

INFORMATION ABOUT NEW CHANGES IN 2018

In 2018: All players in Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony will be chosen through a blind draft.

Blind draft information:

1. Once the registration form is received, the player's name and information are entered into a spreadsheet in sequential order. The number order will be: (1 through xxx). These numbers will be used to identify a player during the evaluation period.

2. Basic skills are set to be evaluated over three nights before the season. Dates and times for these evaluations are as followed:

- Boy's Pinto April 2nd 5-6:30pm, April 4th 5-6:30pm, and April 6th 5-6:30pm. Check-in for Boy's Pinto begins at 4pm. Players are encouraged to check-in early and get warmed up before evaluations begin at 5pm each night.
- Boy's Mustang (Bronco, Pony) April 2nd 6-7:30pm, April 4th 6-7:30pm, and April 6th 6-7:30pm. Check-in for Boy's Mustang begins at 5pm. Players are encouraged to check-in early and get warmed up before evaluations begin at 6pm each night.
- Girl's Pinto April 9th 5-6:30pm, April 11th 5-6:30pm, and April 14th 10am-11:30am. Check-in for Girl's Pinto begins at 4pm April 9th & 11th, and 9am on April 14th. Players are encouraged to check-in early and get warmed up before evaluations begin for each night.
- Girl's Mustang (Bronco, Pony) April 9th 6-7:30pm, April 11th 6-7:30pm, and April 14th 11am-12:30pm. Check-in for Girl's Mustang (Bronco, Pony) begins at 5pm April 9th & 11th, and 10am on April 14th. Players are encouraged to check-in early and get warmed up before evaluations begin for each night.
- IF INCLEMENT WEATHER OCCURS: RAIN DATES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE www.centraliarecreationcomplex.com AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE www.facebook.com/CentraliaRecreationComplex/ PLAYERS WILL NOT BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY. IT IS THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK FOR UPDATES.

Players are required to attend all or at least 2 of the designated evaluation nights. If a player cannot attend any of the evaluation nights, the Program Coordinator needs to be notified **before** the first night of evaluations.

3. Each player will be evaluated during their designated evaluation period in April by a minimum of 3 evaluators from the draft board.

4. The total scores from each evaluator are averaged, and then an overall score is assigned based on those averages. The resulting score is an A, B, C or no evaluation. (If a player fails to come to evaluations, the Program Coordinator needs to be notified immediately).

5. Each player is entered on one side of a color-coded index card. On the other side of the card, we enter evaluation score.

6. While the public is welcome to attend, the draft process will be entirely conducted by the Draft Board. Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and observe but WILL NOT be allowed on the fields during evaluations. Lawn chairs are permitted in the park, and bleachers will be available for viewing purposes.

7. A total number of players in the league is used to establish teams with a maximum number of players.

8. Based on the number of teams, we evenly distribute the evaluation score of A, B, and then C until all teams are filled.

9. Once the teams are established in this manner, set evaluators will randomly assign the volunteer head coaches. If a volunteer head coach is a family member of a player, that coach will automatically be assigned to their child's team. If we must move a player at this point, it is only to be done by the Program Coordinator.

10. The last adjustment is to ensure that siblings (within the same age division) are on the same team. If they are not, the move to another team cannot violate any of the previous rules.

11. Practice dates/times will be determined by the volunteer head coach's availability and available field space.

12. Concessions and restrooms will be available during evaluation nights.

The City of Centralia Recreational Advisory Board has unanimously voted to implement a change in 2018 CRD Baseball and Softball leagues. This year a blind draft will be used in the team building process for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony leagues.

1. A blind draft will help eliminate dominant teams.
2. Blind= Parity: All teams in our leagues are to be created as equal in ability as possible, teams will be assigned **at random** to volunteer head coaches. A parity serves the interests of ALL players in the league.
3. We want our programs to be **FOR THE KIDS**: We strive to make our programs a fun enjoyable experience for the children participating. A blind draft gives volunteer head coaches a chance to develop **ALL** players over the course of a season. Meeting new people, making new friends, and taking direction from volunteer head coaches are all positive aspects from the blind draft.
4. Maintaining strength in numbers: Maintaining players' enthusiasm is a huge goal we are striving for in our leagues. Balanced teams produce, to the extent possible, competitive games all season.
5. **PLEASE REMEMBER IT'S FOR THE KIDS ALWAYS**

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