

## POWHATAN LITTLE LEAGUE

### 2022 GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING LL DRAFT METHODS AND PROCEDURES

The Draft is structured to encourage the equitable distribution of talent among teams in a division. PLL will be in compliance with Little League Draft Methods as detailed in the Little League Operating section of the rules. We have adapted the following policies that allow players associated with a team to remain with that team as they advance through the Divisions from Coach Pitch to Minors. It is believed that as these guidelines are incorporated into our draft methods we can maintain parity within our teams.

When a player is drafted to a Major Division Team the player stays with that team as long as that team is represented in the league with the following stipulations:

- This policy does not apply to T-Ball, blind draft method or Plan A
- Parent request for extenuating circumstances are honored on a case by case basis, requests for a certain coach are not normally recognized.
- The parent of a player can request their child be placed in the draft for the upcoming season.

Rosters from the previous Spring Season determine team assignments for spring and fall seasons in Coach Pitch and above.

#### **General Guidelines of the Draft**

- Managers should make their selections based on player evaluations made at Player Evaluation Day.
- Draft proceedings are confidential. All Paperwork brought into the draft as well as notes made during the draft will be discarded prior to leaving the draft facility. A copy of their drafted team will be given to the Managers as they leave the draft process.
- Players should never be told their ranking, rating or round they or other players were drafted.
- The Player Agent and League Director will review parent request before the draft and coaches will have request information available prior to the draft.
- League Directors will make Manager Assignments and practice assignments prior to the draft so that practice days can be used during the draft to accommodate request.
- Only Managers will be allowed in the draft proceedings for each team. New coaches will not be appointed or approved until after the draft to prevent "Red Shirting" through selective coaching appointments.
- Teams will be final after the draft and player trades are completed.
- All candidates league age 12 must be drafted to a Major league team or above.

## Rules

### Prior to Player Selection:

1. Managers present at the draft will review the player ranking and ratings for accuracy prior to the draft.  
-Player ratings identified out of sequence can be adjusted prior to the draft with agreement by a majority of the managers present and players will be re-rated and ranked.

### Player Options:

1. Players wishing to be drafted to a higher Division must attend the skills assessments at that division and must be selected by the eighth (8th) round of the draft.  
(8 year olds for Minors, 10 year olds for Majors, 12 year olds for Juniors).

A list of players requesting to “play-up” will be provided to managers prior to the start of the draft.

2. There will be no carpool requests accepted above T-Ball, Coach Pitch request are based on need and on a case by case basis prior to the draft.

3. Siblings will be selected to the same team unless a special request is submitted by the parents for them to play on separate teams. When one sibling is selected, the remaining sibling will be that teams next pick.

4. Manager players must be taken in the round they are seeded but will be selected by the 3rd round of the draft. If there is a sibling combination with one of the coaches, then this requirement extends to the next round of the draft.

5. The coach’s for a team will be determined during the draft. If you have desired coaches, you should pick them early to ensure that they are available. No pre-determined coach picks will be protected.

6. With the exception of High School Junior Varsity and Varsity baseball players and managers, all draft eligible players shall attend the skills evaluations.

7. The names and ages of all players that do not attend the skills evaluation will be read by the player agent and then placed into a blind draft, unless a majority of the managers present can attest to the skill level of the player and only then can the player be added to the regular draft.

8. Before leaving the draft room all trades must be completed through the Player Agent, who will ensure that there is a justifiable reason and that trades do not create an imbalance of talent. Both managers must agree to the trade. Player trades can only be made within 3

draft rounds, one up, one down or the same round. Hat pick players are not eligible for trade regardless of round.

9. Managers may not contact players prior to 2 hours after the completion of the draft. This allows for a 2 hour window for player trades immediately following the draft before players are notified.

10. Players registering after the draft will be assigned to a team at the discretion of the Player Agent in consultation with the League Director, Player Agent has final say.

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