


**Little League® University**  
**Live Webinar Series**  
*Tryout / Draft*



# objectives

- | Discuss tryout best practices
- | Discuss what divisions must use a draft process
- | Define player options



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# pre-season planning

## tryouts

- | League may determine how it will conduct tryouts
- | Multiple dates permitted
  - o Regulation IV (f) must be considered
    - All players in the Major division and above failing to attend 50% of tryouts forfeit league eligibility
    - Players eligible for the Major division and above must tryout
    - Local league may excuse a player from attending if a written excuse is provided and approved by the Board of Directors



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- | Non-league facilities may be used
  - o Need to be approved by the Board of Directors for use
  - o If facility requires league to add it as additional insured, Board must complete in advance
- | All safety precautions must be taken



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# recommended tryouts plan

- ✓ Consider calling it “skills assessment”
- ✓ Make sure parents and players are aware of the tryout plan
- ✓ Keep the tryouts equal to all players
- ✓ Be respectful to all players
- ✓ Allow for multiples dates
- ✓ Consider separate age-specific dates
- ✓ Provide a walk-up, on-site registration option

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## conducting draft

Major Divisions and above MUST conduct a draft from approved methods

- Tee Ball, Minor, and Machine/Coach Pitch need to assign players, but may use alternative method
- A different method may be used per division of play



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## conducting draft

- | Providing parity within league will provide an enjoyable experience for all teams and players
- | Drafts come after a tryout evaluation
- | Tee Ball and Minor League (includes coach pitch, machine pitch, and player pitch divisions) teams must be disbanded annually





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## draft plan a

- | Eligible players will return to their teams of previous season
- | Teams will then fill remaining roster spots from new division candidates
- | Teams will select in reverse order of standing from the past season
  - o Draft order is same for each round
  - o Under a four-team division, the fourth-place manager selects the first player in each round
  - o The process repeats until all rosters are complete
    - Teams will drop out of draft once they reach at least 12-14 players



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## draft plan b

- | Typically known as ‘redraft”

- | Draft is completed in two parts

- | Players do not automatically return to their teams of the past season

- | Part one of draft includes:

- o Returning players from a team in the same division, AND;
- o Have registered for the current season

- | Part one must be completed until part two begins

- o All players meeting part one criteria must be drafted

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## draft plan b

- | Part two includes all new division candidates that have met the requirements for selection

- | Draft order can be one of two methods

- o Reverse order of finish from previous season
- o Managers may draw to determine draft order

- | Serpentine draft, with the order flipping each round

- o Last place team would draft first, eighth, ninth, 16th and so on in a four-team league

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## draft plan b

Draft Plan B has an alternate method

- Players from parts one and two may be combined into the same pool
- All returning players must be selected to teams
  - Player Agent has to monitor remaining returning candidates to ensure they are drafted before draft ends

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## draft plan c

Known as the blind draft method

- Determining how many teams are in a division will have based on number of eligible players
- Managers randomly provided a team name
- 12-year-olds are placed into a container and each manager randomly selects a player until all are selected
- 11-year-olds are placed into a container and each manager randomly selects a player until all are selected or team rosters are full
- Same procedure is used for 10 and 9-year-olds until rosters are full

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## player options

Four available draft options allow players to be retained by a certain team

- Brother/Sister Option
- Brother/Sister of player currently on team
- Sons/Daughters of Managers
- Sons/Daughters of Coaches

Options 2, 3, and 4 must be submitted in writing to the Player Agent no later than 48 hours prior to draft



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## player options

### 01

#### Brother/Sister Option

- Two or more siblings in the draft – first brother or sister is drafted
- Manager automatically has the option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn
- Failure to exercise option makes the second sibling available to be drafted by any team

### 02

#### Brother/Sister Option of Player Currently on a Team

- Manager may submit an option on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of the manager's team
- If an option is submitted, the Manager **MUST** draft the sibling within the first three draft selections

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## player options

### 03

#### Sons/Daughters of Managers

- If a manager has son/daughter eligible for the draft
- Manager must exercise option at or before specified round
- Parent/Manager option takes priority over any other option
- NOTE: Provisions also apply for managers having eligible brothers / sisters in the draft

### 04

#### Sons/Daughters of Coaches

- New coaches shall not be appointed nor approved until after draft
- Returning coach may exercise option through manager provided:
  - Coach has served as a coach or manager (at any level) for the past two years, AND
  - Coach is returning to the same major league team as last year



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## player options – draft rounds

If an option I submitted in writing for the son and or/daughter of a manager or coach, such candidate must be drafted in or before

Baseball Draft Round	Little League	Intermediate	Junior	Senior
5	9-10	11	12	13-14
4	11	12	13	15
3	12	13	14	16

Softball Draft Round	Little League	Junior	Senior
5	9-10	12	13-14
4	11	13	15
3	12	14	16

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Join us Next Week...

**When:**

February 21, 2019 at 2 P.M. Eastern

**Topic:**

**Schedules / Interleague Play**

Questions?

Thank you!



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