

Elmer Little League

Majors Draft Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a process for drafting players to the majors teams. The primary goal is to make the teams as even as possible, to encourage skill improvement and healthy competition for all players within the majors division. The Vice Presidents and majors coordinators are responsible for coordinating and running the respective tryouts and draft.

The following rules are in the Little League Operating Manual. Elmer Little League (Elmer LL) specific rules are *italicized*.

1. All teams start with 4 players, to be selected by the managers from the previous year's roster (this number includes sons/ daughters of the manager and 1 or 2 returning assistant coaches).

In the event that a future year ends up with more than 4 managers and coaches players, the starting roster number will be modified for that year only to match the situation (i.e. a manager has 3 sons/daughters at majors level and coach has 2 sons/daughters at majors level; 5 players would be the starting roster for all teams in that calendar year). When the aforementioned situation no longer applies, the base roster will return to 4 players.

2. Draft order is picked at random each year (i.e., team names selected out of a hat).
3. There are two levels of the major league draft— 1) the “majors returning players and new 12-year olds” draft; and 2) the regular “open” draft. *All 12-year olds and returning majors players must be drafted before the regular “open” draft can begin.*
 - a. The remaining players that already played in majors are drafted along with the new 12 year olds coming up from minors (this is the first tier of draft selections).
 - b. All remaining picks to fill out majors rosters come from the minors draft, continuing where the first tier of drafting ended (this is the second tier or draft selections).
4. Brothers/sisters in the draft: When there are two or more siblings in the draft and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically reserves the right to draft the other brother or sister. This subsequent selection must be made by the 6th overall round (this would be rostered player #10). If the sibling is not selected by the end of the 6th overall round, he/she may be selected by any of the other remaining teams.
5. Brothers/sisters of players currently on a Team: If the manager chooses to draft that player, it must be done within the first three draft choices of the appropriate draft. *Elmer LL strongly encourages managers to keep siblings together*, but if the sibling is not drafted within the first three rounds, the player candidate can be drafted by another team.

6. Sons and Daughters of Managers: The incoming player must be drafted at or before the league-age draft round guide (see below).

<u>Draft Round</u>	<u>League Age</u>	<u>Draft Level</u>
3	12	<i>12-year old Draft</i>
4	11	<i>Open Draft</i>
5	9-10	<i>Open Draft</i>

7. *Once draft process is complete, managers have the opportunity to discuss trades. If no trades are agreed upon on the day of draft, the rosters are considered final/complete.*
8. Sons and Daughters of Coaches: A new coach shall not be appointed nor approved until after the draft to avoid “red shirting” of players through selective coaching appointments.

Alternate #8

Item #8 can leave a manager without a coach.

If a manager does not have a coach, and none of the players’ parents served as the coach the previous year, the manager may select a coach before the draft, but the son/daughter of the coach must be selected in the second round of the appropriate draft. The manager may also choose not to identify a coach until after the draft is complete.

Note: If instances occur, where one of the items above cannot be met, it is up to the discretion of the Vice President and Coordinator to come to an agreement to achieve the item.

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