

# Essexville Hampton Little League and Bay County Softball Little League Draft Rules

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## Major League Draft

1. The Player Agent will provide a list of eligible 10, 11 and 12 year old candidates to all Major League Managers prior to try-outs. 9 year olds are only eligible if approved by board 1 week prior to tryouts.
2. Board Members, Major League Managers and Coaches are the only individuals allowed to be present during draft. Only one Major League Manager or Coach can represent and select for their team. Two minutes per selection maximum.
3. The draft will be an open pool of all eligible candidates in reverse order of last season's league standings. This order will continue for all rounds (non-snake).
4. Supplemental draft picks will be granted to teams that are two or more players less than the average returning players per team. These picks will start between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round and may require additional rounds based on the differences. The Board will agree upon the draft layout prior to start of the draft.
5. No passes by teams will be permitted in any round until league roster is obtained.
6. Players that do not attend the tryout will be placed in a random draft pool. All 11 and 12 year olds will that do not attend the draft will automatically be placed in the random draft pool. 10 year olds that do not attend the draft, will be placed in the random draft pool if a manager/coach would recommend that player has the talent to play in the majors, all others will be placed in the minor draft. Players in the random draft pool will be drawn out of a hat and placed on a team.
7. 10-year old drafting will not be permitted beyond the Board approved number to fill team roster sizes, as necessary, based on registrations. This will be done by the Player Agent and discussed prior to the start of the draft. The total 10 year olds include the total players in the random draft.
  - a. Every 11 and 12-year old listed in the draft pool must be selected by a Majors team. If the remaining open slots necessitate selection of only 11 or 12-year olds, the Player Agent will make an announcement indicating that all subsequent selections must come from the list of remaining 11 and 12-year olds. If the Board determines there is a valid reason (e.g. developmental [mental ability]), an 11 or 12-year may remain the in the Minors.
  - b. Teams must have a minimum and maximum of +/-2 of the average of 12 year olds and 11 year olds based on sign-ups. Minimum and maximums will be announced prior to the drafts. This requirement may force some teams to take certain age players while other team(s) may be forced not to take players of a certain age. For example:

- i. Assume 5 teams
    - 1. 18 – 12 year olds –  $18/5 = 3 + 3$  remaining, therefore each team must have a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of five (5) 12 year olds
    - 2. 21 – 11 year olds –  $21/5 = 4 + 1$  remaining each team must have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of six (6) 11 year olds
  - ii Exception: If a current teams returning roster would exceed the maximum, that team would not reduce their roster and would not select any player of that age bracket.
- 8. When any player picked in the draft refuses to advance to the Major League, the Major League Manager shall review the case with the Board of Directors who will decide upon the appropriate disposition of the matter. If a player is permitted to return to the Minor League, he must remain there for that season.
- 9. No cuts are allowed.
- 10. Protected Players –
  - a. A player whose parent will Manage (not Coach) and is new to the Major League.
    - i. Protected Players age 12 will be selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round
    - ii. Protected Players age 11 will be selected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round
    - iii. Protected Players age 9 or 10 will be selected in the 4<sup>th</sup> round
  - b. A sibling of an existing Major League player will automatically go to their siblings' team. Draft position will be set by a Board representative prior to the draft.
- 11. When there are siblings in the draft pool and a Manager drafts the first sibling, that Manager must automatically draft the remaining sibling(s) with their next selection.
- 12. One for One trades are permitted for 24 hours, a written request must be submitted to the Player Agent and approval is required prior to acceptance.
- 13. All injury replacements will be made by the Player Agent with approval by the Board.
- 14. Players must not be contacted prior to official date provide by the Coaches Coordinator
- 15. At no time should order of the draft be discussed outside the draft.

## Minor League Draft

- 1. The Player Agent will provide a list of evaluated, all eligible 7, 8, 9 and 10 year old candidates to all Minor League Managers prior to Draft. The 10 year old list will be players who opted to stay in the Minors and who were not drafted in the earlier major league draft.
- 2. Board Members, Minor League Managers and Coaches are the only individuals allowed to be present during draft. Only one Major League Manager or Coach can represent and select for their team. Two minutes per selection maximum.
- 3. A number from 1 to X representing each team is placed in a hat or pot.
  - a Example: If there are 6 teams, then the numbers 1 to 6 inclusive are used.
  - b A Manager or his Coach selects a number from the hat or pot.
  - c The team which draws the number 1 will select first - the team which draws the number 2 will select second, etc. in the following age brackets. Example:
    - i Round 1 first to last pick

- ii Round 2 last to first pick
  - iii Round 3 first to last pick
  - iv Round 4 last to first pick, etc.
4. If a Manager want his own child on the team which he manages, they must draft their child in the first round. If they have more than 1 child, the remaining will be selected as their last pick(s). Managers are allowed to make an “agreement” with regard to the child of their Coach (e.g. Each Manager is permitted one Coach and their child will be drafted in the second round. Managers without a Coach would be free to select any player they wish). ALL Managers must approve to this “agreement” for it to be valid.
  5. When there are siblings in the draft pool and a Manager drafts the first sibling, that Manager must automatically draft the remaining sibling(s) with their next selection.
  6. One for One trades are permitted for 24 hours, a written request must be submitted to the Player Agent and the Board approval is required prior to acceptance.
  7. When new players come into the League, they will be assigned a team by the Board, unless a team has lost a player, then that team would get the new player.
  8. Players must not be contacted prior to official date provide by the Coaches Coordinator
  9. At no time should order of the draft be discussed outside the draft.

## Machine Pitch and Coach Pitch Draft

1. Teams will be selected by the Board.

## Expansion Draft

When a new team is formed in the majors, an expansion draft will take place. The expansion draft will take place before the regular draft.

1. Prior to the draft, each existing team will be allowed to protect n-1 players from his team, where n = the lowest number of players returning to any existing team.
  - a. For example, if there were four returning teams and
    - i. Team 1 has 4 returning players
    - ii. Team 2 has 6 returning players
    - iii. Team 3 has 5 returning players
    - iv. Team 4 has 7 returning players
  - b. Each team would be allowed to protect 3 players (Team 1 has fewest at 4 and remove one). The remaining players would be placed in the expansion draft. In the example above each team would enter the following number of players in the draft
    - i. Team 1 would make 1 player available for the draft
    - ii. Team 2 would make 3 players available for the draft
    - iii. Team 3 would make 2 players available for the draft
    - iv. Team 4 would make 4 players available for the draft

Note: A player coming up from the minors to the majors does not need to be protected during the expansion draft (e.g. A sibling of a player being protected).

2. The expansion team(s) picking in the draft will be able to select up to 3 players. Expansion teams may elect not to draft the full amount and remaining slot will be filled during the regular draft.
3. At the end of the expansion draft, any player not selected will return to their original team.
4. The expansion team(s) will then pick first in the regular draft. If there are more than 1 expansion teams, order will be selected by picking a number out of a hat. At that time, rules of the regular draft will apply.
5. Player can only be moved 1 time during his career in the major league. Example: a player cannot be part of 3 teams in 3 years.

## **Reduction of a Team**

1. The team dropped will be selected by the Board. The players from the dropped team will become part of the draft pool.