

Draft Requirements:

All Players who desire to participate in division AA or higher must participate in the appropriate Division evaluations. Any player who fails to attend 50% of the evaluation sessions will forfeit league eligibility unless a written excuse is presented, and a waiver is granted by a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

Draft Order:

Returning Majors teams will draw for draft position. Expansion teams will have first pick of the draft but be last in the draft order.

Draft Participants:

All Players NOT returning to a Major League, Junior League, or Senior League team are eligible for the draft unless the Board of Directors exercises their options to draft the entire league.

Draft Procedure:

Drafting onto the Major Little League Division will be for ages 9 through 12 only.

Attendance at the draft is limited to: Member of the Atwater Little League Board of Directors, ONE Team Manager and ONE team draft assistant approved 24 hours prior to the draft by President. If a manager is unable to attend the draft, they can appoint a substitute. Confidentiality is NECESSARY. If at the time of draft, there are not enough managers in place, then a board member who has watched the candidates should be appointed to draft all necessary teams.

The round which a team enters the draft is determined by the number of returning players and exercised draft options to each team.

<u>Number of Returning Players + Exercised Draft Options</u>	<u>Round Team Enters Draft</u>
0 – 1.....	Supplemental Pick Prior to 1 st Round
2 – 3.....	ROUND 1
4 – 6.....	ROUND 2
7+.....	ROUND 3

At the completion of the second (2nd) round Draft Picks will “snake” throughout the remainder of the draft. Each manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the roster will be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four (unless they received the supplemental pick prior to the first round.) If more than one manager is allowed bonus picks under this section, the order of rotation will be identical to that being followed in the draft.

Draft rounds for son / daughter of a manager- such candidate must be drafted in or before the following round: age 9-10 Draft Round 5, age 11 Draft Round 4, Age 12 Draft Round 3.

ALL TEAMS will pick in the final two (2) rounds of the draft

Reduction of teams: The Board of Directors has authority to authorize the reduction of teams based on availability of players, competitiveness of team, lack of a coach or any reason determined to promote a balance of play within the league. All current players affected must be reassigned to a Major League team through regular draft wherein, if the number of returning Major League players has not been drafted by the time that same number of draft picks remain, those returning players must be the only players eligible from that point forward in the draft.

Player Replacement Policy:

Before the Draft: If for any reason, a returning player wants to change teams or a manager wishes to release a player, the following process will be followed:

- a. A written notice from the parents or manager must be submitted to the Player Agent. Written request must provide justifiable reasons for the manager or parent desire of player removal.
- b. In the case of a parent request, the request must be made between the conclusion of one season and 45 days prior to the evaluation period of the second season. The Player Agent shall notify the Manager of the team that the player wishes to leave the team.
- c. If this is the parent's request the Manager of the team will decide if he wishes to release the player, trade the player or retain the player on his team.
- d. If this is the manager's request, the written request must provide justifiable reasons for the manager's desire of player removal. The Player Agent will monitor any attempts by managers and parents to manipulate the draft system and thus create an imbalance in the league. All releases **MUST BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.**
- e. The Player Agent will notify the League President and the Board of Directors of the parents and managers wishes.
- f. If the manager decides to release the player, and **upon approval by the Board of Directors**, that player shall be removed from the team roster and then go through the evaluation and draft process as previously noted. **ALL RELEASES MUST BE FOR JUSTIFIABLE REASONS** and any attempts by managers and parents to manipulate the draft system and thus create an imbalance in the league can result in disciplinary action by the board.
- g. Once a decision is made, the Player Agent, acting for the League President will notify the player of the decision.

Trades: If a returning player wishes to change teams the following process will be followed:

- Steps A thru D above will be followed.
- The manager decides to trade the player.
- All trades will be final at the conclusion of the draft.

After the Draft: If for any reason a player refuses, or is unable to play for a major league team;

Notice must be given to the Player Agent by the manager **within 24 hours.**

The Player Agent will notify the League President and the Board of Directors.

Upon approval of the Board of Directors, the Player Agent shall send a letter of release to the player and parents.

The letter of release of player from Major league team will contain the policy of refusal, which is once a player refuses to play for a Major league team, that player will be frozen from the Major division for the remainder of that season. The Player Agent and Manager have seven days from the time of notification to replace the player. If the manager has not selected a replacement at the end of seven days, the Player Agent shall assign a player to the team. Failure of the manager to notify the Player Agent of a players' continued absence shall result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. A continued absence is seven continuous days of missed games and/or practices. NOT seven practices and 7 games. Excused absence is medical, church and or school related absence. See Rule 17 of Ground Rules for All Levels. No players may be called-up in the final two weeks of the AAA schedule.