

# **T&C Softball Q&A for {“Play Together, Stay Together”}**

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## **RECREATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS, *applies to Pinto Age & Up* “Play Together, Stay Together” (Returning Teams)**

### ***Q: What is the purpose of this change?***

A: The purpose is to allow participants to play with more of their friends and build team unity. We feel this will also make teams better, and help retain good coaches. Other organizations in the area have done this and the feedback has been very positive.

### ***Q: Will my daughter now have to tryout in the fall?***

A: Yes, there will be tryouts in the fall now in addition to the spring season. All girls are placed on a team, so our tryouts are really player evaluations so the coaches can draft fair teams.

### ***Q: What if all of the girls on a team want to return together?***

A: As long as 5 or more commit to return together in the spring, and a coach {can be a head coach or assistant coach} on the team commits as well, the team is protected in the spring. If an entire team of girls wants to stay together, but a coach on that team does not want to return, the team is considered disbanded and the girls will be drafted by other teams in the spring.

### ***Q: What is a “free agent”?***

A: A Free Agent is a girl who elects not to return to her fall team for whatever reason. If she plays in the spring, she cannot be drafted by her old fall team.

### ***Q: What if my daughter does not declare to return to her team in the spring, and changes her mind after the deadline for declaring in the fall?***

A: She can then be drafted by her original fall team in the spring, but it is not guaranteed.

### ***Q: How are teams formed in the spring?***

A: New teams will be drafted from scratch with the coach being able to protect up to 4 players. Returning teams will fill their roster {if applicable} in the draft from free agents or other players who have registered to play spring ball.

***Q: Who makes sure the drafts are fair among teams?***

A: The Player Agent's job is to ensure that teams are formed as fairly as possible. Accordingly, teams cannot protect more than 2 pitchers (applies to fast-pitch only), and all players regardless of protection are ranked by draft round by the coaches and Player Agent during the draft process.