

# Napa Little League - Draft Procedures

(Adopted October 2007)

After the tryout program has been completed, the player agent of each league shall conduct a draft to assign eligible players to teams.

- Players shall **never** be told the position in which they were drafted.
- There shall be no private tryouts of players. Any team violating this rule will be reported to the Board of Directors, who may forfeit the teams 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> draft choices and/or take any other action deemed necessary.
- The team manager will represent each team at the draft. If the manager cannot attend the draft he/she must obtain approval for the designee from the league president. Prior to the start of the drafting of players, the player agent shall announce the number of returning players, the draft order, draft rules, and all approved options.
- Parents who become managers or coaches while their children are on another team may not automatically claim their children but must trade for them at the proper time, subject to league trading rules.
- It is the manager's duty to know and understand all draft rules for their division. Ask questions BEFORE the draft.

## TRYOUTS

- Players missing tryouts cannot play in Napa Little League – at any level – without approval from the Board of Directors. If the Board does accept a player who missed tryouts, that player can be drafted to any age appropriate level. **Missing tryouts does not guarantee a player will be kept in the Minor Divisions, and the player may not be able to play in Napa Little League - for the current season - at any level.**
- Players returning to the same Major Division team do not tryout.
- Players released from a Major level team must tryout
- Any player who did not tryout – and is allowed to participate by the Board of Directors – will be categorized as “well known to the league” or “unknown to the league”. Players that are “well known” will have their names put in the general draft pool, as if can be inferred that coaches and managers have had the ability to see the players play or to find out about them, prior to the draft. “Unknown” players will generally be players that are new to the league, from another league, have had a break in service, or are simply not well known amongst the managers. “Unknown” players shall have their name placed in a hat/box and a manager can choose to select “from the hat” during any of their picks.

## TRADES

Trades must follow the procedures set out in the current Little League Operating Manual. Some of the guidelines are:

- All trades must be through and with the approval of the Player Agent.
- All trades must be player for player. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted.
- Trades must be within the same league and division.
- Managers may trade players up to 14 days after the first scheduled game.
- A written trade request is given to the Player Agent. If approved by the Player Agent, the request is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

## **DRAFT SYSTEM – MAJOR DIVISION**

Napa Little League has adopted “Plan A” from the current Little League Operating Manual. All 9-12 year olds are eligible for the draft. A copy of the current Little League “Plan A” draft rules will be made available upon request. Returning players fill the bottom of the draft chart. Teams needing 8 or more players (before any option players are added) receive a bonus pick after the 4<sup>th</sup> round. Bonus round players are placed in the lowest available slot on the team’s draft board (8, 9, 10, 11, or 12).

The draft order is based on:

- 1) Expansion team or teams draft first
- 2) Regular season standings (prior to playoffs) determine draft order for the following year.

## **PLAYER OPTIONS IN THE MAJORS**

All player options for the Major Division will be per the current Little League Operating Manual. Copies are available upon request. (Coach Options are severely limited – coach must be returning to the same major level team from the previous season AND the coach must be going into their third consecutive year of managing or coaching in NLL at any level.)

## DRAFT SYSTEM – MINOR A AND MINOR B DIVISIONS

- Minor A, Minor B, and Rookie teams are dissolved at the end of each season. There are no returning players.
- All remaining eligible players will be selected.
- Player options are per the current Little League Operating Manual with the following exceptions:
  - Minor B Division **may** use a “Common Pool Draft”.
  - Sibling options are the parent’s choice, not the manager’s. If a parent chooses to option siblings together, and the siblings remain in the draft pool after the Major Division draft, a manager picking one sibling must take all of the siblings with their next pick or picks.
  - One approved coach, through the manager, may exercise an option on the coach’s child, in writing to the player agent with the following provisions:
    - The Board of Directors has approved the coach and had been notified of the option player’s name, at least 48 hours prior to the draft.
    - All approved coach options will be exercised by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> round, or with the 1<sup>st</sup> available draft choice.
- All 11 year old players not drafted to the Majors must be selected to a Minor A team.
- Players who were on a Minor A roster in the previous season must be selected to a Minor A team.
- All 9 and 10 year old players not selected to Minor A teams must be selected to Minor B teams.
- For Minor B, the “draft” is only for 9 and 10 year olds. 7 & 8 year olds will be placed on teams by the Player Agents, ideally grouping them by school.
- Draft order will be determined by a blind drawing. The “Serpentine Draft Method” will be used. Example:

	Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Team 1	Pick	1,	12,	13,	24,	25,	36,	37,	48,	49,	60,	61,	72
Team 2	Pick	2,	11,	14,	23,	26,	35,	38,	47,	50,	59,	62,	71
Team 3	Pick	3,	10,	15,	22,	27,	34,	39,	46,	51,	58,	63,	70
Team 4	Pick	4,	9,	16,	21,	28,	33,	40,	45,	52,	57,	64,	69
Team 5	Pick	5,	8,	17,	20,	29,	32,	42,	44,	53,	56,	65,	68
Team 6	Pick	6,	7,	18,	19,	30,	31,	42,	43,	54,	55,	66,	67

## ROOKIE LEAGUE

The Rookie league will not have a tryout or draft and is designated for

- 6 year olds who have played at least one year of T-Ball.
- All 7 year olds
- 8 year olds who have not played in a Rookie division before

Teams will be formed according to school of attendance.