

# Newton Youth Baseball Little League

## Team Formation Policy & Draft Procedures

### General Policies

1. Player Requests
  - a. Limited to sibling requests only.
  - b. Requests must be submitted in writing before evaluations/combine and are not guaranteed.
  - c. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches reserve the right to deny requests to maintain competitive balance.
2. Coach Requests
  - a. Coaches may request with other coaches.
  - b. Requests must be submitted in writing before evaluations/combine and are not guaranteed.
  - c. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches reserve the right to deny requests to maintain competitive balance.
3. Age & Ability Considerations
  - a. Newton Youth Baseball Little League will adhere to Little League age guidelines.
4. Team Formation
  - a. Teams at all levels of play will be created by and agreed upon by the Player Agent and Director of Coaches.
  - b. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches have final authority over team formations.
    - i. Should there be a dispute between the Player Agent and Director of Coaches, it will go to the president.

### Division-Specific Procedures

#### Tee Ball & Rookies Divisions

##### Process

1. Coaches and Volunteers' players are placed on their team.
2. Siblings are placed on the same team unless otherwise requested.
3. Remaining players will be evenly distributed amongst teams in the following order:
  - a. Age
  - b. Years of Experience
  - c. Blind Draw (i.e. random assignment)
4. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches may intervene if teams become unbalanced.

# Minors & Majors Divisions

## Policies

1. Before each draft at least one combine will be held. Players will be required to attend.
  - a. Coaches are strongly encouraged to also attend.
  - b. Players will be evaluated on hitting, fielding, throwing, base running and the consistency of each of these skills.
  - c. Coaches and board appointed evaluators will score players.
    - i. Coaches and board appointed evaluators will recommend scores for players who are unable to attend the combine, based on prior knowledge. If no prior knowledge is available, the scorecard is left blank for that player.
    - ii. Overall scores (averaged scores) will be documented and made available to all coaches for draft day.
    - iii. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches will have final say on a players overall score, in order to weed out any anomalies.
2. All players will enter the draft pool each season.

## Draft Day Process

1. Coaches and Volunteers' are placed on teams that will offer an equal number of players for each roster.
2. Coaches and Volunteers' players are placed on their team.
3. The team with the lowest sum of overall evaluated scores picks first, followed by the next lowest, then the next and so on.
  - a. A round will consist of each team choosing a player from the draft pool.
  - b. After the first round, teams will continue to choose players in the same order for all subsequent rounds.
  - c. Each round should end in all rosters having the same number of players. Should a team have more (i.e. a coach or volunteer has multiple children or siblings were placed on a team) that team will be skipped during the next round.
  - d. Whenever possible siblings will be placed on the same team unless otherwise requested.
4. The Player Agent and Director of Coaches may intervene if teams become unbalanced.