



MISSION TRAILS LITTLE LEAGUE

PLAYER EVALUATION & TEAM SELECTION

Welcome to the 2019 Mission Trails Little League baseball season! To help avoid any confusion, we are providing you with this document that outlines the Player Evaluation & Team Selection process followed by MTLL. We ask that you please read this handout in its entirety.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

All players league age 7 through 12 **must** be evaluated for their fielding, throwing, hitting, and running ability. These evaluations help determine the appropriate playing division for your child, as well as to guide the team selection process. See reverse side for Player Evaluation Schedule.

DIVISIONS / AGES

Player evaluations are separated by division and by age: Majors (league age 12 & 11), Minors (league age 10 & 9), and Caps (league age 8 & 7). Any requests for your child to “play up” or “play down” a division must be directed to the Player Agent for that division in advance of the player evaluations. **Upon approval, the child must attend one evaluation for each division being considered. This is very important!** For example, an 8 year old who wants to play up in the Minors division must, with Player Agent approval, be evaluated both with the Caps players and with the Minors players. This will allow full evaluation of your child’s playing ability. **Although parent requests will be heard, there is no guarantee for the request to be honored. The evaluation process ultimately determines the division in which your child plays.**

UPPER-DIVISION DRAFTS (Majors & Minors)

The Majors Division player draft will be conducted after player evaluations are completed. Any player not drafted by a Majors team then becomes eligible for the Minors Division player draft. **The team for which a player ultimately plays is a direct result of the draft process, and it is the sole discretion of the team managers to decide the makeup of their teams.**

Any request to have/not have a particular Majors or Minors manager **MUST** be directed to the Upper Division Player Agent, Division Coordinator, and MTLL President. **However, in the upper divisions there is absolutely NO guarantee that these parent requests will be honored.** The MTLL Majors/Minors drafts take place in order to create fair and competitively balanced teams within these divisions and are enacted under direction of Little League International. Mission Trails Little League fully intends to uphold this direction.

LOWER-DIVISION TEAM SELECTION (Caps & Tee Ball)

In the lower divisions, there is no player draft. Rather, teams are selected with a goal to make each division competitively balanced and fun. For the Caps division, the Lower-Division Player Agent and Caps Division Coordinator select teams considering the averaged evaluation scores. For the Tee Ball division, the Lower-Division Player Agent and Tee Ball Division Coordinator select teams considering player ages.

Any request to have/not have a particular Caps or Tee Ball manager or to be on the same team as another player **MUST** be submitted to the Lower-Division Player Agent or Division Coordinator. **For the lower divisions, we do our best to accommodate these requests. However, because there are always various factors to consider, there is still NO guarantee that the request will be honored.**

PLAYER EVALUATION SCHEDULE

To properly evaluate all players eligible for the Majors (league age 12 & 11), Minors (league age 10 & 9), and Caps (league age 8 & 7) divisions, two evaluation sessions have been scheduled. It is **mandatory** for all players eligible for the Majors and Minors divisions to attend one of the evaluation sessions, and it is **highly recommended** that players eligible for the Caps division to attend one of the evaluation sessions. There are no player evaluations for the Tee Ball division.

Evaluation dates are **Saturday, January 12, 2019** and **Saturday, January 19, 2019**, and the evaluation schedule is provided below. In the event of rain, make-up evaluation are scheduled for *Sunday, January 13, 2019* and *Sunday, January 20, 2019*. **Please check in at the snack bar at least 20 minutes before your scheduled evaluation time.** All players must be present and warmed up by the time of their scheduled evaluation. Players should wear sweats or baseball pants, athletic shoes or cleats, and should bring their own gloves and helmets!

LEAGUE AGE	MAJORS DIVISION (@ Majors Field)	MINORS DIVISION (@ Majors Field)	CAPS DIVISION (@ Caps Field)
12 / 11 / 10*	10:30 am - 12:00 pm		
10		9:30 am - 10:30 am	
9 / 8*		8:30 am - 9:30 am	
8			9:30 am - 10:30 am
7 / 6**			8:30 am - 9:30 am

* Requires Upper-Division Player Agent Approval

** Requires Lower-Division Player Agent Approval

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Team placements for the Majors, Minors, and Caps divisions will be announced approximately 1 week after player evaluations have been completed. The managers of the teams will contact their players directly. Tee Ball teams will be announced at the yearly "Tee Ball Parent Meeting" in early February. Details of this meeting will be emailed to the Tee Ball families directly.

CONTACT

If you have any questions concerning player evaluations, drafts, or division/team assignments, please contact the corresponding MTLL Player Agent or Division Coordinator.

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