



2025 Lakeside Little League Draft Procedure

General Rules

The following process and rules apply to AA, AAA, and Majors drafts

Draft Order and Methodology

- Draft order will be determined by random draw with all managers, coaches or representatives present.
- Draft order can be determined prior to the draft via a remote or in-person meeting assuming each team's manager, coach or representative is participating.
- If draft order is not determined prior to the day of the draft, then the draft will be determined just prior to the commencement of the draft.
- Player Agent, President or VP of Operations will oversee the choosing of draft order.
- Draft will be a snake draft (1-2-3-4-5-6, 6-5-4-3-2-1, 1-2-3....)
- Draft picks will be announced by tryout number and player placed on the draft board by the Player Agent or Draft Coordinator.

Draft Pool and Player Eligibility

- There will be a single draft pool consisting of all eligible players who attended the evaluations.
- No player will be drafted into a division lower than they played last year.
- The Player Agent will be responsible for making sure that all returning Majors players and all 12s get drafted onto a Majors team, all 11s get drafted onto AAA team and all 10's get drafted onto a AA team.
- Eight year olds who do not attend Evaluations will be placed on a Farm team.
- Players ages 9-12 who do not attend Evaluations will first be slotted into a division based on their ability (this will be determined in consultation with division coordinators and past managers/coaches)
 - Once slotted into a division, the Player Agent and Draft Coordinator, in consultation with all eligible managers, will determine a fair draft position for each player.
 - These players will then be randomly assigned to a team within that division at the beginning of the draft following this process for each division:
 - Managers will blindly draw slips of paper.
 - If the paper has a player name on it, they get that player and they do not get a pick in the round that was agreed upon prior to the start of the draft.
 - This process may be waived for any player if, and only if, all of the managers in that division agree to place the player on the draft board and the Player Agent approves.

Pre-Draft Coach and Player Declarations

- Managers must declare a coach no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the draft if they wish to have that coach's player excluded from the draft board.
 - It is recommended that managers have a coach in mind prior to the manager

interview process as this may be a criteria for selection.

- Managers may only declare one coach in Majors and AAA.
- AA Managers may declare up to two coaches, but only one may attend the draft.
- Managers must declare a draft option on their child(ren) and their coach's child(ren) no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the draft.
- The declared coach must fulfill the customary role of a coach with the team.
- Managers may not use a coach's option simply to ensure that a player is drafted to his team. The Player Agent may void any coach's option prior to the draft if he determines that the coach will not be fulfilling the customary coaching duties.
- Manager's and coach's child(ren) are slotted into draft rounds based on the rules for each division

Draft Options

- Manager may declare a Sibling Option upon the drafting of one of two siblings. The other sibling must then be drafted in the next possible round by that manager.
 - For example: A manager exercises an option on both his son and on his coach's son, which slots them into the 2nd and 3rd round. In the first round, he drafts a player and declares an option on his sibling. That sibling must then be drafted in the 4th round, which is his next discretionary draft pick.
- Managers may also choose not to exercise a sibling option when drafting one of two siblings, which would leave a sibling to be drafted by another team or selected in a later discretionary draft pick.

Parent Requests

- The League accepts certain Parent requests with respect to the Draft. The Player Agent will determine which parent requests to enforce at the draft.
- Parents are allowed to request their child to be drafted only in AA or AAA for 10 and 11 year olds. These requests will be enforced based on the number of teams and players required to fill out Majors rosters.
- Requests for 10 year olds will take precedent over 11 year olds. Majors managers will be notified of these requests prior to the draft.
- Parents are allowed to request that siblings be drafted onto the same team. If a manager drafts one of the siblings they will be encouraged to draft the other in the next round even if the manager does not use the sibling option. The Player Agent may require a sibling to be drafted in a specific round to ensure the parent request is enacted.
- 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.

Majors Draft Specifics

Age requirements

- Minimum league age for Majors draft is 10.
- Age definition is defined by Little League International.
- For 2025, there is no limit to the number of 12 year olds that can be placed on a roster given Little League International's waiver of this rule.
- All 12 year olds must be drafted into Majors, unless an exception has been made ahead of tryouts.

Manager/Coach Child Slotting

- Manager's and Coach's children are slotted into a round based on their age and their status as an All Star or relative skill.
 - Draft round slotting is intended to provide a degree of competitive fairness.
 - The Player Agent has final say on draft round allocation and will provide a draft board with players slotted prior to the start of the draft.
- Age slotting
 - Age 10 = Round 5
 - Age 11 = Round 4
 - Age 12 = Round 3
- If the player was an All Star or is an All Star quality talent (was selected as an All Star but was injured, was an All Star in another league or program, etc.), the player would be slotted one round higher.
 - The Player Agent will make this determination based on input from Managers.
 - For example, a 12 year old All Star would be slotted in Round 2.
- If more than one player would slot into same round, then one player would be moved up a round.
 - For example, if both manager and coach children were 11 yr old All Stars, they would be slotted into Rounds 1 and 2.
- If a manager or coach has more than one son, the same slotting rules apply until all sons are slotted.
 - For example, the manager has twin 11 year old sons and his coach has two children 12 and 10. The 10 year old was on the 9/10 AS team last season.
 - The manager's first twin is slotted in round 4.
 - The second twin is slotted in round 3.
 - Then the coach's 12 year old is slotted into round 2 because round 3 is already filled.
 - The coach's 10 year old AS would normally go to round 4, but that is already filled he is bumped forward to the next available slot in round 1.
- The Player Agent has the option of declaring an age minimum round if older players are not being selected-usually near the end of the draft.

AAA draft specifics

Age requirements

- Minimum league age for AAA draft is 9.
- Age definition is defined by Little League International.
- The Player Agent may approve an exception for an 8 year old who has the talent and maturity to play at the AAA level.
- All remaining 11 year olds must be drafted into AAA.
 - The Player Agent has the option of declaring an age minimum round if older players are not being selected-usually near the end of the draft.

Manager/Coach Son Slotting

- Manager's and Coach's children are slotted into a round based on their age and their status as an All Star or relative skill.
 - Draft round slotting is intended to provide a degree of competitive fairness.
 - The Player Agent has final say on draft round allocation and will provide a draft board with players slotted prior to the start of the draft.
- Age slotting
 - Age 8/9 = Round 5
 - Age 10 = Round 4
 - Age 11 = Round 3
- If the player was an All Star or is an All Star quality talent (was selected as an All Star but was injured, was an All Star in another league or program, etc.), the player would be slotted one round higher.
 - The Player Agent will make this determination based on input from Managers.
 - For example, a 10 year old who was an All Star would be slotted in Round 3.
- If more than one player would slot into same round, then one player would be moved up a round.
 - For example, if both manager and coach kids are 10 yr olds, they would be slotted into Rounds 3 and 4.
- If a manager or coach has more than one son, the same slotting rules apply until all sons are slotted.
 - For example, the manager has twin 10 year olds and his coach has a 10 yr old.
 - The manager's first twin is slotted in round 4.
 - The second twin is slotted in round 3.
 - The coach's 10 yr old is slotted into round 2 because rounds 3 and 4 are already filled.

AA draft specifics

Age requirements

- Minimum league age for AA draft is 8.
- Age definition is defined by Little League International.
- The Player Agent may approve an exception for a 7 year old who has the talent and maturity to play at the AA level.
- All remaining 10 year olds must be drafted into AA.
 - The Player Agent has the option of declaring an age minimum round if older players are not being selected-usually near the end of the draft.
- All remaining 9 year olds are encouraged to be drafted into AA unless specifically requested to remain in Farm.

Manager/Coach Child Slotting

- Manager's and Coach's kids are slotted into the first two rounds (or first three rounds if two coaches are declared). If the manager or coach has more than one son they are slotted into the number of rounds for which they have players.
 - For example, the manager has twin 8 yr olds and the coach has one 9 yr old.
 - The manager's sons are slotted in rounds 1 and 2 and the coach's child is assigned to round 3.