

Central Chesterfield Little League 2026 Player Selection Rules and Procedures

Buddy Ball, Tee Ball & Rookie:

CCLL will utilize Little League's "Draft Plan C – Blind Draft Plan" for the Buddy Ball, Tee Ball, and Rookie levels as outlined in the Policies>Local League Draft Methods>Methods for Existing Leagues section of the Little League Rule Book.

Step 1: The Coaching Coordinator will assign approved Managers to teams within each division.

Step 2: Each Manager's child/children will be added to their respective roster by the Player Agent/League Director.

Step 3: The Player Agent/League Director will review sibling requests and add siblings to the same roster.

Step 4: The Player Agent/League Director will review special requests, such as parent ride share/friend requests, and add to rosters as feasible.

Step 5: The Player Agent/League Director will assign remaining players to teams. Following the rostering of teams registration will be placed on "shutdown" and players will be wait listed.

Step 6: Wait List players will be placed by the Player Agent as they register until all teams achieve full rosters as determined by the BOD.

Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Intermediate, and Senior:

CCLL will utilize a modified version of Little League's "Plan A – Serpentine Draft Plan" for the Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior levels as outlined in the Policies>Local League Draft Methods>Methods for Local Leagues in their First Year of Operation section of the Little League Rule Book.

The following draft rules will apply to the Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Intermediate, and Senior divisions:

Rule 1: All eligible players will return to the draft each year.

Rule 2: Baseball draft selection order is determined by a random number drawn from a hat. The person who draws the last draft pick position will have the first choice of naming their team. This pick order will proceed from last to first. Team names can be traded ONLY before the draft selection begins.

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Rule 3: The league will assign an independent volunteer to assess and rank players for each division. These individuals must not have players in the division they are evaluating. The Admin members of the BOD will use TeamGenius app to compile player ratings, incorporating input from manager and independent evaluators. The combined assessment results will be used solely by the Admin BOD as the official rankings for the draft and for all protected players or other forced-ranking decisions.

All evaluators will receive access to the TeamGenius app or paper assessment forms (upon request). Any paper assessments must have a copy (picture) submitted to the Player Agent or President before leaving the evaluation site.

Managers/evaluators will receive their assessment results only via an Excel spreadsheet prior to the draft so they can compile their evaluations according to their draft strategy. The BOD will provide a recommended rating scale to be used for the assessed skills for evaluators.

Rule 4: A Team Manager's child will be forced to be ranked into the round determined by the combined assessment from independent and manager evaluations for the division, as outlined in Rule 3. The Team Manager may request one assistant coach prior to the draft. The assistant coach must be approved by the BOD and pass all volunteer requirements before the draft. If the assistant coach has a child, that player will be forced into the draft round determined by the official rankings for the division, as outlined in Rule 3.

Note 1: A manager or assistant coach's "child" is defined as their designated player; Typically, their own son or daughter, stepson or daughter, or adopted son or daughter. Exceptions for other family members of the manager can be made with permission from the Board.

Note 2: If a Manager or Assistant Coach's child does not assess, they will be placed in the first round of the draft or the next available round if occupied.

Note 3: If a Manager or Assistant Coach has multiple children forced-ranked into the same draft round, the first child remains in that round and the next child is moved to the next available round.

Note 4: Parent Managers will be required to coach at the division their child is assessed to play based on their skill level. To support this decision, the manager may need to submit a video assessment of their child before the BOD votes on approval. If required, the video will be reviewed by the Player Agent, Vice Presidents, and the President before a nomination from the president is

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determined. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Rule 5: Special requests are not permitted at the Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Intermediate, or Senior levels, with two exceptions: (1) sibling option and (2) “exclude from manager” requests.

Note 1: Sibling requests are only considered for players eligible for the same division and must be submitted in writing to the Player Agent at least 48 hours before the draft. If all siblings complete assessments, they will be placed on the round according to the official ranking according to the combined evaluation results. When one sibling is drafted, the Player Agent will notify the manager of the request and the forced round for the other sibling. The second sibling will be assigned to that round, or to the next available round if it has already passed. If any sibling does not assess, the non-assessed player will be placed in the next available round. Sibling requests apply to family members living at the same address, household, or blended household. The sibling option is declared during the draft. After forced-round information is shared, the manager may choose to select the siblings or pick another player.

Note 2: Players may submit only one “exclude from manager” request per season. If a manager attempts to draft a player who has submitted such a request, they will be instructed to choose a different player.

Rule 6: The Manager Selection Meeting, held between player assessments and the draft, is used to confirm force-ranked protected players and project available roster spaces in each division. Using TeamGenius data and manager feedback, the league estimates how many players should compete at each level, including identifying players who may be better suited for a lower or higher division. These projections provide a planning factor for many play-up and play-down players are expected at each division. The projections for all players are not binding and any player can be drafted at a division in which they are eligible.

Before each draft, the Board determines which players are eligible at each level and how many roster spots remain after all forced players are placed. League-age players for a division must be drafted in the available spaces. The remainder of spaces for that division can be comprised of lower league-age players if managers select them based on their skill and talent for that level of competition. Managers do not have to select a league-age player for a division as long as that player’s league-age has availability at another division. For example, a league-age 11-year-old does not have to be selected at

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the Major division as long as there is available space at the Minor level for that 11-year-old.

Rule 7: High School Junior Varsity and Varsity players are not required to attend league assessments, but they must notify the Player Agent of their high-school team status at least 24 hours before the draft. Their names will then be listed on the draft board for managers to select by name. If a player learns they made a high-school team within 24 hours of the draft, all managers in that division must agree to add the player to the board. If local high-school tryouts are not completed before league assessments, any player without a finalized high-school roster spot must attend assessments to be eligible for selection by name. The Board may grant exceptions depending on VHSL tryout timing.

Rule 8: Apart from rule 7, all draft-eligible players must participate in the league's scheduled player assessments (scheduled or make-up). Any player who does not assess will not be eligible for selection by name during the draft. The names of non-rated players will be placed in a hat for selection by draw only. Throughout the draft process, managers will have the option of selecting assessed players by name or non-assessed players by drawing from the hat. If a player does not attend the assessment (exception outlined in Rule 7 for VHSL players), that player becomes a "hat pick" and placed in the median division of eligibility.

Rule 9: If a player cannot attend assessments (scheduled or make-up), they may submit a video assessment to the Player Agent no later than 24 hours before their draft time. The video must include at least 5 swings, 5 fielding reps (a mix of grounders and fly balls), and 5 throws. Players in Minor and above divisions may also include pitching or catching submissions. The Player Agent will make all submitted videos available to the appropriate division managers before the draft. Once videos are made available to division managers players will be moved from "hat pick" to by-name available for the draft.

Rule 10: Any player eligible to be drafted to a higher level must attend/complete assessments. Players eligible for multiple divisions will complete only one assessment, and that score will be used across all applicable divisions. If a player attends assessments outside their assigned division time and the appropriate division managers are unavailable, an independent assessor will conduct the evaluation. The assessment results, along with a general description of where the player falls in the official ranking will be provided to the managers in which the player has eligibility to play.

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Rule 11: To maintain competitive balance from Coach Pitch through Senior, no team may have more than eight players from the oldest age group in that division. For example, a Majors team may not roster more than eight twelve-year-olds. The Board may grant exceptions if the number of registered players at a level makes this requirement impossible to meet.

Rule 12: Managers have a 2-minute limit to make their draft pick. If they exceed this limit, the Board may impose a penalty: the manager forfeits that round's pick and will instead make two selections—within the 2-minute limit—in the next round.

Rule 13: All player trades must occur within 24 hours of the draft and require approval from the Player Agent or the President. Trades are only allowed within three draft rounds—one round higher, one round lower, or the same round—and must remain within the same division. For example, a 12-year-old drafted into Majors cannot be traded for a 12-year-old drafted into Intermediate. Players may be notified once the BOD confirms that all trades are finalized.

Rule 14: *Placement of Wait List Players* To ensure late-registering players still have an opportunity to play, all players who sign up after the drafts will be placed on a Wait List, which remains open through the late-registration period as long as spaces remain available at each division. After that point, all divisions enter “shutdown” and no additional players are accepted.

Before placing Wait List players, the Player Agent will identify team vacancies caused by dropped players or incomplete draft rounds. Any team with fewer than 13 players is considered to have an opening, though this number may be adjusted by the Board. Priority is given to teams with 11 or fewer players to balance rosters; once all teams have the same number of players, the draw resets so each team has an equal chance to receive the next player.

After vacancies are confirmed, the President, VPs, and/or Player Agent will conduct a random “hat pick”. Team names with openings are placed in one container and player names in another. One team and one player are drawn to determine placement, ensuring a fair and unbiased assignment. Draft-order priority is not used for Wait List placement. The process continues until all vacancies are filled or all Wait List players have been assigned. Managers are encouraged, but not required, to attend or send a representative to the wait list placements.

Wait list players at the Coach Pitch through Senior divisions will only be placed during three specific times after the draft (pending vacancies at each level).

- o 1st Wait List Placement – the first Monday of March

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- o 2nd Wait List Placement – the second Monday of March
- o 3rd Wait List Placement – the third Monday of March

Player placement is always dependent on available roster space within each division. Most Wait List players will be assigned to the median division for their league age. In special circumstances, a player may be placed in a higher division, but this is determined case-by-case since these players did not participate in assessments and do not meet Draft Rule 10. If the Board has prior knowledge of a player's ability, they may approve moving that player up or down based solely on talent.

Any players who are not rostered after the final Wait List placement will receive a refund.

Below is the contact information for key BOD members:

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