



## 2026 Assessments / Draft Details - 10U/12U/14U

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### **Assessments:**

- Head Coaches are highly encouraged to attend both assessments for the age group they are coaching or send a capable representative. It is also recommended that the coach attend the assessment for the younger division to rank any players that want to play up.
- **Assessment dates for the 2026 season are:**
- **1/10/26 and 1/17/25.**
- Approximate Times:
  - 8U - 9:00 - 10:00
  - 10U - 10:00 - 12:00
  - 12U - 12:00 - 1:30
  - 14U - 1:30 - 2:30
- A clipboard with a list of players registered will be provided for evaluation.
- The list will include skills to be evaluated, Fly Balls (OF), Throwing, Fielding (Grounders), Hitting and running.
- We recommend that you evaluate the players abilities in each section.
  - You can use any scale that you come up with. 0-10, 0-5, etc
    - Example 0-5 Scale:
      - 0 - Cannot perform desired skill
      - 1 - Beginner level at the desired skill
      - 2 - Sometimes can perform the desired skill
      - 3 - Can perform desired skill consistently
      - 4 - Can perform the skill with occasional greatness
      - 5 - Mastery of the skill
- The assessments will include the following to allow for player evaluation
  - All Players will get the following.
    - 3 Ground Balls
    - 3 Fly Balls
    - Hitting off Coach Pitch
    - Running
  - Optional Based on Players Skill:
    - Pitchers Planning to Pitch this Season will be required to pitch at assessments and throw a few pitches



- Coaches are recommended to attend the assessments for the age division below the division they are coaching to be able to evaluate any “Draft Up” eligible players.
- Then you can use the evaluations from the assessments to set a draft order.  
Recommendation would be to add the scores up and get a total for each player and use that to set your draft order.
- We will provide a google sheet list of the players if a digital copy is desired.
- Remember **pitching is the #1** need, then catchers, then Travel players then skill ratings.

Filter League Age	12	REGISTRATION DETAILS												SKILLS AREAS TO ASSESS								NOTES					
Tried Out	Draft Number	Player Name	League Age	Play Up (Reg)	Draft Up (Reg)	Travel Player (Reg)	Shirt Size	NBGL Return Player	Draft Up*	Travel Player	Innings Pitched 24	Travel Pitcher	Catcher	OF (Fly Balls)	Throwing	Field (Grounders)	Hitting	Running	Pitching	Total	Coach Pick	Sister Pick	Comments	Draft Up Must	Draft Up Eligible	Dropped Out	
	12U-1		12	Yes	Yes	Yes	medium	Yes	Yes	Yes	2														x		
	12U-2		12			Yes	large	Yes		Yes	1																
	12U-3		12	Yes	Yes	Yes	x-large	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes												x	x		
	12U-4		12	Yes	No	No	large	Yes	No	No	6																
	12U-5		12	Yes	Yes	Yes	x-large	Yes	No	Yes																	
	12U-6		12	Yes	Yes	Yes	x-large	No	Yes	Yes															x		
	12U-7		12	Yes	No	No	large	Yes	No	No																	
	12U-8		12	Yes	No	No	small	Yes	No	No																	
	12U-9		12	Yes		No	large	Yes		No	13																
	12U-10		12	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes															x		
	12U-11		12	Yes	No	No	large	Yes	No	No																	
	12U-12		12	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes																	
	12U-13		12	Yes	No	No	medium	No	No	No																	
	12U-14		12	Yes	No	No	medium	Yes	No	No	3																
	12U-15		12	Yes	No	No	large	Yes	No	No																	
	12U-16		12	Yes	Yes	Yes	small	Yes	Yes	Yes															x		
	12U-17		12	No	No	No	x-small	Yes	No	No																	

Figure 1: Assessment Spreadsheet Example



### **Draft Night:**

**Set for Wednesday Jan 21st at Epicenter Room 300. Times TBD. Order will be 14U, 12U and then 10U.**

#### **Draft Goal:**

- Why do we have a draft? We have a draft to do the best job of distributing the softball talent amongst the teams so we have a competitive field of teams.

#### **Draft Order:**

- Draft order is determined by a random drawing before the start of the draft.

#### **Draft Attendees:**

- The head coach must attend.
- Assistant coaches are allowed to attend but if they are present or if you have an official assistant coach that will be your 4th round pick. You are only allowed one as assistant coach prior to the draft process.

#### **Draft:**

- The draft is a snake draft. This means the team with the first pick (1.1) will have the last pick in the second round with 8 teams this would be the 2.8 pick. See figure 3 below.
- 3rd Round Pick will be Head Coaches kid if he/she has one.
- 4th Round Pick will be Assistant Coaches kid if he/she has one.
- The Draft will continue until all players that attended assessments are drafted.
- For players that were not able to attend assessments, their names will be put in a hat and drawn in draft order continuing the snake draft.
- Once all players have been assigned to a team the draft is complete
- Once the draft is complete there will be a 15 minute period to allow for any trades.

#### **Pitchers:**

- Pitchers will be noted on the draft assessment sheet along with innings pitched the previous season where applicable.
- Pitchers will pitch at assessments giving coaches an opportunity to evaluate them.

#### **Travel Softball Players:**

- Any player that has played travel softball with the Red Barons or another organization will be noted on the draft assessment sheet. This means they play more than just spring softball and against a higher level of competition.
- Again we will do our best to identify these players but it may not be fully inclusive.

#### **Players that Missed Assessments / Hat Picks:**



- Players that were unable to attend assessments will be hat picks.
- The players names that were not assessed will be written on a slip of paper and put into a hat. After all assessed players have been drafted teams will draw a name out of a hat in their draft order until all players have been rostered.

#### Draft Up Available Players:

- We will provide a list of players from the lower age group that have met a certain safety requirement and can be drafted up if a team desires. These players had to attend assessments
- We will also identify any players in the current age group that were drafted up during the preceding age group draft.

#### Sister Picks:

- If a player has a sister in the same age group then the players will go back to back.
- If you take sister 1 in the 5th round then your 6th round pick will be her sister 2.
- Special Case: Head Coach or Assistant Coach has sisters in the same age group.
  - Assistant Coach Case: First Kid is 4th round pick 2nd kid is 9th round pick.
  - Head Coach Case: First Kid is 3rd round pick, 2nd kid is 9th round pick.
  - The Head Coach and Assistant Coach have 2 kids: 3rd round, 4th round, 9th round and 10th round picks.
  - Any combination not covered here will be set by the UIC at the time of the new situation

#### Coach Blocks:

- A player is allowed to block a certain coach from drafting them. They are only allowed one block. This block will be communicated to the coach at least one day before the draft.

#### Trades:

- At the end of the draft there is an additional 15 minutes allowed for teams to make trades.
- This is a negotiation between the teams wanting to trade.
- This often has to do with a coach trying to get a good friend of their child or someone that needs rides, etc.

#### Practice Times / Jersey Colors

- We will also have you pick your practice slots and Jersey Colors.



## NBGS 14U 2025 Draft

Round	Team 1		Team 2		Team 3	
	Player #	Name	Player #	Name	Player #	Name
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Figure 2: Draft Example

8 Teams											
Round											
Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
	1	16	17	32	33	48	49	64	65	80	81
	2	15	18	31	34	47	50	63	66	79	82
	3	14	19	30	35	46	51	62	67	78	83
	4	13	20	29	36	45	52	61	68	77	84
	5	12	21	28	37	44	53	60	69	76	85
	6	11	22	27	38	43	54	59	70	75	86
	7	10	23	26	39	42	55	58	71	74	87
	8	9	24	25	40	41	56	57	72	73	88

Figure 3: Snake Draft