**2013 Senior Division  
Draft Guidelines***Last Updated: 3/22/2013*

**GOAL**

Milton Girls Softball is committed to providing all girls with an experience that fosters positive self-esteem, team spirit and individual growth through personal achievement and team play. As part of this effort, we want to make sure the teams playing in the Senior Division are balanced by grade and by ability. The structure of the draft helps achieve this goal.

**PLAYER EVALUATION**

Prior to the actual draft, the league works to pull together data points that help us and the Senior coaches understand the talent level of the girls. The information collected includes:

* Coach evaluations from the previous season
* Notation if they played Summer Travel
* Inning Pitched in the previous season (incoming 7th graders only)
* All-Star Team selection in the previous season
* Designation of a pitcher and/or catcher

These metrics are used to calculate a rating value for each player and ranked in order. As a group (coaches and the executive board), we will review the ratings and make any necessary adjustments. The goal is to come to an agreement on the ranking order.

**TEAM ROSTERS**

For the 2013 season, the division will have 6 teams. Five teams will have 12 players and one team will have 11 players for a total of 71 players.

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

For the 2013 season, as we strive to maintain competitive balance, coaches will not be permitted to select assistant coaches. This decision was made not to prevent parents from pairing up but more to preserve the goal of balancing the talent across all the teams. Parent who have indicated an interest in assisting or “helping out” will be indicated on the draft list.

**DRAFT ORDER**

In year’s past, the draft order would be the reverse order of the previous season’s standings. However, with the redrafting of the entire division in 2013, the draft order will be completely random. Each head coach will draw a number out of a hat. The number drawn by each coach will represent his/her selection number. The 1st round will follow the typical drafting order:

1. Team 1
2. Team 2
3. Team 3
4. Team 4
5. Team 5
6. Team 6

The 2nd round will be the reverse order of the first:

1. Team 6
2. Team 5
3. Team 4
4. Team 3
5. Team 2
6. Team 1

Each subsequent round will continue to alternate using the 1 through 6 and 6 through 1 draft order. A complete list of the draft order is below:

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|  | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | R11 | R12 |
| Team 1 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 24 | 25 | 36 | 37 | 48 | 49 | 60 | 61 | 72 |
| Team 2 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 23 | 26 | 35 | 38 | 47 | 50 | 59 | 62 | 71 |
| Team 3 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 22 | 27 | 34 | 39 | 46 | 51 | 58 | 63 | 70 |
| Team 4 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 28 | 33 | 40 | 45 | 52 | 57 | 64 | 69 |
| Team 5 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 20 | 29 | 32 | 41 | 44 | 53 | 56 | 65 | 68 |
| Team 6 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 19 | 30 | 31 | 42 | 43 | 54 | 55 | 66 | 67 |

**PITCHING**

Pitching is a key component of a team at this level. The 1st round of the draft will be used to draft one of the designated best pitchers. The designated best pitchers will be ranked and the top six will be part of the first round. If a team already has one of the top pitchers because she is the daughter of the head coach, that team shall not select a player in the first round. All other pitchers will be part of the general position draft.

**CATCHING**

Catching may be the single most important position at the Senior level. The 2nd round of the draft will be used to draft one of the designated best catchers. The designated best catchers will be ranked and the top six will be part of the second round. If a team already has one of those best catchers because she is the daughter of either the head coach or assistant coach, that team shall not select a player in the second round. If a player is both a top six catcher and a top six pitcher, the Executive Board will designate the player to one of the rounds.

**POSITION PLAYERS**

Pitchers and catchers not rated in the top six as well as all remaining players will be part of remaining draft pool. Players are selected round by round until all players have been drafted. The position player portion of the draft begins with the 3rd round and concludes after the 12th round.

**DRAFT GUIDELINES**

The following drafting guidelines will be in place for 2013:

* For 2013, the daughter of a head coach is automatically assigned to the team and counts as a draft pick
* Siblings in the draft must stay together. The MGS Board decides round of the second player.
* 8th Graders - For 2013, a team must have a minimum of (4) 8th graders –   
  with a maximum of 5 per team
* 7th Graders - For 2013, a team may have a maximum of (8) 7th graders
* Coaches may discuss a “trade” at the conclusion of the draft and must be approved by the Executive Board.