



## Shore Regional Little League Player Draft Process (Effective 2024 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. Player Evaluations

1. The Player Agent shall establish the Player Evaluation Clinic dates. Evaluation Clinics are NOT Tryouts. They are skill evaluations intended to help coaches with team selection and balance teams to the best of their ability. All players must participate with integrity and honest effort. **Any tampering or violation of the code of conduct related to player evaluation results will result in dismissal from the league.**  
\*\*Tee Ball, Juniors, and Seniors Divisions are excluded from participation.
2. **ALL Players in divisions A Minors through Majors MUST attend 1 FULL Evaluation Clinic to be eligible to participate in the regular draft process.**
3. Any player unable to meet the minimum attendance requirement for the Evaluation Clinic will be placed on a team at the end of the draft through a process of blind selection (i.e. picking out of a hat) in the continuation of the serpentine draft order (1-n, n-1). The League President or Player Agent will facilitate this process after all draft eligible players are selected.
4. **ALL Players in divisions A Minors through Majors MUST attend 1 FULL Evaluation Clinic to be eligible for any tournament or All-star team selection.**

#### 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 League President or 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.
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.
- iv. AAA Minors: All Players ages 9 & 10 will be drafted into the AAA Minor Division.
- v. AA Minors (Hybrid): 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.
- vi. A Minors (Coach Pitch): 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.

\*The Player Agent will monitor the draft to ensure sufficient draft spots are available for all players.

\*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 SRLI 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 SRLI 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 League President or 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.