up in either the Fall or the following Spring.  
FALL EXCEPTION: Rookies 8's to Minors will be allowed to keep there teams together for the "FALL ONLY". Then in the following SPRING... ALL Minor 9's will hold a draft to select their CORE teams. Existing Rookie 7's who were protected this past Spring as 6yr old T Ball Teams will stay together The only protects for this draft is the manager and the first assistants kids.

#### Definition of a TOTAL TEAM PROTECTS:

The name or a coach does not make the team. The team is made up of the core of players who continue to play together. Total teams cannot split into two teams in an attempt to protect both. Should an equal split occur the Core committee will determine which "one" of the cores will be protected. If no coaches from the original team step forward then the committee will decide which core will be protected and may elect to dismantle the team.

#### DIVISIONS:

Should a specific age group within a division not have enough players to make up a conference. The division will pool all players together and hold a draft with a mixed aged division. Teams would be disband, and the only protects would be the manager and first assistants kids. The league should expect this scenario in the Fall.

Every attempt should be made by the league to allow that specific age groups remain in their age specific conferences.

#### Example: Major Division.

11 and 12 year olds. Let's say we have a shortage of 11's. Only 3 teams and we have five or six 12 yr old teams.... The committee may suggest that we pool the teams together and mix the age groups to form 8 or 9 mixed teams.

Coaches are selected per our by-laws.

Player agents and schedulers will advise and make recommendations to the league should a situations occur were individual divisions may not be able to make separate specific aged conferences due to player shortage or other unforeseen issues.

PARITY: The main objective in continuance of Total Team Protects is to insure the teams are fairly balanced with equally talented players.

This committee does recognize that in teaching the leagues kid the game of baseball that a successful season is not entirely based on the wins and losses.

There are no perfect systems for creating team parity. This league though created a point system that comes as close as possible to insuring better team parity.

Teams will lose top players, Managers & assistant coaches will decide to step down from some teams. Issues will arise that will cause some teams to lose key players. The core committee and the specific division commissioners may need to make adjustments that are "NOT COVERED" in these procedures. The goal will be to insure that each division comes as close as they can to total TEAM PARITY.