



Maidu Little League Draft Procedure

General Rules (AA Division)

1. **Attendance:** Each AA divisional draft is attended by the League President, League Registrar, AA Player Agent, Team Managers and other designated Board Members as assigned by the League President. Other coaches, parents and players are prohibited from attending the draft.
2. **Player Agent:** The Player Agent is responsible for overseeing and moderating the draft proceedings. Every effort should be made to insure all draft options are appropriately communicated and any situation not governed by these general rules vetted through the League Board prior to the draft. Managers should communicate "special circumstances" to the Player Agent that may need consideration prior to the draft to insure the League Board can be consulted if necessary. Should a manager be unable to attend the draft, his/her team will be drafted by the Player Agent. At any point during the draft the Player Agent may stop the draft to consult members of the League Board. Should the need arise during the draft proceedings the League President or a designated Board Member will communicate with parents of players. All draft decisions made by the Player Agent are final.
3. **League Registrar:** Prior to the start of the draft the League Registrar will provide the Player Agent the complete draft pool and "hat pick" pool for the divisional draft. Under the direction of the Player Agent, the League Registrar will record the draft as well as trades. Following the draft, the League Registrar will organize and communicate system generated reports of the final teams to the Player Agent.
4. **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.
5. **Evaluations:** Evaluations are the responsibility of each manager. The Player Agent will evaluate all players in the draft pool.
6. **Draft Pool:** Consists of all players who attended at least one league evaluation session. Playing age 7 players are not eligible for the AA Division without attending a league evaluation session.
7. **Divisional Playing Age Draft Requirements:**
 - a. AA Minors: All playing age 8, 9 and 10 year olds not drafted into the AAA Minor Division will be drafted into the AA Minor Division. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to insure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players.* Playing age 7 players not drafted to the AA Minor Division will be assigned to the Farm Division.

*Minor Division age exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis to account for player safety. These exceptions are approved by the League Board.

8. **Team Structure:** Prior to the draft the League Board will determine the number of teams and the number of players that will be selected to each team in each division. The League Board will also determine the minimum and maximum number of players of each playing age that can be selected to each team.



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9. **Draft Options:** Draft options must be communicated to the Player Agent at least 48 hours prior to the draft.
 - a. **Divisional Option:** Parents may submit a request to have their players only be part of the draft pool of the lowest minor division relative to their playing age. The Board of Directors will approve these requests after considering player needs and safety requirements. The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny any parent request based on these grounds.
 - b. **Sibling Option:** Parents may submit an option to have sibling players be drafted to the same team in the same division. NOTE: Playing age requirements of the draft pool still apply and must be satisfied.
 - c. **Manager's and Coach's Son/Daughter/Sibling Option:** Managers may submit an option to have their son/daughter/sibling player and one coach's son/daughter/sibling player drafted to their team.
10. **Players Missing Evaluation:** If a player does not participate in a league evaluation session they will be treated in one of two ways in the AA draft:
 - a. If their skill level can be ascertained enough to appropriately place them in the draft rankings the player will be added to the draft pool like any other player.
 - b. If their skill level is unavailable and it's impossible to know where they should be assigned they will become a "Hat Pick". See below.
11. **Hat Picks:** The Hat Pick pool consists of all players that don't participate in at least one League Evaluation session and isn't sufficiently known to the managers and league officials. These players are only eligible to play in the lowest division relative to their playing age unless approved by the Board of Directors. A "Hat Pick" process consists of random selection picking up the draft order with the team with the next selection. The entire last round of the draft will use the "hat pick" process. The hat will include all "hat pick" players as well as the "draft pool players" in the last round equal the number of teams in the draft. Each team will select from the hat in draft order.

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1. **Evaluation Results Combined:** Following the evaluation and prior to the draft the Player Agent and all managers will submit their player rankings to the League Registrar. The League Registrar will tabulate and combine the rankings to create a master draft board slotting players from highest combined score to lowest using a serpentine order (1-n, n-1). Teams at each end of the order effectively receive two consecutive players straddling the end and beginning of consecutive rounds.
2. **Player Agent/Managers Evaluate Board:** At the draft site, the AA Player Agent and managers review the board and discuss possible incorrect placement based on previous coaching experience and knowledge of the player's skills. Players are re-slotted as necessary to build as much parity into the board as possible attempting to gain consensus within the group.
3. **Blind Draft:** Managers randomly select a team to manage.
4. **Manager/Coach Players:** Manager's and designated coach's players are designated to their teams in the following manner:
 - a. Adjustments are made from lowest 1st round draft pick backward.
 - b. Highest slotted manager/coach's player is adjusted first.



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- c. Players are moved to their assigned team and all players are shifted in draft order to fill the gap.
 - d. This step may not be a science but the Registrar and Player Agent will attempt to maintain the parity of the original draft board by shifting the board as minimally as possible. All decisions by the Player Agent are final.
5. **Hat Picks Assigned:** Hat picks are assigned as previously described
 6. **Team Names:** Managers select randomly the order for selecting Team Names on the day of evaluations.

Trades

1. **Trading Period:** The Player Agent will officially open the trading period directly following the conclusion of the draft. All trades must be initiated and completed before leaving the draft site.
2. **Transactions:** All trades should be done as equitably as possible maintaining the integrity of the draft board. All trades must be approved by the Player Agent. The Player Agent may deny the trade if it is deemed that the trade is significantly unequal and/or negatively effects parity within the division. Under the direction of the Player Agent the League Registrar records the trade.
3. **Closing the Trading Period:** The Player Agent will officially close the trading period. No additional trades will be recognized after this period without the express consent of the Maidu Board of Directors.
4. **Confidentiality:** As with all things during the draft, trades are to remain confidential.

Conclusion of the Draft

After the draft and trading period are completed the division is effectively CLOSED. No additional players will be placed in the division and no trades will be recognized without the express consent of the Maidu Board of Directors.