



## **PENN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE PETITION POLICY**

*This policy was approved by the Penn Valley Little League Board of Directors on 07/11/2018.*

### **PETITION TO PLAY UP**

All players are required to register for the Division as determined by their birth date. Players are eligible to Petition to Play Up to the next higher Division. All Petitions are heard by the Player Agent for review and approval. The general policy is to never allow a player to skip a Division, you may only Petition to Play Up if you have already completed a season in the Division you would otherwise be registered for. In addition, the policy recognizes a difference between players where the Little League age cutoff separates them from their grade level peers.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

- There are no Play Ups from T-Ball at age 5.
- At Age 6, rules already allow parent to choose Farm *if they played T-Ball the prior year*
- At Age 7, player may Petition to Play Up to AA *if they played Farm the prior year*
- At Age 8, player may Petition to Play Up to AAA *if they played AA the prior year*
  - Player Skills Evaluation score will be compared to 9 year olds
  - Player must score in the top 50% of 9 year olds to be eligible for AAA Draft
  - Those not drafted at AAA are assigned to AA teams

### **COMPETITIVE**

- At any level with a Skills Evaluation, players scoring in top tier of next age level may be contacted and/or asked to consider the next level up, depending on circumstances.
- At Age 10, player may Petition to Play Up to Majors *if they played AAA the prior year*
  - Player Skills Evaluation score will be compared to 11 year olds
  - Player must score in the top 50% of 11 year olds to be eligible for Majors Draft
  - Those not drafted at Majors become eligible for AAA
- At Age 11, all players who chose Majors during registration are eligible for the Majors draft *if they played AAA the prior year*
  - Players scoring in the top 50% of 11 year olds who chose to register for AAA will be contacted to ensure they prefer AAA-only
  - Those not drafted at Majors become eligible for AAA
- At Age 12 and above Petitions to Play Up to Juniors are based on skill evaluations by Division managers.

## **PETITION TO PLAY DOWN**

All players are required to register for the Division as determined by their birth date. Players are eligible to Petition to Play Down to the next lower Division. All Petitions are heard by the Player Agent for review and approval. The general policy is to allow a player to play down one division at the request of their Parents, if circumstances warrant.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

- At Age 7, player may Petition to Play Down to T-Ball if they have not previously played an organized baseball program and parents are concerned they could not hit a pitched ball.
- At Age 8, player may Petition to Play Down to Farm if they have not previously played Farm

### **COMPETITIVE**

- At Age 10, players may Petition to Play Down to AA.
- At Age 11, players choose to register for Minors or Majors.
- At Age 12, Little League requires all players to be drafted into Majors, unless special circumstances warrant a District Evaluation and waiver. If a 12 year old does play AAA they are not eligible to Pitch.
- At Age 13 and above, Petitions to Play Down are not heard.

## **HOW TO PETITION**

All players that wish to submit a petition must email the Penn Valley Little League Player Agent: [playeragent@pennvalleyllb.com](mailto:playeragent@pennvalleyllb.com)

In your message include whether you are petitioning to play up or play down. Additionally, include information about your child such as league age, last division played and the reason for the petition. All petitions will be reviewed by the player agents and you will be notified of the leagues decision. If you are granted a petition it will not be a guarantee that your child will be drafted into that division; It only means they will be eligible to be drafted into that division.

Note: For all Petitions to Play Up or Down, players with experience outside Penn Valley Little League in the prior season will be reviewed by the Player Agent to determine equivalency and treated accordingly.