

EASTLAKE LITTLE LEAGUE

Player Draft Procedures



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OVERVIEW

The Eastlake Little League (hereinafter League) via its player agents will conduct a draft of players (hereinafter Player Draft) according to the Little League Rule Book and the procedures described in this document for the following divisions:

- Minor B
- Minor A
- Little League (Majors)
- Senior League

The purpose of the Player Drafts is to create equally competitive and well-balanced teams across each division. With approval from the president (or their representative), the player agents retain the right to temporarily amend the draft procedures and/or nullify player selections if they suspect corruption or manipulation of the process has occurred that would jeopardize the competitive balance and/or reputation of the League.

DATES & TIMES OF THE PLAYER DRAFTS

The player drafts will be held on the following dates:

- Majors - Monday, January 29th at 7:00PM
- Minor A - Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00PM
- Minor B - Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00PM

DRAFT ATTENDANCE

The draft must be attended by at least one player agent, the president (or their representative), and the managers of each division. If a manager is unable to attend their draft, they may forfeit their draft seat to a League-approved representative or have their team auto-drafted.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The results of each Player Draft (to include assessment scores, player draft order, and trades) is confidential. Additionally, any remarks or comments made during the draft must also remain confidential. Each person attending the draft is responsible for maintaining confidentiality and is subject to disciplinary action for violating the draft's confidentiality.

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PLAYER POOL

The player pool will consist of all eligible players using the following prioritization chart:

- Division Appropriate Age
 - Senior League - League Age 13-16
 - Little League (Majors) - League Age 11-12
 - Minor A - League Age 9-10
 - Minor B - League Age 7-8
- Requests to play at a lower division (for safety reason)
- Requests to play at a higher division

NON-ASSESSED PLAYERS

Eligible players that did not attend their assigned league's assessment, will be subject to a random drawing (hereinafter Hat Pick) for team placement. Prior to being designated as a Hat Pick player, the managers may discuss the talent levels of each known player that did not attend a Player Assessment. Players that receive a consensus talent determination shall be removed as a Hat Pick and be subject to normal drafting procedures. All other non-assessed players will be designated as Hat Pick players.

DRAFTING SIBLINGS

Siblings registered in the same division must be drafted to the same manager (unless their parent requests otherwise). Siblings in the same division must be drafted with the corresponding manager's next available pick.

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF MANAGERS

A manager does not have to draft their child; however, if they choose to do so, each manager is required to draft their eligible son(s) and/or daughter(s) in a round determined by their division manager peers based on each child's talent. Before the draft commences, each manager must publicly recommend the draft round they believe is commensurate with each child's talent. The player agent(s) will average the recommendations to determine the appropriate draft round for each child. The managers may not rank their own children. In the event that a manager has two or more children in the same division, the sibling rules will apply after the manager drafts their highest-rated child.

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TRADES

Trades must be proposed to the player agents by 4:00 pm the following day of the corresponding division's draft via email to playeragents@eastlake-ll.com. Each trade proposal email must be accompanied by a separate email or reply from each manager involved accepting the proposed trade. All trades must be for like-skilled players and can be denied by the player agents if not accompanied with an acceptable explanation as to why the trade should occur. The League's Board of Directors must approve and finalize all trades.

DRAFT PROCEDURES

Each Player Draft shall adhere to the following procedures:

- The president (or their representative) will call the Draft to order
- The player agent(s) will review the Player Draft Procedures with the managers
- The player agent(s) will provide the managers with the assessment scores of each player with a corresponding number assigned to each player
- The managers will submit their draft round recommendations for the children of each manager
- The player agent(s) will average the round recommendations for each manager's child and inform the managers of the results
- The managers will draw numbers to determine their pick (1 through X)
- Managers may trade draft picks prior to the commencement of the draft
- The player agent(s) will commence the draft starting with the manager that has the first pick and will continue in a serpentine pattern until all players are drafted or all teams have 12 players
- Managers have one minute to declare their pick and the player agent(s) will provide a 15-second warning nearing the end of their pick
- Managers will declare their selection by announcing the player's name and assigned number
- The player agent(s) will record each selection as it occurs
- If a manager fails to select a player within one minute, they will forfeit their right to select a player until the next manager makes their selection. They may then declare their pick at any time following the next manager's selection.
- A manager may not elect to skip a round/selection

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PLAYER NOTIFICATION

Managers may not contact players until the Meet & Greet event. The League will not distribute final rosters to managers until the day of the Meet & Greet. Managers in violation of this rule are subject to disciplinary action.