

**TEAM SELECTION**

Team selection is a very time-consuming task for your League administrators. Regardless of the age group involved in all leagues, the first players to be assigned are:

- Sons/Daughters of Head and Assistant Coaches
- Returning players in the **same league** as last year, unless they ask to be reassigned
- Siblings in the same league are automatically placed on the same team, unless otherwise requested
- Balance the Playing Ages on each team, so that no team has a disproportionate number of older or younger players (but no continuing team is penalized because all potential returning players wish to return to their team)

**Requests for specific coaches or "car pooling" groups unfortunately cannot be honored.**

In **Girls Green Hat and Red Hat and Boys Black Hat, Blue Hat, Red Hat and Green Hat leagues**, players are selected in a "skill assessment" and "draft" procedure. If a player is new to a league or wishes to play on a different team than last spring, he/she should go to the Skill Assessment Session listed for the appropriate league in the WYBSL calendar on page 15 Coaches then participate in a Player Draft to balance Playing Ages and perceived skills. At the end of this draft, any players who could not attend their skill assessment session are assigned to teams using a "blind draw" or "age and alphabet" assignment.

In **Boys Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch leagues**, remaining players are assigned to teams by General Managers. Players are grouped together by neighborhood, although some teams might be composed of multiple neighborhoods and some neighborhoods may be divided. Play with a friend requests unfortunately cannot be honored.

In **Girls Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch**, teams are selected by General Managers based upon "play with a friend" requests and neighborhood.

In **Girls Blue Hat**, players should attend the appropriate Skill Assessment (see calendar on page 15). These are used to help the league staff assign girls to teams by balancing skill level, age, pitchers, catchers and "play with a friend" requests.

Note: Interscholastic, Middle/High School team players cannot participate in assessments.

**Softball "Play With A Friend Requests" (except Green & Red Hat):** In order to be put on a team with one friend or be paired with another coach, **both players must list each other as 1<sup>st</sup> Friend Requests on their registration.** We will not necessarily honor requests of more than one person who lists the same friend and will not allow "chaining", where one player lists one friend who lists another friend and so on. **Lastly, requests must be made by March 16<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed.**

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