

Returning players

A head coach who returns in the same division or is moving up to a new division is granted the opportunity to keep his returning players from the previous year together. If a returning players head coach from the previous year moves on, that player will be placed into the draft.

Draft Procedure

1. The head coach's son is considered a returner whether or not he has played before.
2. Each head coach will declare their two (2) player freezes at the start of the draft. If a player is being frozen off of an existing team, that freeze must be declared no later than the first day of the voluntary conditioning camp. Freezes will only be granted if the player freeze form has been properly completed and signed by the player's parent or guardian. Once the freezes have been validated, the frozen players will be placed on their respective teams. Frozen players will be selected in the 1st and 2nd round of the draft.
3. The coach with the fewest number of players will go first. If the number of players on each team is even, a coin toss will decide who starts. The order of the draft will be as follows;

Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, Team..., Team 1, Team 2, Team 3.

Draft picks will be chosen in this order until all players have been assigned to teams.

4. Starting in the 5th round, the team(s) with the fewer number of players will get a 2 for 1 pick until the teams are even.
5. Once teams are even, coaches will pick 1 for 1 until all players have been chosen. Any coach that picks a player with a sibling in the same division will automatically get the other sibling. If a player moves up into a division where his/her sibling is a returning player then that team will automatically get the sibling as a returning player.

If any action causes the teams to become uneven then the team with the fewer number of players will choose 2 for 1 in the next round until the teams become even again.

6. Players not evaluated by both teams prior to the draft will be placed into a hat. A supervising board member will continue to choose hat picks in order until all hat picks have been chosen. If there is only one player who has not been evaluated, that player will go to the team with the next pick.

Recruiting Players

With the exception of the two (2) freezes, recruiting players to play for a specific team is prohibited. Additional players may be recruited to play for the Ventura Buccaneers; however, no promises or guarantees shall be made regarding placement.

Freeze Conditions:

Each team is entitled to two (2) player freezes per season.

All players participating in the football program are eligible to be frozen. This includes players already with another team.

Player freezes may be used to secure player talent, coaching assistance or for any other reason as long as the parent(s)/guardian(s) have consented to their child's placement by completing a player freeze form and submitting it to the athletic director.

The player freeze form must be completed by the players parent/guardian for the freeze to be eligible. Forms must be submitted to the athletic director. Once the freeze form has been received, a copy will be distributed to all head coaches in the players division. The athletic director will also retain a copy for the chapters' books.

Draft Day:

Two (2) executive board members will supervise the draft for each. The Athletic Director will be one of the supervising board members unless the Athletic Director is a coach or a parent on a team in the same division. In this case the President will choose a suitable replacement from the members of the executive board.