

# SOUTH GRANVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT GUIDELINES

It is the intention of South Granville Athletic Association to provide a positive athletic experience for all children. It is our goal to have well balanced teams that have players of all athletic skill levels. With this in mind, we have adopted the assessment procedure below.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER TEAMS ARE DRAFTED EXCEPT FOR FOOTBALL, WHICH CAN BE REFUNDED IF REQUESTED BY THE END OF WEEK 2.**

### Assessments

There will be at least one assessment date for each league except for tee ball. Assessments will consist of coaches from the league being assessed having players perform from 3 to 5 skills that pertain to that sport. All coaches in that league should be present and should participate as assessors if possible. As each player performs a task such as running, dribbling, batting, etc., coaches will rank them using a number from 1 to 5, depending on how well they performed. One indicates a weak score and 5 indicates a strong score. Coaches should use any prior knowledge of those players to help in determining the score of that player. For example, during a baseball assessment, if you know that a player is a very strong batter, you would assess that player as a 5 in batting even if during the assessment, that child did not bat as well as he normally does.

All players should be assessed. After the coaches have finished assessing the players, a League Official will collect the assessment sheets and will add the scores together, using an average to determine a numerical rank for each player. The players will then be split into three different skill levels, A, B, and C with "A" being the top level, B being the middle level, and C being the lower level. Coaches should keep in mind that the letter identification is simply a way to split players into three categories, knowing that there cannot possibly be an exact number of A,B, or C players in any league and that opinions differ among all of us.

### Players Absent From Assessments

At the end of the assessment process, coaches will come together to determine the skill level of players who were not in attendance. In the event that none of the coaches is familiar with a player who was not in attendance, that player will be listed as a "C" player and will be listed as an unknown. Unknown player(s) will be the absolute last pick(s) in the draft.

### Make Up Assessments

If there are a large number of players that miss the original assessment, SGAA may schedule a make-up assessment. If possible, coaches from the league should be present at that assessment.

### Late Registrations

On 12/21/11, the SGAA board voted to allow new players up to 7 days before the season begins. Leagues that still have openings may take players until that time. Ideally, players that register late will be placed on a team that needs that player's skill level. In some instances, a player will be placed on the only team that needs additional players. Commissioners from the league will determine where the player should be placed.

### Automatic Picks

Children of the head coach are automatically assigned to the team and will be the only automatic draft picks. These children must be taken as first picks in their skill level slot. For example, if a head coach has a child that is assessed as an “A” player; he must take his child as his first “A” pick. If that child is a “C” player, the child will be the head coach’s first pick in the “C” round.

### Draft Requests

Because we are striving for equality in teams, we cannot guarantee that a child will be placed on a specific team, even for transportation reasons. Likewise, children of assistant coaches are not guaranteed to go to a specific team.

### Siblings

Siblings will be drafted together and every effort will be made to put those players on a team that has available space to accommodate both players. Siblings will be listed at the top of the round where they assessed.

### Drafting Teams

When each coach receives the listing that includes the skill level of all players, he will also be given a blank draft sheet. The draft order will be determined by drawing from a hat. The ensuing draft, sometimes known as a snake draft, will begin. Teams will pick in order according to numbers drawn, (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. respectively). After all teams have chosen in the first round, the next pick will be the team that chose last in Round 1. After round 2 is completed, the coach that drew the 1<sup>st</sup> pick will begin round 3, etc.

At the end of the draft, all draft sheets prepared by the league official will be given to the commissioner to be destroyed. **NO COACH SHOULD DISCUSS THIS INFORMATION OUTSIDE OF THE DRAFT ROOM.**

After the automatic picks have been selected for head coaches, all players will be selected from each skill level until that level is gone. Each coach may pick “down” once during the draft. For example, if a coach had an open slot in the A round, but saw a B player that he preferred over any A players listed, that coach may choose that B player, but will list that player in his open “A” slot on the draft sheet. Once all “A” slots have been filled in for all teams, even though technically there is still an “A” player available, that player is now drafted and written in on a “B” slot. This is only allowed once during the draft per coach. Once a team has no open slots in the level that is being drafted, they will not pick until it is time to pick from the next level. This process will repeat until all players have been selected to a team.

The Goal of the SGAA is not to make one team the best, but to make all teams equal.