

## RLL Draft Rules

### **Draft, Draft Options, Draft Policies, Replacement Policies Draft**

- The Senior, Junior, Major, Minor Division, and AA teams will be selected by the draft. The T-Ball and Rookie A division will not have a draft.
- Tryouts must take place prior to players being drafted.
- Any non-returning player who does not attend a tryout will be drafted via lottery and his/her All-Star eligibility will be jeopardized.
- Players in the Major, Junior, and Senior divisions are property players for the remainder of their time in said division.
- If a property player wishes to leave the team they are rostered to, said player must submit a formal request to the league. The player must be registered for the current season before submitting their request. The board of directors will determine if the circumstances are such that the player should be removed or should remain on the team. If approved the team losing the player will have to be compensated.
- Any manager who plays an unregistered/unrostered player will face disciplinary action from the league up to expulsion from the league.

### **Secrecy**

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

### **Draft Options**

- There will be no coach's option in any of the competitive divisions.
- The manager's child option will be in accordance with the current Little League operating manual (the option must be submitted in writing to the player agent 48 hours prior to the draft and the manager exercising the option must do so at or before the close of the specific round that meets the League Age requirement for their player). All options remain options for the duration of the player's eligibility in the division. A child is a son/daughter/stepchild of the Manager.

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

- The brother/sister option will be the third-round pick. If a manager has more than one brother/sister option, the option must be taken prior to the third round. When the brother/sister option is taken, the sibling must be taken in the next available round.

- If the manager's turn in the draft starts past the rounds referenced above they must use the brother/sister option in their first round (first turn) in the draft. As before any other siblings must be taken in the next available round (second turn).
- There is no cousins option.
- Minor Division players are eligible to be moved to a Major Division team only after all of the 12-year-olds who are on the waiting list have been assigned to a Major Division team. All Minor Division players must play three season games to be eligible to be moved to a Major Division team to fill a vacancy.

### **Draft Policies – Senior Division**

- Serpentine Draft in Reverse order of Standings  
(i.e. First Round: 5th place picks first, 4th place picks second, 3rd place picks third, 2nd place picks 4th, and 1st place picks 5th. Second Round- is the opposite order 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th places, then snakes back in the other direction and so on until the conclusion of the draft.
- The managers of expansion teams will draw numbers to select the draft order (out of a hat for instance). They will be slotted in to draft ahead of the returning teams based on the number they drew.
- Said draft will be a Serpentine Draft (i.e. In the First Round: the manager who drew/earned the number 1 picks the 1st player, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 2nd, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 3rd, and the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 4th. Second Round the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 5th, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 6th, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 7th, and the manager that drew/earned number 1 picks 8th. Draft snakes back and forth until all teams have been rostered).
- The maximum number of teams in the Senior shall not exceed 10.
- If a player refuses the draft, he/she loses the privilege of being drafted up for the remainder of the season and forfeits his/her All-Star eligibility.
- The player agent for the league will assign any player refusing to be drafted to a team or they will become a hat pick.
- In this division players are property players. This means that returning players will be rostered to the same team they played on during the previous season.
- If the number of draft-able players allows for an expansion team, said expansion team gets to draft their players first.
- Existing teams will begin drafting in the predetermined draft order once the expansion team (or teams) has the same number of players as the existing teams.
  - A team will be considered an expansion team if a new manager is taking over (who did not manage/coach in that division the previous season) with less than 2 returning players, or if a new team with no rostered players is added).
  - The returning player will be added back to the player pool before the draft begins in order for the team to be considered an expansion team.

### **Draft Policies – Junior Division**

- Serpentine Draft in Reverse order of Standings

(i.e. First Round: 5th place picks first, 4th place picks second, 3rd place picks third, 2nd place picks 4th, and 1st place picks 5th. Second Round- is the opposite order 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th places, then snakes back in the other direction and so on until the conclusion of the draft.

- The managers of expansion teams will draw numbers to select the draft order (out of a hat for instance). They will be slotted in to draft ahead of the returning teams based on the number they drew.
- Said draft will be a Serpentine Draft (i.e. In the First Round: the manager who drew/earned the number 1 picks the 1st player, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 2nd, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 3rd, and the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 4th. Second Round the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 5th, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 6th, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 7th, and the manager that drew/earned number 1 picks 8th. Draft snakes back and forth until all teams have been rostered).
- The maximum number of teams in the Junior divisions shall not exceed 10.
- If a player refuses the draft, he/she loses the privilege of being drafted up for the remainder of the season and forfeits his/her All-Star eligibility.
- The player agent for the league will assign any player refusing to be drafted to a team or they will become a hat pick.
- In this division players are property players. This means that returning players will be rostered to the same team they played on during the previous season.
- If the number of draft-able players allows for an expansion team, said expansion team gets to draft their players first.
- Existing teams will begin drafting in the predetermined draft order once the expansion team (or teams) has the same number of players as the existing teams.
  - A team will be considered an expansion team if a new manager is taking over (who did not manage/coach in that division the previous season) with less than 2 returning players, or if a new team with no rostered players is added).
  - The returning player will be added back to the player pool before the draft begins in order for the team to be considered an expansion team.

## **Draft Policies – Major Division**

- Serpentine Draft in Reverse order of Standings  
(i.e. First Round: 5th place picks first, 4th place picks second, 3rd place picks third, 2nd place picks 4th, and 1st place picks 5th. Second Round- is the opposite order 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th places, then snakes back in the other direction and so on until the conclusion of the draft.
- The managers of expansion teams will draw numbers to select the draft order (out of a hat for instance). They will be slotted in to draft ahead of the returning teams based on the number they drew.
- Said draft will be a Serpentine Draft (i.e. In the First Round: the manager who drew/earned the number 1 picks the 1st player, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 2nd, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 3rd, and the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 4th. Second Round the manager who drew/earned number 4 picks 5th, the manager who drew/earned number 3 picks 6th, the manager who drew/earned number 2 picks 7th, and the manager that drew/earned number 1 picks 8th. Draft snakes back and forth until all teams have been rostered).

- The maximum number of teams shall not exceed 10.
- All 12-year-old players must be drafted.
- Managers may draft no more than six 10-year-olds per team.
- If a player refuses the draft, he/she loses the privilege of being drafted up for the remainder of the season and forfeits his/her All-Star eligibility.
- The player agent for the league will assign any player refusing to be drafted to a team or they will become a hat pick.
- In this division players are property players. This means that returning players will be rostered to the same team they played on during the previous season.
- If the number of draft-able players allows for an expansion team, said expansion team gets to draft their players first.
- Existing teams will begin drafting in the predetermined draft order once the expansion team (or teams) has the same number of players as the existing teams.
  - A team will be considered an expansion team if a new manager is taking over (who did not manage/coach in that division the previous season) with less than 2 returning players, or if a new team with no rostered players is added).
  - The returning player will be added back to the player pool before the draft begins in order for the team to be considered an expansion team.
- In the event the manager leaves or steps down during the season or at the end of a season, these are the following Replacement Options:
  1. An existing Assistant Coach, with a player on the team, can become the Manager.
  2. An existing player's parent could take over as Manager.
  - These options only apply to the current season (managers added in next season may fall into the expansion team rule if the replacement manager does not stay on).

### **Draft Policies – Minor Division**

- The Minor Division will be re-drafted annually.
- The managers draw numbers to select the draft order (out of a hat for instance).
- Said draft will be a Serpentine Draft (i.e. In the First Round: the manager who drew the number 1 picks the 1st player, the manager who drew number 2 picks 2nd, the manager who drew number 3 picks 3rd, and the manager who drew number 4 picks 4th. Second Round the manager who drew number 4 picks 5th, the manager who drew number 3 picks 6th, the manager who drew number 2 picks 7th, and the manager that drew number 1 picks 8th. Draft snakes back and forth until all teams have been rostered).
- The number of teams shall not exceed 10.
- All remaining 10-year-olds who have not been drafted in the Major Division must be drafted into the Minor Division.
- All 9 year olds are required to attend one of the tryout days provided by the league regardless of what division they have been signed up for.
- All 9 year olds who tryout and are not drafted to the Minor division will be eligible to pitch in the Rookie AA division; those who did not tryout and get rostered to a Rookie AA team will not be eligible to pitch in that division for the remainder of the season.
- Minor League Managers have an option to acquire 2 8-year-old players along with parent consent.
- All players are returned to the league's player pool at the end of the season. No manager of a Minor Division team may retain a player in the subsequent season.

- If a player refuses the draft, s/he loses the privilege of being drafted up for the remainder of the season and forfeits his/her All-Star eligibility.

#### **Selection Policies – (Minor) Rookie Division A, AA**

- All 9-8 year-olds who tried out and did not get selected into the Minor League will be placed in Rookie Division AA.
- All other players who registered for Rookie A, AA will also be placed on a team.
- A maximum of four requests per manager will be honored, not to include the said manager's child.
- The number of teams in the Rookie Divisions shall not exceed 10.
- New for the 2026 season Rookie AA Division will have a tryout and draft of its own following the draft policies of the Minor Division draft.