

FOOTBALL IN-PERSON DRAFT

If you are in a league that is drafting in person then some of the rules outlined in the drafting packet do **NOT** apply to you. The section entitled roster balancing is only used to make sure that owners drafting by mail get a balanced team. You do **not** have to follow the rules set forth in that section. For instance, if you want to draft 3 linebackers before you get one punter, or 2 tight ends before you get a second defensive lineman, then you should feel free to do so. We do, however, **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** you end up with a roster that has at least 3 quarterbacks, 5 wide receivers, 4 running backs, 2 or 3 tight ends, 3 defensive linemen, 3 linebackers, 3 defensive backs, and one or two punters, kickers, and receiving teams. Leagues drafting by mail pick 30 man rosters. You don't have to draft exactly that many, but 30 is a number which seems to work well.

You can form a league of any size, but **you do have to have an EVEN number of teams in your league**. Teams play one head to head game a week - if you have an odd number of teams someone would get a bye each week, which is no good!

Please have someone send your entire league rosters as soon as you are done drafting! We do have a feature where private leagues can report their draft results from our web site. Doing it that way enables you to compile the list of drafted players simply by clicking on player's names. If you are in a league that played last year anyone in the league can simply go to your league's web page and click on the 'commissioner's link' to access our draft reporting feature. If you are reporting results for a new league that does not yet have a web page, please send us your league's name and list of owners and once we receive that info we will create a web page for your league and will send that web address to you.

If you are sending in your draft results by regular e-mail, fax or postal mail, we do not need to know what order players were picked, we just need to know which players are on each team. The best way to avoid confusion is to list the owner's name, address, and phone number, and underneath that give us his entire team. **Just tell us team #1 has players so and so, team #2 has players ..., etc.** It is easiest if you simply designate someone at the draft to keep track of the players chosen, both by player number and name.

As soon as we get the draft results from you we will send everyone back a league roster and season schedule. **And on your draft report, please list players by NAME and PLAYER NUMBER.** If you draft someone who is not on our list and so does not have a player number that is ok, we will assign him a number. But please include his full name, position, and NFL team.

You should be done drafting by/before September 2nd if at all possible. **Your initial depth chart needs to be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed by/before Thursday afternoon September 10th, 2015.** (The first NFL game this year is on Thursday Sept 10th.) We will send you blank depth charts, an example card, and full instructions a couple of weeks before the season begins.

Please don't hesitate to write or call if you have any questions. Good Luck and Have Fun!

P.S. We do need to have your league team fees paid in full by the time we get your draft results. You can either pay before the draft, or collect all the team fees at the draft and mail them in with the draft results. (You'll have to worry a lot less about an owner not showing for the draft if everyone is paid in advance. I've noticed among my friends that once a guy has paid for his team he is sure to be there draft night!) Thanks, and have a great season! - Jeff Barton, Scoresheet