



West Seattle Little League Draft Process as

Outlined in the By-laws

Assessments

Rookies Baseball, Minors Baseball, AAA Minors Softball, and Majors Baseball and Softball divisions hold separate assessments. Prior to assessments, all assigned Managers/Coaches from that division will provide a secret skill level rating (1=excellent; 2=good; 3=average; 4=below average) of the protected players which they have prior knowledge of. These ratings will be submitted to the division Player Agent who will consolidate and provide to the independent evaluator group (mixture of knowledge of lower and current division players) the average rating for each protected player. This group will be made up of 3-5 independent evaluators who are adults with no vested interest in that particular division and have been assigned by the WSLI Board. At the end of assessments, this group will meet to apply a round-equivalent value to each protected kid. The protected rounds will be: one, three, five, and seven.

During assessments, Coaches and Managers will alert a Player Agent or the President immediately when a safety concern about a player playing at their age appropriate program is identified. The President and/or Director of Coaching will decide on which program is correct and talk to the parents of the player at the assessment. Eligible players who are not at assessments will be draftable on the draft date for their division.

The Player Agent conducts the draft for each division following the assessment.

Draft Process

Each division holds a separate draft. Draft attendance is limited to the Player Agents, League President, applicable League Vice President based on division, Team Managers and named Coaches. If the President and/or Vice President are not available, they may designate another Board Member to attend.

Prior to the start of the draft, Player Agent will:

- Confirm and announce all Coach declarations and assignments
- Confirm draft order which was determined at Coaches meeting
- Announce protected player's draft round

- Ask Managers and Coaches to share information about players who did not attend assessments
- Clarify any special considerations
- Announce which players have siblings in the same division and want to be on the same team
- Review draft rules and process

The draft will be conducted under the serpentine draft process. Round 1 starts with the team holding the first pick and continues down through the order until the last pick of Round 1 is made. Round 2 starts with the team having the last pick in Round 1, having the first pick in Round 2. Round 2 continues in reverse order until reaching the team that had the first pick of Round 1.

The order continues throughout the draft.

No team may pass their pick in any round in which they are eligible to draft.

The draft shall continue until all eligible players have been selected.

Sibling Rules

The Player Agent will contact the parents/guardians of siblings registered in the same division prior to the draft to ask if the parents/guardians would allow the siblings to be on separate teams. If the parent/guardian chooses separate teams for the siblings, then no sibling draft rule applies to each sibling and they may be drafted by any team and in any round during the draft. If the parent/guardian chooses to have the siblings play on the same team, then siblings **MUST** be chosen by the same team in consecutive rounds of the draft, no exceptions. This includes any protected (Manager/Coach/Team Parent) children as defined in the draft rules below. West Seattle Little League defines siblings as children sharing the same household address. Parents/Guardians must submit address verification documentation in accordance with Little League rules.

Draft Secrecy Rule

Players, and their parents, shall never be told the position in which they were drafted. Knowledge of the detailed draft order and when players are selected is **strictly confidential** and limited to those in attendance at the draft.

Protected Player Rules

An independent evaluation group will meet at the end of assessments to apply a round-equivalent value to each protected player.

The protected rounds will be: one, three, five, and seven.

If a team has two players in the same round, the second player must be drafted in consecutive rounds.

Example:

Team 1: Managers kid round 1 value, Assistant coach round 1 value; Protected players would must be drafted in the first two rounds and this team's first pick from the draft board would be in the 3rd round.

Team 2: Managers kid round 3, Assistant coach round 1. Protected players must be drafted in rounds 1 and 3 and this team's first pick from the draft board would be in the 2nd round.

Team 3: Managers kid round 7, Assistant coach round 3. Protected players would must be drafted in rounds 3 and 7 and this team's first pick from the draft board would be in the 1st round

Each Rookies manager may designate up to **two** coaches prior to the draft. Each Minors/Majors manager may designate **one** coach prior to the draft. The manager has exclusive rights to the eligible child(ren) of the designated coach(es) in the protected round(s) assigned by the independent evaluation group. After that, those player(s) are ineligible to be drafted by their parent's team.

Majors and Minors Age Restrictions

No more than six players of the same age may be on a roster. The only exception is if the only players left in the draft are of that age. For example, if there are eight returning and drafted 11-year-olds on your team, no more 11-year-olds may be drafted unless only 11-year-olds remain in the draft. In no case should a team roster have more than eight league age 12-year-olds without an approved waiver to Regulation III(c).

Special Considerations

- If a manager or coach so chooses, the option on a son or daughter must be waived prior to assessments.
- When a vacancy occurs during the playing season, the player selected to fill the vacancy becomes a permanent member of that team, governed by the same regulations as all members of the team selected in the draft.
- Parents of players who become managers or coaches after their children have been selected to a team may not automatically claim their sons or daughters, but may trade for them at the proper time, subject to the requirements for trading.

Post-Draft Team Assignment

When all eligible players have been drafted, the draft is finalized. Any player who was not eligible for the draft for any reason, but becomes eligible after the draft has been finalized, that player will be randomly placed on a team. All teams within a division who have a deficit of

players on their roster relative to other teams in their division will be entered into a random draw for that player. If all teams in that division have the same number of players on their roster, all teams will be entered into a random draw for that player. This process will continue until all registered players have been assigned to a team.

Manager requests for assignment of specific player(s) not eligible for the draft will not be granted by the Player Agent.

Trading

Trades may only occur after the draft has concluded at the draft location. The Player Agent will be available to discuss trades up to 20 minutes after the end of the draft. ALL TRADES SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PLAYER AGENT. The following restrictions also apply:

- Trades may only take place within the same division.
- All trades must be player for player only (Example: Two players from Team A could not be traded for one player from Team B.)
- Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted.

The Player Agent 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 PRESIDENT (or Executive Board delegate) and PLAYER AGENT FOR THE DIVISION.