



## **PENN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT PROCESS**

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

### **Major & Minor (AAA & AA) Divisions**

The draft is moderated and presided over by the Player Agent (or a Board officer in their place, as directed by the President). The decisions of the Player Agent are final.

#### **Majors draft:**

Operated based on the Plan A -Conventional Draft Plan. This is not a serpentine draft. Players aged 10, 11 & 12 are permitted to try out for Majors. Major teams are allowed to draft one league age 10-year-old per team. This ensures a fair draft, avoiding unbalanced teams. This also dictates that teams are drafted based on the current year and not future years.

#### **Minors draft:**

Completed as a first year of operation, Plan A- Serpentine Draft Plan. Minors start fresh yearly; they are not titled players. Thus, the first year of operation draft plan.

Minors is still an instructional level of play and in order to ensure a good experience for all Minor division participants, extreme consideration should be given to balancing the talent across all teams in the division.

**DRAFT ATTENDANCE** – The Division Manager, League Player Agent & League President may attend the draft. Players may not attend the draft process at any time.

**PLAYER NOTIFICATION** - When the draft is complete, trading period ends and the Player Agent has finalized the rosters, all managers will be notified that they may contact the players on their respective rosters. Do not contact any drafted player until you are authorized in writing by the Player Agent. Violation of this rule is cause for Suspension of the Manager.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** - The Draft is kept completely confidential, including Skills Evaluation results, player draft order and trades. Each individual attending the draft is responsible for maintaining confidentiality

of the draft and draft materials. All draft materials must be returned to the Player Agent at the conclusion of the draft. Violation of this rule by a Manager or their invited guest is cause for Suspension of the Manager.

**DRAFT POOL** - The Draft Pools are established by the Player Agent in consultation with the Board of Directors President. All guidelines below are adjusted for approved Petitions to Play Down, removing those players from the candidate pool. The following guidelines establish candidate pools:

**MAJORS CANDIDATES:**

- 12 year olds, unless a District evaluation and waiver have been completed
- 11 year olds who registered for Majors or Minors
- 10 year olds with approved Petition to **Play Up to Majors**
  - Majors teams are allowed to draft one league age 10-year-old per team
  - If additional 10 year olds are needed to form a team then the Board shall vote.

**AAA CANDIDATES:**

- 11 year olds not drafted into Majors
- 10 year olds not drafted into Majors
- 9 year olds who registered for Minors
- 8 year olds with approved Petition to **Play Up to AAA**
  - AAA teams are allowed to draft one league age 8-year-old per team
  - If additional 8 year olds are needed to form a team then the Board shall vote.

**AA CANDIDATES:**

- 10 year olds not drafted into AAA Minors
- 9 year olds not drafted into AAA Minors
- 8 year olds who registered for Minors
- 7 year olds with an approved petition to **Play Up to AA**
  - AA teams are allowed to draft two league age 7-year-old per team
  - If additional 7 year olds are needed to form a team then the Board shall vote.

**DRAFT POOL CANDIDATES** - A list containing all candidates for the Division draft, along with their name, Little League age, skills evaluation scores and composite score, "expected" draft round - sorted into descending order by composite score, will be provided to all Managers prior to the commencement of the Draft.

**PLAYER OPTIONS** - Little League rules allow for Player Option arrangements to be made with the Player Agent for specific circumstances including: Drafting Brothers/Sisters, Sons/Daughters of

Managers, & Sons/Daughters of Coaches. See 'Options on Sons, Daughters, and Siblings' in the Little League Rule book.

**COACHES** - In accordance with Little League rules, there is no pre-selection or assignment of a Coach's child to a Manager. Managers will state their preferred Coaching partner at the draft - and the Player Agent will indicate which round that Coach's player would be drafted in, based on Skills Evaluation results. Managers must draft that player during normal draft process.

**DRAFT LIMITATIONS** - Rules will establish the minimum and maximum number of players a Manager can select, by Little League Age, for each Division's draft. The Player Agent and President will establish and communicate these rules prior to, or at the start of, the draft selection meeting.

**DRAFT PROCESS** - The draft process will be used for each Division, in the following order: Majors, then AAA, then AA.

1. The Player Agent will call the Draft to order.
2. If the draft order has not been determined, a drawing will determine the order.
  - a. Majors: prior season losing record drafts first, winning record will draft last.
  - b. Minors: consideration should be given to sons/daughters/siblings impact on the draft when determining draft order.
3. All available candidate names and scores will be made available to the manager for viewing.
4. The first team with a draft pick selects their first pick, then the second team and so on until the rosters are full.
5. Teams make their selections by announcing the name of the player. After a selection has been made, the Player Agent will repeat back the name to ensure accuracy.
6. All teams must select a player in every round and maintain a full roster at all times during the season.
7. The ongoing draft selections and remaining available players will be available for all Managers to view.

**TRADES** - Trades are allowable during the draft but are not allowed once managers leave the draft. Trades must be like for like skill levels, along with an explanation of reasons for the trade. The Player Agent will approve or disapprove the trade.

In an extenuating circumstance a trade request may be brought to the League Player Agent after the draft is complete. The Player Agent will bring the trade request to the Board of Directors for discussion and a vote.