

EAST LIMESTONE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PLAYER DRAFT RULES

The system that follows pertains to all age groups playing within the East Limestone Athletic Association. The softball teams will follow the same rules with the exception being conflicts with county rules regulating softball. The ELAA will resolve all conflicts pertaining to the application of this system.

The definition of a **protected** team: the returning original team players and their original head coach/manager and/or their original assistant coach from the previous year's roster, within the same age bracket.

Parents of the players participating will elect coaches for all teams within the same age group. The elected head coach/manager may select two assistant coaches and will declare these assistants in writing to the Draft Manager prior to the draft selections.

Coaches/Managers of "protected teams" will not select players from the draft pool until the appropriate round, i.e., if a coach has five (5) "protected" players, he/she will start his/her selection from the draft pool in the sixth (6th) round of the selection process.

Coaches/Managers may elect to retain their entire team while the team remains within the same age bracket. However, when the team moves up to a new age bracket, coaches will be allowed to retain a maximum of six (6) players. These six players must be declared in writing to the Draft Manager prior to the draft to ensure proper draft pick sequencing. *The coaches' Son or Daughter and Assistant coaches Son or Daughter will be counted as one of the six players. All other players will go back into the draft pool each time he/she enters a new age group if not retained by the head coach.

*Clarification: If a head coach and two assistants move to a new age bracket and each have a child playing on the team, then the head coach will have three players remaining that may be protected.

If a team is returning without their original head coach or returning without their original assistant coach as the new head coach, the players on the returning team will be placed back in the draft pool for selection by coaches.

Any player returning within the same age group on any protected team may elect to return to the draft pool prior to player selection by coaches/managers.

Any draft trades must be handled by the Draft Manager at the time of the draft. Once the draft is closed, no further trades will be allowed. If additional players become available after the official draft is closed, due to relocating parents, etc., the players will automatically be added by the Draft Manager to rosters based upon the players' sign-up date and the coaches draft round sequence. (if the last player was taken in the 9th round and was the selected by the 3rd selection coach, then the new available player will go to the 4th selecting coach, and so on.)