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## **Minor League Placement Process**

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- **All players shall be evaluated at the Minor League evaluations, if at all possible**
- **All players will be rated on a scale of 1 (lowest) up to 5 (highest) by a minimum of six assessors, who shall consist of minor league coaches, and/or the Commissioner, and/or the Player Agent, and/or the Newton North Little League President, and/or the Newton North Little League Vice-President**
- **After the Major League selection process is completed, the Minor League player pool will be created by the Commissioner, the Player Agent, the Newton North Little League President, and the Newton North Little League Vice-President**
- **The AAA Minor League pool will consist of all eleven and twelve year olds who are not playing in the Majors<sup>1</sup>, all ten year olds who have not requested to play in AA Minors, and any ability appropriate nine year olds who: (1) have a year of AA experience; and (2) who have requested to play in AAA (or who, after consultation, are comfortable doing so)**
- **Since every effort will be made to limit the roster sizes to a maximum of twelve players, it may be that not all "eligible" nine year olds will be placed in AAA**
- **The AA Minor League pool will consist of all ten year olds who have requested to play in AA Minors, all nine year olds (except those who have been selected to play AAA Minors), and any ability appropriate eight year olds who: (1) have two years of Farm League experience; and (2) who have requested to play in AA (or who, after consultation, are comfortable doing so). Eight year olds who: (1) have one year of Farm League experience; and (2) who have requested to play in AA (or who, after consultation, are comfortable doing so) may be considered for AA Minors.**
- **Within each division, the selection process will be done by the Commissioner, the Player Agent, and the coaches for that division. The Newton North Little League**

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<sup>1</sup> Any twelve year old who wishes to play in the Minors must obtain the appropriate signed player waiver requests from their parents, Newton North Little League, and the District Administrator before placement

President and the Newton North Little League Vice-President will also be invited to participate in the selection process, if they so desire

- Within each division, the top eight players (with an emphasis on pitching) will be identified, using the player evaluations as a general guide, and dispersed evenly between the four teams<sup>2</sup>
- Next, within each division, the next eight players assessed the highest will be identified, using the player evaluations as a general guide, and dispersed evenly between the four teams
- By this point in the process, each team should have three identified pitchers and one identified catcher
- Next, within each division, the next sixteen players assessed the highest will be identified, using the player evaluations as a general guide, and dispersed evenly between the four teams
- Next, within each division, the remaining players in the pool will be dispersed evenly between the four teams
- A coach's child will be placed with their parent, barring a specific request to do otherwise
- Within the framework identified above, effort will be made to satisfy friend requests, transportation requests, coach requests, etc.; however, all such requests will be weighed against the need to keep the teams competitively balanced
- Within the framework identified above, every effort will be made to ensure that children are assigned to a team with at least one other child from their school, if possible (i.e., for children attending private schools this may not be possible)

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<sup>2</sup> This by-law assumes four teams at each Minor League level. Were there to be more or less teams at either level, the number of players identified at each stage of the selection process would be adjusted accordingly. For example, if there were five teams in AAA Minors, the top ten players would be identified first, then the second ten, then the next twenty, and so on down the line.