
CHINO HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE DRAFT RULES

In the spring season, we will have several new players. Many of whom coaches have not even seen before! That's why Chino Hills Little League holds a player assessment day. This allows each coach to take a look at the skill level for every player that will be in the upper divisions. Initial player assessments are held on Saturday 9am – 3pm with a make-up assessment held the following Wednesday evening 6pm-9pm. Once the assessment events are complete, division drafts are held. Any league age 9 or older player that does not participate in the assessments will automatically be placed in the hat pick selection process the evening of the draft. All Managers and Coaches must have their protected players participate in the assessment as well. The purpose of the draft is to keep the teams in a division as equal in skill level as possible.

At assessments, you will be given a form listing of each registered player in the upper division. You will assess each player on fielding, catching, throwing, batting, pitching, etc., and give a grade for each from 1 to 5 (5 being the best). All coaches (managers and assistants) are invited to assess players, make notes, etc. All player assessments are to be kept confidential and should never be shared with anyone outside of the coaching staff.

Typically, the draft is held the weekend following the makeup assessment. **You will also receive your regular season practice date and field at the Draft!** Managers cannot notify their drafted team until the following day to ensure all trades have been approved. Below is an overview of the actual draft process:

THE DRAFT - The primary goal of the draft process is to have fair & balanced teams for games. The draft and all activities with the draft are to be held in strict confidence. No one that participates in the Draft in any capacity shall disclose to any person the position that any player was drafted in. Only one team official (Manager or Coach) can attend the Draft for each team. Any active CHLL Executive Board Member may attend the Draft proceedings. Players and Parents are not allowed to attend the Draft!

GENERAL DRAFT RULES - All registered league age 9 players will be placed back in the draft each year. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the CHLL board. There are three Draft Options available to each team:

1. Sons/Daughters of Managers
2. Siblings
3. Sons/Daughters of Assistant Coaches*.

A maximum of four players per team can be optioned prior to the draft, no exceptions will be made.

***To prevent “red shirting” the Sons/Daughters of Assistant Coaches option must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

1. The assistant Coach has served as a manager or coach in the league (at any level) for the past two years AND
2. The coach is returning to the same coaching team as the previous year.

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To ensure fairness for all upper division teams if the coaching staff does not meet the guidelines above, the team is entitled to secure one player with the parent's written permission.

The number of teams in each Division shall be decided on a year-to-year basis depending on the number of registered players. The number of players on each team (AAA and up) should be limited to 11 or 12 based on registration volume in the league. This number is a guideline and may be adjusted prior to the Draft.

Draft - Preliminaries:

Prior to the start of the Draft, the Player's Agent shall review with the coaches the approved Special Circumstances (e.g. siblings, carpool requests, special needs).

All players who attended the skills assessment are to be drafted.

Those players not attending the assessment will be entered into a blind hat pick selection at the end of the draft.

Teams should avoid having more than 8 players of any one age on a team.

Draft – Serpentine Drafting Rounds:

The team drafting order shall be determined by a hat pick. All draft options (siblings, manager and coach son/daughter) must be drafted in or before the following rounds: (i.e. if a team has 3 manager/coach players that are 12 years old then all first three rounds must be used. A 4th option 12 yr old player must follow consecutively)

9/10 yr olds – 5th Round

11 yr olds – 4th Round

12 yr olds – 3rd Round

Draft - Trades:

Once all players have been drafted, the Player Agent will ask if there are any requests for trades. These requests will be acted upon at that time. All trades must be approved at the draft event. No trades are allowed after the draft event closes.

Post Draft:

All assessment and draft forms are returned to the Player Agent and are then destroyed.

Managers will be given their team rosters and contact information, and assigned a practice field/day.

Managers should start contacting players/parents on their team the following morning.

After the draft, the player agent will collect any late registrations and will assign players to teams based on team size and/or draft order. Managers will be notified of late players and will receive new rosters.