



Maidu Little League Draft Procedure

General Rules (AAA thru Majors)

1. **Attendance:** Each divisional draft is attended by the League President, League Registrar, Divisional 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 in case he/she is required to perform the draft duties for any team.
6. **Comments:** Draft attendees are prohibited from making comments or sharing personal opinions about any draft candidate (including, but not limited to, a player's perceived skill level).
7. **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.
 - a. Majors: Playing age 10-12*.
 - b. Minor AAA Division: Playing age 8-11*.
8. **Divisional Playing Age Draft Requirements:**
 - a. Majors: All 12 year olds will be drafted into the Majors. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to insure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players.*
 - b. AAA Minors: All 11 year olds will be drafted into the either the Majors or AAA Minor Division. The Player Agent will monitor the draft to insure sufficient draft spots are available to accommodate these players.*

*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. Playing Age 12 players must play in Majors. Any exception must be approved by the District Administrator.



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9. **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.
10. **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.
 - i. All Divisions: Sibling options will be exercised with consecutive selections once the first sibling is selected.
 - c. **Manager’s and Coach’s Son/Daughter/Sibling Option:**
 - i. Manager’s and Coach’s draft options are governed by the chart listed below. There is no coach’s option in the Major Division. The minor divisions may protect one coach’s son/daughter or sibling.

	Age				
Option	8	9	10	11	12
Major Manager			5th Round	4th Round	3rd Round
Major Coach	No Major Coach Option				
AAA Manager	5th Round	4th Round	3rd Round	3rd Round	
AAA Coach	5th Round	4th Round	3rd Round	3rd Round	

If a manager or coach has two players that meet the same round selection criteria the players must be selected with consecutive picks. For example, if an AAA manager’s son/daughter is playing age 9 and their protected coach’s player is playing age 9 the manager’s player must be selected in the 4th round and the coach’s player must be selected in the 5th round.

Should manager’s or coach’s options remain unexercised by the appropriate round, the option ceases and the player becomes unprotected and can be drafted by any team.

11. **Hat Picks:** The Hat Pick pool consists of all players that don’t participate in at least one League Evaluation session. These players are only eligible to play in the lowest division relative to their playing age unless approved by the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to monitor the draft to insure sufficient spots are left available for the “Hat Pick” pool at the end of the draft. 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



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include all “hat pick” players as well as enough blank “draft pool player” cards to equal the number of teams in the draft. Each team will select from the hat in draft order. If they select a “hat pick” player they will receive his/her rights. If they select a “draft pool player” card they select from the remaining players in the original draft pool.

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1. **Draft Order:** The Draft Order is established by random selection, determined and governed by the Player Agent. This establishes a serpentine order throughout the draft (1-n, n-1). Teams at each end of the order effectively have two consecutive picks straddling the end and beginning of consecutive rounds. Managers may not pass a turn.
2. **Team Names:** Team Names are chosen by the reverse order of the draft order (prior to player selection).
3. **Selection:** Managers are allowed 2 minutes to complete their selection. The Player Agent verbally repeats the selection and the League Registrar records it in the master grid. The Player Agent then initiates the next selection in draft order.

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 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.