



Player Evaluation and Draft Guidelines

Purpose.

Our Player Evaluation and Draft Guidelines ensure a fair, consistent, and informed team selection process supporting player development and competitive balance within the League.

Evaluating baseball skills, effort, and overall potential helps decision-makers remain objective, transparent, and aligned with the overall mission of the League in creating an environment where all players have the opportunity to succeed and develop.

Players.

A. All players **MUST** meet the age requirements for their designated age division in accordance with the League's established age cutoff date. Age eligibility will be determined by the player's date of birth as follows:

Spring Season - Players age on April 30th determines age division.

Fall Season - Players age on April 30th of the following year determines age division.

5 - 6 years old: **TeeBall** (TB)

7 - 8 years old: **PeeWee** (PW)

9 - 10 years old: **Minor** (MN)

11 - 12 years old: **Major** (MJ)

NOTE: A player's age **SHALL NOT** determine their evaluation or draft availability within their respective age division in an attempt to place similar aged players on the same team. To be clear, in the 7 - 8 year old PeeWee age division, teams should not be evaluated and drafted so that all 7 year olds are on a single team and all 8 year olds are on another team.

NOTE: Players **MAY** be aged up to the next age division per their associations' governing rules or guidelines.

B. Players having prior All-Star or travel experience **ARE** eligible to participate in the League and shall be evaluated and drafted similar to all other participants.

NOTE: The League is built to accommodate recreation level play and unfair advantages by building travel style teams is **PROHIBITED**. Each team WILL be limited to four (4) roster spots with players **ACTIVELY** participating on a registered travel team. Teams found in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the postseason tournament.

Evaluation.

A. Shall be scheduled during a day and time that best maximizes participation opportunities for the entire age division.

NOTE: All players are expected to attend their age divisions evaluation and shall not be discouraged from attending for sole the purpose of securing a spot on a specific team.

B. Skills assessed at minimum, will consist of hitting, running, fielding, throwing, and pitching for age divisions having player pitchers.

C. Evaluation metrics and grading scales shall be established by the associations' governing rules or guidelines or Team Manager conducting the evaluation.

D. Method of documentation used to collect evaluation data shall be established by the associations' governing rules or guidelines or Team Manager conducting the evaluation.

Draft.

A. Shall occur within one (1) week of the completed evaluation.

B. Attendees shall be limited to Association Board Member(s) or representative(s), League Directors, and Team Managers plus 1 Assistant Coach per team to limit distractions during the draft process.

C. Player Freezes:

- a. Team Managers WILL be allowed to freeze a **MAXIMUM** of four (4) players that include(s) their child(ren). The Manager is **REQUIRED** to notify their Association Board Member or representative **PRIOR** to the evaluation so that all Managers are aware during the evaluation process.
- b. **PRIOR** to the start of player selections, **ALL** players identified as frozen will be graded by ALL Team Managers and will be given an average draft round determination. Disagreements shall be settled by the Association Board Member or representative present. Once the players' draft round is established that player will be added to the draft board accordingly.

D. Sibling players:

- a. **WILL** be drafted to the same team if in the same age division, NO exceptions. The Association Board Member or representative shall scrub the entire player eligibility roster to determine sibling players prior to the evaluation process.
- b. Managers who draft the first identified sibling player **MUST** then draft the other sibling(s) before any other Managers may pick. To determine the next sibling(s) draft round, the procedures established for frozen players shall be utilized. Once all siblings have been added to the draft board, the next Manager may continue.
- c. If later determined that siblings were **NOT** drafted to the same team the Manager with the higher drafted sibling will retain that player. The Manager will then trade the player he drafted in the same round, for the sibling from the other Manager's team.

E. Association Board Member or representative shall establish a visual draft board that allows Managers to effectively track the draft order. At minimum, the board should list the draft rounds, all Team Manager names, and show the flow of the draft. Players will be populated into the draft board by either their draft ID number or name upon selection.

NOTE: Association Board Member or representative **WILL** be responsible for submitting proof, via email, of a successful draft for **EACH** age division participating in the League.

EXAMPLE:

Draft Round	Coach A	Coach B	Coach C	Coach D	Coach E	Coach F	Draft Order
1							→
2							←
3							→
4							←
5							→
6							←
7							→
8							←
9							→
10							←
11							→
12							←

F. Draft Order:

- a. Will be determined by Managers drawing numbers or utilizing an approved alternative as determined by the Association Board Member or representative
- b. Will snake through each round as depicted in the chart above. The 1st round will begin with Coach A through Coach F, followed by the 2nd round with Coach F through Coach A making their selections and continuing so forth until the draft is completed.
- c. Managers **MUST** draft their player freezes in the round they were ranked.
- d. Team rosters must be full at the end of the draft.

Exception: In the event of an uneven number of division players, the next age eligible registered player will fill a roster spot following the original order of the draft.

G. Player Selection:

NOTE: Player freezes **SHALL** already be marked on the draft board as determined.

- a. Managers must clearly announce their selection in the respective draft order and verify the correct player was marked on the draft board.
- b. Manager selections are final once announced and marked on the draft board.
- c. Players that **DID NOT** attend the age division evaluation **WILL** be lottery picks at the **end of the draft** following a Manager's final pick of eligible players. All lottery pick players shall be assigned a number and drawn by Managers, continuing where the draft order previously ended until all registered players are rostered.

Exception: If at least two (2) Managers can discuss and agree on the skill level of the player in question then a majority vote will be conducted by all Managers. If approved, the player will be included in the open draft and can be drafted by **ANY** Manager during their turn in the draft. This process **MUST** occur **PRIOR** to the **START OF THE DRAFT** and shall be brought to the attention of the Association Board Member or representative by the **MANAGER** wanting the player in question to be considered for open draft.

NOTE: If two (2) or more siblings are lottery picks then the Manager who draws the first sibling will take all of the siblings.

H. Player Trades:

- a. Can be made immediately following the conclusion of the draft within the time allotted as determined by the Association Board Member or representative present.
- b. Shall be announced to ALL draft attendees and finalized before the conclusion of the draft. The draft board will be updated by the Association Board Member or representative with any trades.
- c. Once the 1st Manager leaves the draft room ALL trades are final.

Exception: The only approved trade following the draft would be for siblings that were not placed on the same team as previously noted.

I. Conclusion:

- a. Team Managers will confirm that their draft picks match the draft board by verifying results with the Association Board Member or representative.
- b. The Association Board Member or representative **WILL** submit a photograph or alternate document showing the final results of the player draft within seventy-two (**72**) hours of draft completion.
- c. Managers shall attempt to notify their players within forty-eight (**48**) hours of being drafted.