

SECTION 2

REGULAR SEASON TEAM SELECTION

(Applies to Minor & Major League Teams)

It is the intention of Valley East Little League to maintain the Major Division without redrafting on a yearly basis. Given the complications of COVID-19, the League recognizes that a re-draft for the 2022 season is necessary. As such, the League will utilize “Draft Plan B” for the 2022 season under the approved draft methods developed by Little League. Commencing with the 2023 season, the League will utilize “Draft Plan A” under the approved draft methods developed by Little League International and as modified from time to time by Little League International (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/position-policy-statements/local-league-draft-methods/>). ****UPDATED FEBRUARY 23, 2024** – Voted upon at Board of Directors Meeting by League Officials and the public to redraft the Majors Division on a yearly basis as outlined in “Draft Plan B”. Minors Division to continue following process outlined in current by-laws.

2022 SEASON

1. This 2022 draft will be conducted in two (2) separate parts:
 - a. First Draft: The first part of the draft includes those players who are returning from a Major Division team from the previous year and have registered for the current season.
 - i. This first part of the draft (drafting returning players) must be completed before the second part of the draft, and all returning players who qualify under both conditions above must be drafted. Managers are not permitted to waive a draft choice.
 - b. Second Draft: The second part of the draft includes all players who are eligible for selection who have not played in the Major Division in the prior year and have registered for the current season.
2. The draft rotation shall be determined by a random drawing conducted by the President while in the presence of the Managers. The draft will then proceed in a

serpentine manner (ie. Snake draft) as follows: Assuming a five-team league, the first draft position shall draft 1st, 10th, 11th, 20th, etc...until all players are drafted.

3. **NOTE 1:** Because there are no players returning to a particular team, and because coaches cannot be named until the draft is completed, certain provisions under the Draft Provision section below will not be applicable to the 2022 draft. Each provision that is not applicable to the 2022 draft will be noted below.
4. **NOTE 2:** When the second part of this draft begins, the draft order starts with the team that is due to draft next after the completion of the first draft.

DRAFT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE 2023 SEASON AND ALL SUBSEQUENT SEASONS

1. **No expansion required** – In the event the Major Division is not required to expand or lessen the number of teams from the previous year, the following rules shall apply:
 - a. Eligible players will return to their teams from the previous year.
 - b. Teams will then fill remaining roster spots from new candidates under Plan A of the approved draft methods as follows¹:
 - i. Draft order is the same for each round (not a serpentine draft);
 - ii. The team that finished in last place in the preceding year shall have the first selection in each round. The team that finished 2nd to last shall have the second selection in each round. The draft order will continue to be determined based upon the preceding year standings with the first place team from the previous year having the last draft position;
 - iii. The Draft shall continue until all eligible players are drafted to a Major Division Team.

¹ The League traditionally has an instructional clinic in the months prior to the draft. Each returning player and each new player shall be invited to attend. Individuals desirous of becoming managers for the upcoming season shall utilize these clinics to evaluate the talent of the incoming draft class. Participation is not mandatory. The League shall also establish other tools, such as player evaluations, to assist in the draft process. Any written documentation prepared regarding each child's skill level that is prepared by a league representative shall be shared equally with all managers.

DRAFT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SEASONS

c. Manager's child

- i. If a manager has sons and/or daughters eligible for the draft (ie not already assigned to the team due to previous year assignment) the manager shall draft his/her child in the round designated below and as established by Little League International. It is the intent of the league to draft teams of equal talent and, as such, managers are to meet with the Board and/or other Managers to reach a consensus on each manager's son/daughter draft position based on their talent level and anticipated draft position had the child's parent not been a manager. A manager's unwillingness to act in good faith with respect to this provision can result in dismissal as a manager prior to the draft. Parent/manager option takes priority over any other option.

NOTE: These provisions also apply for managers having eligible brothers or sisters in the draft and also apply when a manager has multiple children in the draft.

d. Brothers / Sisters in the Draft.

- i. When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically shall draft the other brother or sister on the next turn. All siblings shall be drafted in this manner unless specific direction is provided by the children's parents to the contrary.
- e. Brothers / Sisters of player currently assigned to a team. (Not applicable to 2022 draft)
 - i. If a draftee has a brother or sister that is currently assigned to a team from the prior year, the Manager MUST draft the sibling withing the

first three (3) draft rounds unless specifically directed otherwise by the children's parents. The draftee sibling shall not be available for other Managers to draft in the first three (3) rounds unless so directed by the child's parents.

f. Sons/Daughters of Coaches (Not applicable to 2022 draft)

- i. New coaches shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid "Red Shirt"ing of players through selective coaching appointments.
- ii. A returning coach, through the manager, shall have his second and subsequent son/daughter and/or sibling drafted within the first three (3) rounds unless otherwise directed by the coach.

g. Draft Rounds

- i. The Son/Daughter of a manager must be drafted in or before the following round with the draft round being decided in accordance with Paragraph 1(c) above:

<u>Draft Round</u>	<u>Age</u>
5	9-10
4	11
3	12

- ii. Each Manager shall know the name of each Son/Daughter subject to this provision prior to the draft.

h. Definition of "son/daughter," "sibling," and "brother/sister"

For purposes of the provisions above, the following definitions shall apply:

- i. "Son/daughter" – The biological child of a Manager/Coach, legally adopted children, and step-children (the Manager/Coach is legally married to the draftee's mother or father).

- ii. “Brother/Sister” and “sibling” – The biological sibling of a draftee, the half sibling of a draftee, a step-sibling of the draftee (parents of both draftees are married), and siblings by adoption.

2. Team Expansion (only applicable to the 2023 season and all subsequent seasons)

- a. In the event the Major Division is required to expand by adding additional teams, Option THREE shall be utilized by the league as more fully set forth in the Little League International Operating Policies (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/position-policy-statements/local-league-maintenance-of-rosters/>) as modified from time to time by Little League International.

3. Team Reduction

- a. In the event the Major Division is required to reduce the number of teams from the previous year, Option A shall be utilized by the league as more fully set forth in the Little League International Operating Policies (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/position-policy-statements/local-league-maintenance-of-rosters/>) as modified from time to time by Little League International.