

Q: What is the draft?

A: The draft is an event held in early March for new players interested in playing in the league. Players will be put through some batting, infield and outfield drills so that they can be placed in the division that best matches their abilities. Managers will also watch the drills so they can match player strengths and abilities to the needs of their teams. At the end of the day, players are informed of which team they were drafted to. Given the size of our league, the draft is the most efficient way for our teams to add new players.

Q: How should I prepare for the draft?

A: You do not need to do anything to prepare. If however, you have never played before you may want to go to a batting cage and get yourself comfortable with swinging a bat. Ask a friend to toss a ball around with you and get comfortable catching and throwing a softball.

Q: What should I do if the weather is questionable the morning of the draft?

A: Check our website at www.cbisl.org. We will let you know for sure if we are holding the draft. Chances are the draft could get pushed to a later date.

Q: What happens when I arrive?

A: You will be greeted by one of our volunteers who is also a player in our league. They will take your name, email, phone #, and assign you a player number for the day that will be placed on your back while you are going through drills. You will then be sent to warm up with other new players.

Q: How long do I have to wait until I find out whether or not I am on a team?

A: After the drills are over, the league managers will meet privately to work out the player selection process. This can take anywhere between 30-60 minutes. If you wish to wait, a manager will come out and introduce themselves to you after you are drafted. If you wish to leave after the drills, a manager will call you that evening to let you know to which team you were drafted.

Q: My boyfriend, girlfriend, roommate, brother, sister, friend, and I want to play together on the same team. Is that possible?

A: Yes. The league allows 2 people to be drafted together. When you sign in you should both go to the same volunteer and tell them that you are a pair. You will both get the same number to wear on your back, one with an A and the other with a B. Managers looking at either one of you will know that you are part of a pair and will be required to draft both of you. The only exception to this rule would be if the two of you were placed into different divisions. You must both possess a similar skill set in order to get placed in the same division and on the same team.

Q: I am a women who wants to play on a team of just women, is that possible?

A: Yes. We have an entire division of women only teams. Please make sure to tell your volunteer when you sign up.

Q: Does everyone get placed onto a team?

A: The purpose of the draft is not to weed out those with no talent, but to make sure that players are placed on teams appropriate to their ability. We make every attempt to place as many people as possible onto teams through the draft. However, team managers have discretion as to how many players they want to hold on their roster. We cannot guarantee that everyone will be drafted.

Q: If I do not get drafted right away, does that mean I will never make it on a team?

A: Absolutely not. With so many players on so many teams, and so many changes in players' lives, we see openings to team rosters often. You will be kept on a waiting list and notified immediately when a roster spot is open.

Q: What do I wear and bring to the draft?

A: Weather in March can be very unpredictable. You should wear comfortable, layered clothing. You should wear something warm enough to play in but not too warm that you'll need to take something off during drills. Remember you'll have a number pinned to your back! If you have long hair, please put it up. And please refrain from wearing hoodies as they can often hide the number on your back. Wear rubber cleats if you have them, and bring a glove. If you do not yet have a glove, we should have one there for you to borrow for the day.

Q: What if I miss the draft, can I still join the league?

A. Yes. You can email joincbls@aol.com and we will attempt to place you onto a team.