



Shore Regional Little League Player Draft Process (Effective 2023 season)



SECTION 1 – Draft

All players will be selected using Draft System Plan “B” of the Little League Baseball Operating Handbook.

a. Definitions:

1. **PLACEMENT:** A player that meets the age requirements set forth by Little League International LLC and has been registered with the Player Agent.
2. **NO-SHOW:** A player who does not participate in the placement process. A No-Show player cannot be brought up by a Major League team during the regularly scheduled playing season, including any playoffs.

b. The Player Agent shall establish the team Evaluation dates and a draft dates.

1. There will be a minimum of 2 Evaluation clinics available.
2. Players **MUST** attend the Evaluation Clinic to be eligible to be drafted. Should a player be unable to meet the minimum attendance requirement for the Evaluation Clinics, the Board will vote to determine if the player will be eligible for the draft. A player will need to secure a simple majority of the votes to be deemed eligible.

3. Players MUST attend the Spring Evaluation Clinic to be eligible for a tournament or All-star team.

c. Draft System – Plan “B” (Annual Redraft)

After the Evaluation Clinics have been completed, all eligible Players, as determined above, shall be eligible for the draft at a time and date set by the Player Agent. The Draft process will be as follows:

1. Prior to the draft, the draft order will be established based on a random selection determined and governed by the Player Agent.
2. The draft will be administered following a serpentine order throughout (1-n, n-1). Teams at each end of the order essentially have two consecutive picks straddling the end and beginning of consecutive rounds. Managers may not pass a turn.
3. It is recommended that Managers/Coaches not select more than 8 players in any given age group (where possible).
4. Divisional Playing Age Draft Requirements:
 - i. Seniors: All Players ages 15 & 16 will be drafted into the Seniors Division
 - ii. Juniors: All Players ages 13 & 14 will be drafted into the Juniors Division.
 - iii. Majors: All Players ages 11 & 12 will be drafted into the Majors. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to ensure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players. *
 - iv. AAA Minors: All Players ages 9 & 10 will be drafted into the AAA Minor Division. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to ensure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players. *

- v. AA Minors: Players age 8 will be drafted into a player pitch hybrid division. Players age 7 may be drafted into this division depending upon availability and only after player evaluations and approval by the Player Agent. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to ensure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players. *
- vi. A Minors: Players ages 6-7 will be drafted into an instructional coach pitch division
- vii. Tee Ball: Players ages 5-6 will be registered into an instructional Tee Ball division without a draft. The League President and Player Agent will assign teams.

*Minor Division age exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis to account for player safety only after player evaluations.

These exceptions are approved by the SRLl Board. Playing Age 12 players must play in the Majors division or above (i.e., Juniors Division). Any exception to this must be approved by the District Administrator

- 5. Team Structure: Prior to the draft, the SRLl Player Agent in consultation with the President, will determine the number of teams and the number of players that will be selected to each team in each division.
- 6. 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 the confidentiality of the draft and draft materials. Failure to maintain confidentiality can result in suspension.
- 7. Sons, Daughters, Siblings:
 - i. Siblings – When there are two or more siblings in the draft and the first sibling is drafted to a team, the Manager/Coach automatically must draft the remaining sibling(s) in the following round(s).
 - ii. Sons/Daughters of a Manager – If a manager has sons/daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft, the Manager automatically includes that child on their roster with no penalty or advantage. The evaluation of that child has no bearing on the draft.

iii. Sons/Daughters of Assistant Coaches – Assistant Coaches will not be named or approved until after the draft. Managers must draft the sons/daughters of their Assistant Coaches through the normal draft process, or obtain that player through a trade for another player

8. Trading Players

- i. Manager may trade players only at the conclusion of the draft and in the presence of the League President or Player Agent
- ii. All trades must be for justifiable reasons and approved by the Player Agent
- iii. Minor League Players (AAA and AA) may not be traded for Major League Players.
- iv. All trades must be player for player.