

Canton Little League Draft Process:

- 1. After the initial group tryout, a formal major league draft will be held. The draft order will be determined by the seedings in the prior year's end tournament, in the reverse order of finish (i.e.-#1 seed drafts last, #2 seed drafts next to last).
- 2. Managers should keep in mind that no team may have more than 8 players who are 12 years old. (Managers should also not draft more 11 year olds (8) than they are able to retain as 12 year olds. The balance of the roster shall be compromised of players, league age of 10 and 11.
- 3. The major league draft is conducted in two parts:

Part 1: 12 year olds:

Each team's manager of the draft having one selection for each 12 year old opening for each team.

Example: Teams A and B have two 12 year old openings on the major league roster to fill, team C has three openings, and team D has zero. Team D will not participate in this part of the draft. Teams A, B, and C will draft once in each of first two rounds, and team C will draft once in the 3rd round.

In the event that there are more registered 12 year olds than 12 year old roster spots, then Canton Little League shall notify managers prior to the draft of any special rules that shall apply.

Part 2: 10 and 11 year olds:

Each team manager having one selection of 10 and/or 11 year old in each round for each opening on his/her major league team.

Example: Teams A and B have two openings on the major league roster to fill, Team C has three, and Team D has four. Teams A, B, C, and D will draft once in the 1st two rounds, Teams C and D will draft once in the 3rd round, and Team D will select in the 4th round. This will continue until all teams have 12 players.

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4. Players eligible for the Major League Draft will be determined through an evaluation scoring system. Each team's manager will evaluate each 10 and 11 year old at tryouts along with 3-4 independent evaluators. Players will be scored on a rating system of 1-5 in various categories (ie- hitting, throwing, fielding, and running). All of the evaluations will be tallied by the Baseball Little League VP and the players with the top scores will be eligible for the draft. The number of players will be determined by the number needed to complete a 12 player roster for each team.

Example: After Part 1 is complete (12 year old draft), Team A and B still need 4 players, Team C needs 5 players, and Team D needs 7 players. The top twenty 10 and 11 year olds from tryouts will be eligible for the Major League draft. 11 year old players will be seeded higher than 10 year olds if their scores are tied. In the event of a tie between same aged players, the scores for those players will be recalculated after the high and low scores are eliminated.

5. Sibling Options:

A manager may submit an option to the Canton Little League Player Agent on a draftee if the candidate's sibling is a member of that manager's team.

If such an option is submitted, the manager must draft the sibling within his/her predetermined draft round based on the player's evaluation ranking, if the player makes the cut based on the aforementioned rating system. (**Example**: A player is on Team A, and a written request has been submitted for the player's sibling. The sibling is rank 7th in the ranking system. If there are 4 major teams, then the player is protected and must be selected by Team A by the end of the second round; otherwise the player is available to all 4 teams starting at the 3rd round.

Note: The term "coach" as used in this section shall only refer to rostered coached. No team may have more than 2 rostered coaches.

If a manager has eligible players in the draft and wished to draft them, the manager must submit an option in writing to the player agent. If so stated, the manager must exercise the option at or before the close of the specific round

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assigned to the player based on the player ranking system. The example above in Section 5 outlines the process.

A returning coach, through the manager, may exercise an option on his child to the league provided that:

- 1. The coach has served as a manager or coach in the same league division the prior year.
- 2. The coach is returning to the same major league team as last year.
- 3. The manager must submit via email or in writing the names of the coaches of record prior to the start of the season to the player agent.
- 4. A coach of record can be changed during the season, the manager must notify the player agent via email or in writing and receive approval before the change becomes effective. This will not be allowed during the last 2 weeks of the season.

Coach options must be exercised prior to the close of the specific round of the applicable part of the draft as noted above, the same as the manager option.

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