



NORTH OLMSTED HOT STOVE LEAGUE

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North Olmsted Hot Stove Baseball Organization Draft Rules **(Revised 2009):**

General Rules and Guidelines:

1. Each league classification (Rookie, Farm, H, G, and F) conducts a draft of registered players, usually on the second or third week of March, to place players on teams for the upcoming season.
2. Thurmon Munson will have a similar draft in the middle of April, just after the High Schools make their final cuts. This assumes that these leagues have enough kids to support more than (2) teams.
3. **Absolutely no individuals besides the managers that will form that classification in our league, the league chairman, the registrar and (1) more representative from the Board of Directors is allowed in the draft room prior to or during the draft.** If a manager is unable to make the draft, he/she will need to designate a coach or parent to draft for them. They will need to communicate that persons name to the League Chairman.
4. **Absolutely no paperwork, recordings of any kind, (either written or verbal), or cell phone usage will be tolerated during the draft process. No material will be provided prior to the draft; even if a manager is not going to be present, there will be no advance handouts.**
5. All adults wanting to be a manager must be over the age of 18 and must fill out a manager's registration packet. The packet is available at the registration process or on-line at www.nohsl.com. All applications will be reviewed and selections will be conducted by the League Commissioner and then presented to the board of directors for approval prior to the draft. Any adult that wished to coach but not be a manager are encouraged to fill that section out on the registration sheet. On draft day, all managers will be showed a list of parents who have volunteered to coach prior to the draft starting.

6. The selections of the manager of each team, each year, are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. If a prior Manager elects not to continue for any reason, the assistant manager or Assistant Coach from the team may be promoted to Manager pending Board approval. If no Assistant Coach or Assistant Manager wishes to step up, a parent from that team may be promoted as Manager subject to board approval. The order of priority for managers shall be:
 - Returning Manger of the team
 - Returning Assistant Manager of the team
 - Returning Assistant Coach of the team
 - Returning Parent of the team
 1. If none of the above wishes to step up and manage the team for any reason, all of the existing players will be put back into the open draft and available for pickup by the other teams.
7. All Rookie, Farm, and H1 teams will be governed by our rating system. Every child in these classifications must be rated at one of the ratings sessions. There are no exceptions. Each child will attend the ratings session and be scored on their skill level and assigned the letter, which the League Chairman will transpose into a number between 1-15. All ratings sections will be monitored prior by the Board of Directors and specifically the League Chairman.
8. “Sibling Rule”- all siblings who are in the same classification of play will be on the same team if that is the wish of the parents. If the parents want the siblings split up, that will be honored as well. (Please note, the Rookie, Farm, and H1 classifications will still follow the guidelines of a rated player). When a sibling is on a returning team and will be frozen by that team, the sibling who is not frozen will count as the last open round draft pick for that team. The siblings name will be announced prior to the start of the draft and placed as the last round pick for that team.
9. Siblings in the open draft not attached to anyone’s team, one will count that as that rounds draft choice and the other will be placed on that team as the final pick in the last round for that team.
10. We will allow players to play up pending Board approval. A Rookie, Farm, and H1 player may not move up without being rated. No exceptions. A player may never play down a level. Siblings are only allowed to move up (1) level to accommodate the sibling rule. Any jump larger than (1) classification requires Board Approval.
11. No team of players will be formed without a Board approved manger in place. In other words, players will not be drafted by a third party to form a team and then their parents told that the players will not be able to play unless one of the parents steps up. If such a case were to occur, the non-drafted players are placed on a waiting list, in order of the time and date a registration was received and approved

by the Registrar, from which vacancies due to injury or someone quitting will be filled on the established teams. If the waiting list can be added to the overflow of players on an established roster equal (14), then we can form a new team and ask for volunteer coaches.

Drafting Processes:

1. The draft board, consisting of the League Chairman, Registrar, and Alternate Board Member, will draw the manager’s name out of a hat to assign the drafting position. The draft order will be followed throughout the entire process. The number of protected/frozen players will affect your first round for drafting. The last section of these rules covers what a protected/frozen player is and how that works. For example, a team that freezes (6) players will have their first pick in the 7th round in whatever order was pre-selected. The draft process is a reverse order draft that starts the first round drafting from 1-(?) running left to right on the draft board and then coming back from (?) to 1 running right to left on the draft board. Assuming there are (6) teams, the person with the 6th pick in the first round will then have the 1st pick in the 7th round.

2. Managers will draft all players in the same age group as their team until all players of that age group are taken. These are all the players that have been in the league but not protected, all new players (which have been rated), and any other sibling or player that is wishing to play up a division for whatever reason. The draft pool is structured based on age. In the divisions that we have combined due to limited players, we will denote whether they are a 1 or 2 level player. For example, if we combine all G league, you will have a G1 for 1st year G and a G2 for 2nd year G denoted next to their name. This is important, as you will see in the drafting process.

3. If the draft has continued through the draft pool and all the players for the same age or entry level have been taken, a 2nd year team can pass on a 1st year player thus becoming the first recipient from the waiting list. This will allow the 1st year player to be drafted on a team that is predominantly 1st year level players and make the transition a little more familiar for them. This provision is only applicable on the last few rounds of the draft or until all other teams meet their specific roster limit.

4. The maximum number of players allowed on a team is (4) more than what is allowed in the field. The breakdown is as follows:

Classification	# Of Players in the field	# Allowed on roster
Rookie	12	16
Farm	11	15
H1 and H2	10	14
G1 and G2	9	13
F1 and F2	9	13

5. In the event that a team loses a player for any reason, which brings the team's roster below the maximum number, or in the event that a new player signs up and you have room under the maximum allowed roster limit, a player will be assigned by the League Chairman to your team in the original draft order until all players are off the waiting list or until all teams in that classification are at the league maximum limitations.
6. If a player was on your team last year and wasn't protected, you still can re-draft that player providing he/she didn't fill in a "NO" to returning to the same team/manager on the registration form. If they did fill out a NO response, the manager will be given a list of the players that said no to return and will have to avoid them in the draft.
7. Rookie, Farm, and H1 classification drafts will be handled in the same manner with the noted exception that the ratings will override all other policies. Therefore, prior to the draft, all players in these classifications are rated each year. In Farm and H1 your ratings total will affect the draft order as well as possibly having a higher rated player being reassigned due to competitive balance. This will be done at the discretion of the Drafting Board and will be the final word on what happens to these players. This means that even if a player is protected, if a team has too many of the same rated players and another team has lower rated players, a higher rated player that is not a Managers son can be moved. Should you have an objection or want to appeal a decision, you must fill out a complaint form and submit it to the board for review as outlined in the general rules handout.
8. Although the H2, G and F classifications are not governed by the ratings, it is strongly encouraged that the teams follow protocol with the new players who are rated. For example, if you are a G1 team and have all G1 players then we encourage you to pass on the G2 player even if they rate as a high player. In the end, the G2 player will be happier with the kids his own grade level and you will be first in line to get the next person off the waiting list.
9. We will not allow any team "raiding". If another team needs an assistant coach and therefore wants to draft a child from another team, the manager will need to plead their case **in writing** and the drafting board will review each request on its own merit.

Freezing A Player:

1. Returning teams, first year and second year, will be able to freeze players from their previous season's team. In order to do this, the manager may only select from the players returning from his/her roster and that said, "Yes" to returning to the same team.
2. **All managers will announce whom they are protecting on the night of the first managers meeting by filling out the proper forms that will be given to them. Under no circumstances is a Manager allowed to contact a player who has responded "No" on their registration form until after the draft has taken place. Also, no manger is allowed to contact his or her team via any form of communication to see their current status until the night of the first manager's meeting. This includes all phone calls, e-mails, and or casual conversations about the players, which may sway a decision to protect, or not.**
3. All players who are not frozen and all players that indicate a "No" to returning to the same team on their registration form will be placed into the drafting pool and made available for the draft.
4. If a player responded "yes" or if they didn't put a response of yes or no at all, they can be redrafted by the same team in the open draft. If they put a "No", then all the other teams can draft that player but you cannot.
5. If a player responded "no" on their registration form but would like to rescind that statement, they must do so in writing via a written statement addressed to the League Registrar stating their wish to change their status, why this change of heart and it must be received 24 hours prior to the draft day. The P.O. Box will be checked at 4:00pm on the Friday before the draft. If a letter is received after that time it will be denied.
6. Upon submitting and signing your list on the night of the first mangers meeting, that list is absolutely final. There will be no changes allowed with the noted exception of a draft change letter written by the parent changing the status of a player either from Yes to No or vice versa.
7. Please remember that no matter what the maximum allowable freezes are, all Rookie, Farm, and H1 teams are governed by the ratings system and the Drafting board will make final adjustments. The following table provides the guidelines for Maximum and Minimum freezes:

Classification	Maximum Freezes	Minimum Freezes
Rookie	TBA	
Farm	TBA	
H1	TBA	
H2	TBA	
G	TBA	
F	TBA	

The NOHSBL Board of Directors has certified these draft rules and reserves the right to change, add, or modify these rules as it impact the overall betterment of the game and competition for each classification. Any modifications or amendments will be communicated through the managers and in a written form either prior to or on the draft day. These changes will be posted on the web site at www.nohsl.com.