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**Article I – Regular Season Draft Process**

**No Draft Requests**

- 1) Parents/Guardians may submit a request in writing to the league Player Agent up to 48 hours prior to the day of the draft requesting that their son or daughter not be drafted by a specified Manager/Alternate Manager.
- 2) Only one written request may be submitted by the parents/guardians for their son and or daughter for each respective draft within each season.
- 3) The written request may only apply to Managers/Coaches who have drafted that player in the past or have played on a team that they have managed/coached previously. Parents/Guardians may not request a Manager/Coach not draft their son or daughter if their son and or daughter has never played on their team in the past.
- 4) The written request may include all siblings from one family requesting a "no draft" policy for any one Manager.
- 5) A new written request must be submitted to the "Player Agent" each year. If a parent/guardian does not want their son or daughter to be drafted by a certain Manager, and it does not meet the criteria above, the parent/guardian should reach out to the Manager, **by phone**, and request the Manager not draft their child. In this case, Managers have the ultimate decision to honor the request or not.

**Free Agent Requests**

- 1) Any player currently playing on a major-league team that wishes to be removed from their present team going into the upcoming Little League Spring season, must formally submit a written request to do so, to the President & Player Agent.
- 2) This position must be made known to the President and Player Agent prior to the February Monthly Board Meeting, at which point, subsequently, the Board will make final determination as to whether such player will be allowed to return to the draft.
- 3) Each request will be reviewed by the Board and decisions made on a case by case basis.
- 4) If approved, the player will need to attend Try-outs.

### **Trades**

- 1) Managers may not trade draft round picks before or during the draft. For example, the Manager with the number one draft pick may not trade it for a third and fourth round draft pick.
- 2) Managers may trade players after the draft is complete.
- 3) Each Manager must sign the written request and give it to the Player Agent, who also must sign it, and keep it on file.
- 4) All player trades must be done in the draft room and before the Player Agent declares the draft to be over.
- 5) No trades allowed after draft day. Little League International rules permit player trades up to 14 days after the opening day game is played. In order to avoid frustration with parents and players, Canal Little League will not follow this rule, unless there is a parent request for a trade. This trade request will be handled by Player Agent, Vice President, and Division Officer.

### **Confidentiality**

- 1) Discussing, emailing, or even hinting about any details related to the draft are strictly prohibited. All conversations during the draft about draft picks, draft order, etc. remains a highly confidential subject. If it is discovered and considered, true that any Manager/Coach/Canal Board Representative leaks sensitive information regarding the draft order or conversations that occurred during the draft, they might lose their right to manage or coach that season. A final determination will be made by the Canal Little League Executive Board and could result in removal from their Manager/Coach/Board Position.
- 2) Drafted players may only be announced by the Manager the moment the Player Agent declares the draft to be over.
- 3) All players that have a letter on file with the Player Agent requesting that they not be allowed to pitch will be announced by the Player Agent prior to the beginning of the draft. These players won't be allowed to pitch during regular/post-season play. No exceptions. However, if their parent/guardian withdraws the letter for All-Stars, the player may be allowed to pitch at that time.
- 4) All players who are on a Travel Ball team during the regular season are requested to notify the Player Agent at the time of registration. The Player Agent will announce any and all players who are on an additional team prior to the start of tryouts. No penalties or restrictions will apply to any and all players who play on second team. If the parents/guardians are forthcoming with this information, then Managers should know the additional team obligations a player may have prior to the draft.

- 5) According to Little League rules when there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a Manager, that Manager automatically has the option to draft the other brother or sister as their next draft selection. If a family has twins and or siblings close in age the parents/guardians can request that when one child is drafted, then so is the other in concurrent rounds. This is done by directing parents/guardians to submit a written request to the Player Agent. The Player Agent will announce any and all sibling required tandems prior to the draft.
- 6) All players who are required to and do not attend a normally scheduled player evaluation session, must present themselves before the Player Agent/Division Officer/Coaches for a skills assessment prior to the draft. A parent/guardian waiver may be submitted, within 24 hours prior to the start of tryouts, to petition the Board of Directors if a player misses tryouts due to a severe injury, illness or a death in the family. No other exceptions apply.
- 7) Players that are a Manager's son or daughter are still required to tryout.

#### **Jr/Sr Draft Process**

- 1) Jr/Sr will have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 16 players per team.
- 2) Near the end of the registration period, Jr/Sr registration may be closed once the number of players reaches the maximum capacity, (i.e. 16, 32, 48) at that time a waiting list will be created.
- 3) If no more than 16 players are registered in a division, then those players will be assigned to a team and no draft or try-outs are required.
- 4) Each year teams will be newly formed.
- 5) Prior to the start of the draft, Managers will draw numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, etc, equal to the number of teams needed for that division) which determine the " draft order."
- 6) No draft position trading is allowed (i.e. Team 1 trades their 1st pick to Team 2 for consecutive 2nd & 3rd picks).
- 7) Selections will continue until either the player pool is exhausted.
- 8) Managers will be required to draft their own son/daughter in the round designated by round 4 or they become unprotected draft assignments.
- 9) If a Parent/Guardian elects to write and sign a letter requesting that their son and or daughter not be allowed to "pitch" during the regular season, at any division, the letter must be in the hands of the Player Agent at a minimum of 48 hours prior to draft day. No exceptions.

### **Majors Draft Process**

- 1) The Draft Order will be determined by using the preceding years standings (i.e. last place team picks first) to order the selections.
- 2) No draft position trading is allowed (i.e. Team 1 trades their 1st pick to Team 2 for consecutive 2nd & 3rd picks).
- 3) Selections will continue until either the player pool is exhausted, or the number of team vacancies is filled.
- 4) Based on the number of 12-year-old draftees, the player agent will determine the minimum number of 12-year-old that must be drafted by each team. The timing/round for the mandatory 12-year-old draft picks will be identified by the player agent prior to the draft.
- 5) No team shall have more than 8 players of the same age on a team. This is to ensure that teams are set up for long-term success as we do not redraft annually.
- 6) Managers will be required to draft their own son/daughter in the round designated by round 4 or they become unprotected draft assignments.
- 7) If a Parent/Guardian elects to write and sign a letter requesting that their son and or daughter not be allowed to "pitch" during the regular season, at any division, the letter must be in the hands of the Player Agent at a minimum of 48 hours prior to draft day. No exceptions.

### **Minors Draft Process**

- 1) Each year teams will be newly formed.
- 2) The draft will be administered by the Player Agent.
- 3) Prior to the start of the draft, Managers will draw numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, etc, equal to the number of teams needed for that division) which determine the " draft order."
- 4) No draft position trading is allowed (i.e. Team 1 trades their 1st pick to Team 2 for consecutive 2nd & 3rd picks).
- 5) A serpentine style draft will be administered as follows: The Manager selecting 1 will pick first, 2 will pick second, and so on until the last team's manager has selected (eg. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or last pick of the first round). The second round of players are selected in reverse draft order (eg. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1); third round in draft order (eg. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6); fourth round in reverse draft order (eg. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1); and so on until the last eligible player has been selected.
- 6) No team may have more than 8 players of any age on their rosters.
- 7) Managers will be required to draft their own son/daughter in the round designated by round 4 or they become unprotected draft assignments.

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- 8) If a Parent/Guardian elects to write and sign a letter requesting that their son and or daughter not be allowed to "pitch" during the regular season, at any division, the letter must be in the hands of the Player Agent at a minimum of 48 hours prior to draft day. No exceptions.

**Replacement of Players**

- 1) A Player loss due to relocation of the family, injury, or other voluntary or involuntary means. This vacancy must be filled unless the player can continue to be an active participant in his/her team's remaining games.
- 2) Manager shall advise the Player Agent.
- 3) Player Agent shall advise the President and the Board.
- 4) If approved, the President communicates release to the player and parents stating the release for justifiable reason.
- 5) Manager reviews eligible player list with the Player Agent and selects replacement.
- 6) Replacement becomes permanent player on team
- 7) Failure of manager to report vacancy should result in disciplinary action