

PLAYER SELECTION SYSTEMS

METHODS FOR EXISTING LEAGUES

Of course, the Managers must keep in mind that they must not select more than eight players in modified by the local league according to options established by Little League. The local league may opt to allow only 10, 11 and 12, or 11 and 12 year olds, to try out for the majors division.

Secrecy: Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

Bonus Picks: Each manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the roster will be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four. If more than one manager is allowed bonus picks under this section, the order of rotation will be identical to that being followed in the draft.

Plan A

When a thorough tryout program has been completed, the last-place team of the preceding season gets the first choice in every round of the draft, the next to last place team gets the second selection in every round and the remaining teams select in the reverse order of standing.

For the purpose of explanation, let us assume that there are four teams in the league.

First Round:

Fourth place manager selects the first player
Third place manager selects the second player
Second place manager selects the third player
First place manager selects the fourth player

Second Round:

Fourth place manager selects the fifth player
Third place manager selects the sixth player
Second place manager selects the seventh player
First place manager selects the eighth player, etc., until the rosters are completed.

OPTIONS ON SONS, DAUGHTERS AND SIBLINGS

An option is an agreement between a manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition. All options must be in writing (except No. 1) and be submitted to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to the draft. The options are as follows:

1. **Brothers/Sisters in the Draft**

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 an option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn. If the manager does not exercise the option, the second sibling is then available to be drafted by any team.

2. **Brothers/Sisters of Players Currently on a Team**

If desired, a manager shall submit an option in writing on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of that manager's team. If such an option is submitted, the manager **MUST** draft the sibling within the first three draft selections.

3. **Sons/Daughters of Managers**

If a manager has sons and/or daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft, and wishes to draft them, he/she must submit the option in writing. If so stated, the parent/manager is

required to exercise the option at or before the close of the specific draft round, depending on the League Age of Sons/daughters. Parent/manager option takes priority over any other option.

NOTE: These provisions also apply for managers having eligible brothers or sisters in the draft.

4. Sons/Daughters of Coaches

A NEW coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid “Red Shirting” of player through selective coaching appointments. A returning coach, through the manager, may exercise an option in writing to the Player Agent provided:

- (A) The coach has served as a manager or coach in the league (at any level for the past two years AND,
- (B) The coach is returning to the same Major League team as last year.

IMPORTANT: In order for a manager to exercise this option, the coach must qualify under BOTH conditions above.

5. Draft Rounds

If an option is submitted in writing for the son and/or daughter of a manager or coach, such candidate must be drafted in or before the following round:

Baseball

Draft Round	Little League	Intermediate	Junior	Senior	Big
5	9-10	11	12	14, 13	16, 15
4	11	12	13	15	17
3	12	13	14	16	18

Softball

Draft Round	Little League	Junior	Senior	Big
5	9-10	12	14, 13	16, 15, 14
4	11	13	15	17
3	12	14	16	18

6. Special Considerations Which Apply

- (A) If the manager so chooses, the option on son or daughter may be waived.
- (B) In the event, the parent becomes a manager in another league, that parent may not claim the son or daughter.
- (C) Players are eligible only in the league whose boundaries include the parent/manager’s home residence (as defined by Little League)
- (D) When a vacancy occurs during the playing season, the player selected to fill the vacancy becomes a permanent member of that team selected in the draft.
- (E) All players, including sons/daughters of managers and coaches at the Minor League level, are subject to the draft.
- (F) Parents of Major League players who become managers or coaches after their children have been selected to a Major team may not automatically claim sons or daughters, but may trade for them at the proper time, subject to requirements for trading in the next section.

(NOTE: LITTLE LEAGUE DEFINITION OF RESIDENCE IS LOCATED IN THE “LITTLE LEAGUE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS” SECTION OF THE “LITTLE LEAGUE POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES” CHAPTER OF THIS MANUAL, AND IN THE RULEBOOKS.)

ALTERNATE METHOD OF OPERATION - The Regular Season

To aid leagues that area having a difficult time getting enough players for their regular season teams the following option is available:

A pool of player from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for regular season games.

Guidelines:

1. The league’s Player Agent will create and run the pool. The league’s Player agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
3. Players used from the pool will not be allowed to pitch, except during the player’s own regular season game.
4. Pool players that are called and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once.

For details on age alignments for Junior/Senior/Big League see Regulation IV of the rulebooks.

LOCAL LEAGUE MAINTENANCE OF ROSTERS

DURATION OF TITLE

Each player acquired shall, for the duration of their major Little League career, be the property of the team and league or division making the acquisition, unless subsequently traded or released.

NOTE: When local league elects to utilize “common pool draft method” players shall remain property of the league or division making the acquisition. (**Exception:** If the league’s Board of Directors opts to use the Plan B or Plan C draft method for existing leagues, all returning Major Division players must be drafted first, but are not required to be placed on the same team on which they participated previously.)

Regulation II (d) allows the Board of Directors to continue as a player any child whose residence changes after becoming a member of the league. (See the restrictions in the regulation.) However, the best interests of the child should be taken into consideration by the Board in exercising this right.

TRADING

Following the draft, managers may, if they desire, trade players until 14 days after the first scheduled game. ALL TRADES SHALL BE MADE THROUGH AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PLAYER AGENT. The following restrictions also apply:

1. Minor League players may not be traded for Major Division players.
2. All trades must be player of player only. (**Example:** Two players from Team A could not be traded for one player on Team B)
3. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted. (Example: A manager cannot trade his/her right to pick the third player overall for an existing player on another team. However, once the draft is complete, a trade may be consummated, providing it meets all other criteria for trading.)

The Player Agent(s) must monitor any attempts by managers and parents to manipulate the system and thus create an imbalance in the league. ALL TRADES MUST BE FOR JUSTIFIABLE REASONS AND BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.

TEAM REGISTRATION AND RELEASE OF PLAYERS

Five days prior to the first scheduled league game each manager shall register with the Player Agent the number of players as determined under Regulation III (a). Proper release of Major League players (Little League, Junior League, Senior League, Big League Softball/Baseball) due to injury, illness, relocation or resignation is essential.

During the season, the Player Agent must monitor teams to ensure rosters are at the proper level. Managers are required to inform the Player Agent if a player has been repeatedly absent. Failure to notify the Player Agent of a player's repeated absence is cause for disciplinary action against the manager.

REPLACEMENTS

When a player is lost to a team during the playing season for any of the following reasons:

- (1) He/she moves to another city or state too distant to commute for practice and play;
- (2) He/she is injured and will not be able to return to play within a reasonable period of time (local league Board decision);
- (3) He/she has personal reasons decided to terminate his/her association with the team;
- (4) Any other justifiable reason, reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors;

The manager of the team losing the player shall promptly advise the Player Agent. The Player Agent shall advise the President and the Board. If loss of player is approved, the President will send a letter of release to the player and the parents stating player is released from the Major League team and the league for a justifiable reason. This action creates a legal opening for a replacement on the team roster.

The manager shall review the available player list with the Player Agent and shall select a replacement. The replacement becomes a permanent member of the team.

NOTE: Failure by the manager to advise the Player Agent of the player's continued absence should result in disciplinary action against the manager.