



WOODINVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT PROCESS FOR BASEBALL and SOFTBALL

The Woodinville LL Draft is intended to create balanced/equal teams. The draft is moderated and presided over by the President, VP & Player Agent (or a Board officer in their place, as directed by the President). Draft rules are in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual, Plan B (Re-Draft -- a one part draft: managers can select a returner or a new player but all returners must be drafted).

DRAFT ATTENDANCE - Each team will only have one manager. Attending the Draft will be: Division Teams Manager (or adult proxy), Player Agent, Division VP, President, and any other necessary board members may attend the draft. Players may not attend the draft process at any time.

CONFIDENTIALITY - The Draft is kept completely confidential, including Player Review results, player draft order and trades. Each individual attending the draft is responsible for maintaining confidentiality of the draft and draft materials.

DRAFT ORDER - The Draft Order is established by random selection (identified at the Player Evaluations or shortly after). This establishes a serpentine order throughout the draft (1-n, n-1). Teams at each end of the order effectively have two consecutive picks straddling the end and beginning of consecutive rounds.

DRAFT POOL - The Draft Pools are determined by age groups organized by the Player Agent in consultation with the VP. The following guidelines establish candidate pools:

PLAYER EVALUATIONS SCORES –

- 1) To help create balanced teams, the results of the Player Evaluations will be collected & normalized by the Player Agent AND a stacked ranking will be shared to all the managers for their division draft. In the normalization process, data outliers will be identified and voted on by team managers, player agents and VP.**
- 2) Evaluation absence: players absent from the Player Evaluations day will be discussed by the Draft attendees AND agreed to an identified appropriate ranking or draft round. Draft attendees are expected to share what each knows about the absent players.**
 - a. Players returning to WLL – Draft attendees will agree on appropriate ranking for each absent player.**

- b. **Players new to WLL – Player Agent / VP will share pre-draft assessment of player from a workout at a school field (conducted by WLL Board member prior to Draft).**
- 3) **Player Agent will provide additional relevant data points across all players as gathered during player registration and player evaluations day. This will be identified and defined within the Player Evaluations Process document.**

DRAFTING – In order to create balanced teams, managers will be able to select from a pool of players equal to 2 rounds of the draft. The pool will be based on a ranking of players determined by the collective scoring from the managers at the evaluation.

As an example, let's say we have 3 teams in a given season (team A, B, and C) and the random selection was determined to be team B, C and A. This would mean that of the six players associated with round 1 and 2, each team manager's selection could go something like this:	Team	Selects Player	Round
	B	2	1
	C	1	1
	A	5	1
	A	4	2
	C	3	2
	B	6	2

Baseball

MAJORS CANDIDATES

12-year-olds*
11-year-olds

MINORS CANDIDATES

11-year-olds (not drafted in Majors)
10-year-olds **
9-year-olds **

Softball

MAJORS CANDIDATES

12-year-olds *
11-year-olds
10-year-olds

MINORS CANDIDATES

11-year-olds (not drafted in Majors)
10-year-olds **
9-year-olds **

* A 12-year-old may be placed in Minors if it is decided he/she is a safety concern. A waiver must be filled out and approved by the Board of Directors, the player's parents and approved by the district.

** A 10-year-old or most 9-year-old may be undrafted to Minors and left to AAA placement if it is decided he/she is a safety concern and/or capabilities do not meet Minors division play (initiated by Player Agent and approved by WLL Board). Player Agent will identify and ensure the eligible players for the Draft.

COACHES - Managers must draft assistant coaches player during normal draft process. In accordance with Little League rules, there is no official pre-selection or assignment of a Coach's child to a Manager.

PLAYER OPTIONS - Little League rules allow for Player Option arrangements to be made with the Player Agent for specific circumstances including:

* Drafting siblings (twins OR older/younger sibling BUT eligible for the same division of play) – Prior to the draft, all the managers will agree for the draft round of the other sibling. If they can't agree the Player Agent(with help from President and VP of Baseball) will make final decision on when the sibling will be placed . For example, the 2nd sibling will be selected to the same team 2 rounds after the first sibling is selected. There is no guarantee that siblings would qualify for the same division.

* Manager's own child (regardless of Player Evaluation score/ranking) must be drafted onto their team *in the following round:*

Managers Child Draft Round per Little League Age

Baseball Majors	
Draft Round	Little League Age
3	12
5	11

Baseball Minors	
Draft Round	Little League Age
3	11
5	10
7	9

Softball Majors	
Draft Round	Little League Age
3	12
5	11
7	10

Softball Minors	
Draft Round	Little League Age
3	11
5	10
7	9

* Player requests –. Due to objective of creating balanced teams, parents requests for each of their player/s are NOT able to be fulfilled for Minors and Majors divisions. Player Agent will provide appropriate guidance when needed. Parents are allowed to request that their son is not drafted by a specific Manager based on specific past incidents. The Player Agent has discretion whether this request shall be enforced or not based on the merits of the request. The Manager in question will be informed of this request privately and will not be allowed to select that particular player in the draft.

DRAFT REQUIREMENTS

Majors Draft –all 12-years old's and all returning Majors players are required to be drafted. The only exception is a 12-year old who has had a waiver approved to play in Minors due to safety concerns. If at any point in the draft the remaining required players that need to be drafted is equal to the remaining draft slots, the teams are required to select only from that remaining pool. **Minors Draft** – all 11-year old's eligible to play in Minors are required to be drafted in Minors. If at any point in the draft these players equal the remaining draft slots, the teams will be required to select only from this remaining pool.

Trades - Trades are allowable in the period immediately following the draft and will continue for time period specified by Player Agent. Discussion about specific trades will start between managers of respective teams for involved players. Once both managers agree to player trade, to complete a trade, an e-mail from one manager to the Player Agent and cc'ing the other involved manager(s). All trades must be player for player and no trade is final until the Player Agent approves the trade. Trades are confidential and should not be shared with players/parents.

Player Notification- All managers will be notified that they may contact the players on their respective rosters -- when the draft is complete, trading period ends, and the Player Agent has finalized the rosters. **Do not contact any drafted player until you are authorized in writing by the Player Agent.**

Player Parent Volunteers (Umpire or Coach) – In order to create balanced teams with sufficient parent volunteers for practices and games, the Player Agent can help identify known parent volunteers during the Draft (gathered on previous years volunteer engagement, player registration information, and/or player evaluations day). This will cover players with parents that have previously volunteered as either Umpire or Coach.