

## OCPRD Evaluations and Team Draft Procedures for Youth Basketball

- **Evaluations** are scheduled for each league where teams are drafted by head coaches.
  - Coaches should arrive 15 minutes prior to the advertised start time of evaluations for his or her league.
  - The evaluation consists of simple dribbling and shooting drills performed by each child individually. Coaches are supplied a numbered roster showing each child's name and age. Each child will be dressed in a numbered practice jersey corresponding to that child's number given on roster.
  - Coaches are asked to grade each child's performance at the evaluations based on a scale of 4 to 1 with a grade of 4 being the highest. We historically find on average that a grade of 4 is given to about 10% of the most talented and experienced kids. Likewise, 10% or less of the kids are likely to grade at the lowest level of 1.
  - An OCPRD staff person will also be grading each participant.
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- ❖ Immediately following the completion of the evaluations, the head coaches and OCPRD staff will gather for the **team draft** process. Initially, each child will be reviewed and a consensus grade will be reached. If there is not a majority consensus, OCPRD staff will have final say in a participant's final grade.
  - ❖ Team selection will then begin following a random drawing to determine the order of picks. Coaches will be seated left to right in drafting order.
  - ❖ A snake\* draft will then commence with the highest graded children (4's) being the first to be chosen. The next grade of participants will not be available to be drafted until the higher graded kids have been exhausted. Therefore—the 4's will chosen first, then the 3's, and so on.
  - ❖ A Coaches child will be graded just as the other participants and must be taken in the first round available to that coach corresponding to his or her child's evaluation grade.
  - ❖ Only Assistant Coaches who do not have a child participating will be allowed in the draft room. Assistant Coaches who have a child participating may enter the draft room only after their child has been placed on a team. The reason behind this is the fact that **only the Head Coach's child is given guaranteed team placement.** The only exception to this rule will be siblings wishing to be on the same team.
  - ❖ Once a draft has been completed, trading of players is not allowed.
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- Rosters will be distributed to Coaches following the draft showing contact information for each child. Coaches are asked to contact parents within 48 hours of the draft. It is recommended that e-mails be sent and these followed up by a phone call. In the event a coach has received erroneous contact information or has trouble reaching a parent, they should contact OCPRD as soon as possible.

\*A snake draft simply refers to the type system whereas the final team drafting in the first round will receive the first pick of the second round. To use a 4 team league as an example---the team picking 1st will also have the 8th and 9th pick and so on, the team picking 2nd will also have the 7th and 10th pick..., the 3rd team picking will also have the 6th and 11th pick..., and the 4th team picking will also have the 5th pick, followed by the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> picks... and, so on.