

# Grottoes Community Little League (GCLL) Draft Selection Process 2024

## Skills Assessments

- o GCLL will hold skills assessments at South River Elementary School on Sat. Feb. 24, 2024.
- o The Player Agent is responsible for running skills assessments.
- o Players will be rotated through stations including throwing, catching, running, hitting, and fielding. Pitching and catching will also be evaluated for players in Majors and Minors.
- o Manager/Coach kids should attend the skills assessment as they will be evaluated by members of the Board of Directors to determine their draft position.

## Draft

- o We will hold player drafts on Mon. Feb. 26 and Tue. Feb. 27 (if needed) in the GCLL Press Box.
- o This draft process follows the Alternate Method for Plan B – Redraft methods for existing leagues as described on page 252 in the Operating Policies of the 2024 Little League Baseball Rule Book.
- o The Player Agent is responsible for running player drafts.
- o Manager/Coach kids will be slotted according to their abilities. Manager/Coach kids will be evaluated at the skills assessment by members of the Board of Directors.
  - Teams are allowed 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach prior to the draft. Immediate family members of the head coach and assistant coach are automatically on the team.
  - Board members will evaluate players in divisions they are not coaching in (e.g. a manager in Major Baseball will evaluate the manager/coach kids in Minor Baseball) and determine what round the manager/coach kids should be drafted.
    - For Example, a very strong player may be slotted as a 1<sup>st</sup> round pick, meaning that team would not have a pick in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.  
Weaker players may be slotted in the later rounds.
      - o Managers will be notified of the round their manager/coach kids are slotted prior to the start of the draft.
  - To begin the draft, every manager will pick a number out of a hat to determine the pick order.
    - Pick order will reverse in even-numbered rounds, which is known as a “snake draft”. For example, if there are 6 teams, the team that selects 6<sup>th</sup> in round 1 will select 1<sup>st</sup> in round 2 (7<sup>th</sup> overall pick), the team that selects 5<sup>th</sup> in round 1 will select 2<sup>nd</sup> in round 2 (9<sup>th</sup> overall pick), the team that selects 4<sup>th</sup> in round 1 will select 3<sup>rd</sup> in round 2 (9<sup>th</sup> overall pick), and so on. The draft order will reverse back in odd-numbered rounds.
    - Selections will continue until all players have been allocated to a team.
    - Managers may select any player not already on a team when it is their turn to pick.
      - o The only exception is that managers may not select manager/coach kids slotted to be picked later in the draft.

- No team should have more than 1 more player than any other team (e.g. one team should not have 13 while another team has 11).
- Managers are allowed to make trades at the conclusion of the draft. However, once the draft is over and the managers have signed their roster, no further trading is allowed. The only way players can be moved to a different team at that point is based on a judgment by the GCLL Board.
- o Immediate family members requesting to play on the same team will be guaranteed.
- o Players/parents requesting to be on the same team as a friend will be considered by the Player Agent and managers, but requests do not have to be honored. This same rule applies to parents requesting to be on a certain team for carpooling ride shares, , not immediate family members, etc.
- o Players not at the skills assessment will be evaluated by the Board of Directors to the best of their ability to determine the player's ability. The Board would consider factors like if they played on an All-Star team in a previous season, ability level from prior seasons, age, and maturity when evaluating these players. Players not at the evaluation will be listed with a grade (A-F, with A being the best) based on our knowledge. If a player is not at the evaluation and has not played GCLL in previous years and the player is therefore unable to be graded, then the Player Agent will make this information available as well.
- o There is no evaluation or player draft for t-ball. The teams will be divided up based on age and any coach/friend requests by the Vice President of Baseball.
- o Most importantly what goes on in the draft room should stay in the draft room. As stated in the 2024 Little League Baseball rulebook on page 251 under 'Secrecy', *"Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted"*. Please do not discuss the round players were selected in, any player grades, etc., with any players or parents. Refusal to abide by this rule may result in a suspension or loss of privilege to coach in future seasons.