



OC Next Wave Flag Football

Team Assignment & Draft Process



1. Player Evaluations

- a. We plan to hold our evaluations on **Sunday February 8, 2025**.
- b. Bundle up, come take notes, and get ready to draft your stellar team for this upcoming season.
- c. Location:
 - i. The Mid Atlantic Youth Sports Complex, 6605 Morris Rd, Pittsville, MD 21850.
- d. Event Plan:
 - i. Timeframes for specific age groups will be messaged as soon as we have a good idea of total registrations.
 - ii. At least 4 drills for each age group.
 1. The following skills will be shown for most age groups:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Receivingb. Passingc. Ball carrying	<ol style="list-style-type: none">d. Agilitye. Speed
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 - iii. Players will perform each drill and receive a letter grade assessment (A, B, C, D) from an OC Next Wave Representative. This will determine which "bucket" they are in for the draft (see below).
 - iv. Coaches can take personal notes and evaluate players during the drills
 1. You will be provided with a list of player names

2. Team Draft General Information

- a. The draft will be a "snake" draft style, and each pick will have a 45 second pick clock or the pick is forfeit.
- b. Our player draft is not an in person event, but rather an online live draft.
- c. You will be provided with a link and a time to log in and attend via your email address.
- d. The expectation is to have the draft within a few days following the player evaluations in the evening.
- e. These dates are set to ensure we get the custom jerseys here on time for the first games!
- f. We will provide you a full list of players for your age group(s).
 - i. At minimum this will include player first and last name, player overall evaluation letter grade.
- g. If you cannot attend the online live draft:
 - i. You will send us your player list in order of preference.
 - ii. During the draft, when it is your turn to pick, we will assign you, your highest rated player, that is available, and in the current bucket.
- h. Draft Picks will occur in "buckets".
 - i. Example: until all Bucket A players are chosen, no one can choose a player from Bucket B, C, or D.
 - ii. Buckets will be based on the average letter grade assigned by the OC Next Wave Representatives from the Player Evaluations.
 1. Any players not attending the evaluations (excluding "coaches kids") will be given a rating equal to the average of all ratings in that age group and then placed in order alphabetically by last name in the middle of the draft group.
 2. If a "coaches kid" does not attend the evaluations, they will be placed in the A group.
 - iii. "Coaches kids" will still be assigned to the correct coach, during the correct bucket group.
 1. Coaches kids must be assigned as the first pick(s) in the bucket group when that group is reached in the draft process.
 2. All coaches' kids must be verified to be directly related (biological or marriage) to the coach or a dependent of said coach.
 3. No more than 1 Coaches kid per coach, per team, unless verified with documentation to OC Next Wave Representatives.

4. Coaches kids rules pertain to Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches
- i. Buddy Requests
 - i. Buddy Requests are only for special circumstances, however no 1 pick by a coach can encompass more than 1 other player (sibling or buddy requested player).
 1. Example 1:
 - a. A **pair of siblings** in the same age group.
 - b. The first one picked is John Smith. Their sibling Jane Smith would automatically be assigned to the same coach at their next pick within the bucket group the sibling is in.
 2. Example 2:
 - a. A **pair of siblings plus 1 player buddy request** in the same age group.
 - b. The first one picked is John Smith. Their sibling Jane Smith would automatically be assigned to the same coach at their next pick within the bucket group the sibling is in.
 - c. The buddy request for Andrew George does NOT get assigned to the coach automatically but that coach does have the option to pick that player if they are available at the next pick that coach has in the bucket group the buddy requested player is in.
 3. Example 3:
 - a. A **buddy request that encompasses 3 players** within the same age group.
 - b. The first one picked is Jack Archer. The coach then chooses which of the remaining 2 buddies to take. That 2nd buddy would automatically be assigned to the same coach at their next pick within the bucket group the sibling is in.

3. Team Draft Pick Order Assignment Process

- a. Coaches draft order is determined by the following, in the order they are listed:
 - i. Coaches Finishing Position in most recently held OC Next Wave Flag Football Season
 1. If you participated in a season as a coach before the most recent one, this does not pertain to you.
 2. If you have never been a coach for us before, this does not pertain to you.
 3. Any ties will follow tie breaker rules for standings in normal season play, outlined in our rule book.
- b. Coached a prior year but not the most recent year.
 - i. Any ties will be referred to Rule 1 above.
- c. Date and time coach registered to coach for the current season.

4. Post Draft Plans

- a. Players will be assigned during the draft into the system.
- b. Any players that register later than the evaluations date, will be added to teams in continued draft order, based on date and time they register. There will be a very limited time for late registrations.
- c. Approximately 24 hours or less after the completion of the draft for each age group, teams will be posted on the web site.
- d. You will receive a link to your team and be able to communicate with them through that app, as needed.
- e. Scores and Game Schedules will be posted in the app and updated throughout the season.
- f. At the same time that you receive a link to view your team, the parents/guardians of each player will receive the same.
- g. Once logged in, have a parent/guardian verify in the chat that they have accessed the app.
- h. HAVE FUN!!!!