High Point Pony Spring and Fall Draft Rules

- Only the manager and one assistant coach can be present at the draft.

- Board members must approve all coaches. Coaches and protected assistant (if known) must be declared to the division commissioner prior to the start of the draft.

- All managers and coaches must be registered in Team Sideline and must be background checked (located under Coaches' Corner on the website). Practice helpers must submit background checks as well. The League will provide uniforms and background checks for manager and 3 assistant coaches. Background checks submitted on an annual basis.

- At evaluations, players will be scored 1-5 (in ½ number increments) - 5 being outstanding. Players will be scored, averaged, and ranked. All players must evaluate. If a player does not evaluate, they will be placed in a hat and selected randomly. *Only exception is a returning player - if they miss evaluations, they will be taken in the first highest available draft round.*

- The manager's and 1 assistant coach's children can be protected in the draft. If a manager's or assistant's children do not come to evaluations, they must be picked in the highest available draft round. If there are siblings, they must be taken in the next available rounds.

- Protected player must be drafted in the round they scored in. For example, if Tom Smith's son ranks as the #1 player, Coach Smith has to take his son in round 1. If Smith's assistant's son scores as a #6 player, this player must be selected in round 2. With 4 teams, 1-4 is round 1, 5-8 is round 2, etc)

- Both the coach's child(ren) and the protected assistant's child(ren) will be protected after the initial draft - meaning next year, a new assistant coach cannot be declared to protect a new player. Only exception is if the assistant coach leaves the division and a new assistant is declared. If the protected player from the previous spring season returns to the team, the manager cannot protect any other assistant coach's child(ren).

- All returning SPRING players will be assigned to their teams and will be selected in the round they evaluated in. (This is for spring and fall seasons - only SPRING players are guaranteed back on a team.)

- Players can be selected in any order regardless of age but must have a set amount of each age group. Set amount will be determined based on the number/ages of children registered in that division.

- An Executive Board Member must be present at all division drafts.

- Draft order will be determined by drawing a number from a hat and will be done as a snake draft.

- We will do our best to honor parent requests but do not guarantee a request unless there are siblings playing together (in the same household.)

- Trades will be allowed at the end of the draft and must be approved by the commissioner and board member in attendance. Hat picks cannot be traded. Executive board member and division commissioner must approve all trades and will not be allowed without their approval.

- Team names/colors will be selected at the draft. They will be selected in reverse draft order. Returning teams with the same manager will have first option on keeping team name/colors.

- Practice days/times will be selected in reverse draft order (1st pick in draft gets last pick of practices.)

- Players cannot play down in a division unless approved by Executive Board Members and Division Commissioner. This request must be made initially by the player's parent(s).

- Players requesting to play up must evaluate in BOTH the age group they belong in and the age group they are requesting to play in. Players must evaluate in the top 10% of their age group. Players playing up in the fall does not guarantee they can play up again in the spring.

- Wait list will be turned off for all divisions approximately 2 weeks after the draft has concluded and practices begin.