

8. Player Evaluation and Selection Process

8.1 Evaluation

Players will demonstrate their basketball ability based on pre-defined categories defined by the league director (i.e., Dribbling and/or ball handling skills, Shooting and/or Free Throws, Passing, and Running). Coaches will rate each player from 1 to 10 in each of the (4) categories using the following rating scale:

1 - No Skill

3 - Little Skill

5 - Average Skill

7 - Good Skill

10 - Excellent Skill

*****Important Note** In the event that more than one child has the same overall score, SKGAA Basketball will base the final ranking on years of experience first, then height (if available) second. Coaches will turn in their rankings in either paper evaluations or evaluation software (if available).***

The order of coaches' draft picks will be randomized using a randomizer or picking of numbers and utilizing a snake draft.

8.2 Player Ranking

Each player's scores will be averaged, and a draft package will be generated. The draft package will include all the players ranked from highest to lowest, hat picks (no shows / no evaluation data), and draft tiers. It may also include date of birth, age, years of experience, height, and weight. The draft package will be distributed before the draft, giving coaches an accurate ranking of each player and allowing time to review the draft package.

8.3 Coach's Children

Coaches are automatically assigned to their child. The overall rankings will determine what tier the child is placed in. The coach's child will be assigned to the coach in the draft package, according to the appropriate tier based on skill evaluation during try-outs. The coach will not draft another player in the same tier his/her child is selected/locked.

8.4 Unrated Players / Hat Pick

Any player that did not attend evaluations will be given a rating by a majority vote from the coaches after evaluation or before the draft begins. The rating must be comparable to the overall league skill level observed during evaluations.

Any player that cannot be accurately evaluated by the coaches, or any player's evaluation that there is a dispute or disagreement among coaches, will be considered a "hat pick."

Any player that did not attend try-outs will be considered a "hat pick" and coaches will randomly pick names of kids from hat based on draft orders. Unrated players or hat picks are not available for trade.

8.5 Draft Day

The draft order will begin (1st tier) with the #1 and continue down to the last coach. The second tier will begin with the last coach and continue in numerical order back up to #1. Therefore, the last coach will have two consecutive picks on the transition from the odd tier to an even tier. #1 will have consecutive picks from the even tier to the odd tier.

Starting in Spring 2024 season, SKGAA Basketball will allow for (1) lock player per head coach, outside of head coach's kid(s). This lock can be used for the assistant coach, team mom, or any other child.

Coaches can state their desire to select someone in future tiers. However, other coaches do not have to honor this request & must get approval from all coaches.

- The league director may ask for a motion from all coaches about specific players to be placed on the same team (i.e., Carpool, etc.). However, SKGAA Basketball does not guarantee special requests, so coaches do not have to honor this request. SKGAA Basketball tries to accommodate all the special needs of players' families, so we request coaches to consider it, but it is not required.
- Coaches will have one (1) minute to make a selection. If the time limit is exceeded, the League Director / Board Member in charge of the draft can automatically assign the highest-rated player available to that coach's team.
- Siblings are automatically assigned to the same team. Once the first sibling is drafted, the second child is assigned to the same coach as that coach's pick in the tier where the second sibling was rated.
- A player must be ranked within one tier of the current tier to be eligible for selection. (i.e., a player ranked between tier 1 & 2 can be selected in the first round, and a player ranked between tier 1, 2 & 3 can be selected in the second round).

Once all players have been selected, the hat picks are assigned to teams. The next coach to draft will randomly draw a hat pick player.

- Trades: Trades are at the discretion of the league director, and all trades must be made within 10 minutes of the draft ending. Both players must be ranked within one round for a trade to be approved. All trades must be approved by a majority vote of all coaches in the league, as well as the league director / board member.
- At the end of the draft, all teams will be considered final selections and cannot be changed without the approval of the SKGAA Basketball Board.

8.6 Player Notification

All coaches shall notify their players within 3 days of being drafted. If they are unable to reach those players within 1 week, they may be awarded a replacement player. Replacement players will be selected from a waiting list.