

## **Draft and Team Formation Process for Draft and Non-Draft Divisions**

The team formation process starts at the highest division, Majors, and works down. There are three (3) draft divisions (Majors, AAA and AA) and three (3) non-draft divisions (A, Rookie and T-ball). The process for team formation is defined below.

During the registration process, division preference is indicated. That request, along with information provided in the comments field is used as factors to place your child in the most appropriate division.

For the draft divisions, players are selected to the division that the respective team managers think they best fit. Friend requests are not considered in the draft divisions. For the non-draft divisions, we will do our best to accommodate friend requests, school affiliations, etc.

### **Majors Division**

The Majors Division is primarily an 11 and 12-year-old division. Each year, there are a few select 10 year olds who are drafted into this division. Teams are formed in the Majors Division through a draft process. Based on tryout scores and manager familiarity with players, managers draft their rosters selecting from all players league ages 10-12. With few exceptions, all league age 12 players are selected to a Majors team. All returning players who played Majors the previous year are also selected to a Majors team. Managers then complete their rosters from the remaining league ages 10-11 year olds until all rosters are complete.

### **AAA Division**

After the Majors draft is completed and all teams are full, teams are formed in the AAA Division through a draft process. Based on tryout scores and manager familiarity with players, the managers draft their rosters selecting from all remaining players league ages 9-11. All returning players who played AAA the previous year and not selected for Majors, are also selected to a AAA team. All league age 11 players, not selected in the Majors draft, are selected to a AAA team. Managers then complete their rosters from the remaining league ages 9-10 year olds until all rosters are complete.

### **AA Division**

After the AAA draft is completed and all teams are full, teams are formed in the AA Division through a draft process. Based on tryout scores and manager familiarity with players, the managers draft their rosters selecting from all remaining players league ages 8-10. All returning players who played AA the previous year and not selected for AAA, are also selected to a AA team. All league ages 9-10 players, not selected in the Majors or AAA draft, are

selected to a AA team. Managers then complete their rosters from the remaining league ages 8-9 year olds until all rosters are complete.

Once the draft divisions are complete, the non-draft team selection process begins. Because the lower divisions are non-draft and non-competitive, (game scores and division standings are not kept), the managers select (not draft) their teams based on age, grade, school, friend requests, etc. As with the draft divisions, team selection starts at the highest non-draft division (Single A) and work down from there.

### **A Division**

After the draft divisions have completed their drafts and all teams are full, Single A teams are formed from the remaining players league ages 6-8. 6 year olds playing Little League for the first time are not permitted to play Single A. (Little League National rule). Based on age, grade, school, friend requests, etc. the managers select their rosters. All league age 8 players, not selected in the draft divisions, are selected to a Single A team. All returning players who played Single A the previous year and not selected for AA, are also selected to a Single A team. Managers then complete their rosters from the remaining league ages 6-7 year olds until all rosters are complete.

### **Rookie Division**

After the Single A teams have been selected, the Rookie Divisions teams are formed from the remaining players league ages 5-7. For league age 6 players who played a year or two of T-ball through the YMCA, or other leagues outside of Little League, and are ready for the next step, this is the division for you. Based on age, grade, school, friend requests, etc. the managers will select their rosters. All league age 7 players not selected to a Single A team are selected to a Rookie team. Managers then complete their rosters from the remaining league ages 5-7 year olds until all rosters are complete.

### **T-ball**

After the Single A and Rookie teams have been selected, the T-ball Division teams are formed from the remaining players league ages 4-6. For league age 6 players who have never played baseball, T-ball is the recommended division. Based on age, grade, school, friend requests, etc. the managers select their rosters.