



2012 Shoreview Area Youth Baseball 11 & 12 Year Old Evaluation and League Information National and American Leagues

At the 11/12 yr old level, evaluation scores are the basis for team formation for both the National and American Leagues. The goal of the process is to ensure players are placed at the level where they will have the greatest opportunity to develop their skills.

The National League uses the scores compiled from the evaluation process to create a list of eligible players to be drafted. At this point, anticipated registration would indicate that for the 2012 season, the National League will consist of 6 - teams (comprised of 7-8, 12 yr olds and 4-5, 11 yr olds). **However, the number of teams and age mix of the players on a team, may be adjusted depending on the number of players that attend the evaluation process and the skills demonstrated.**

All players not drafted on a National League team will be placed on an American League team with an attempt to balance skill level across all teams. **Unlike younger leagues, neighborhoods or schools do not determine National and American League teams.** The emphasis is on creating fair and equal teams within each league.

For this reason, all 11 & 12 year olds are asked to attend the evaluation, even those who wish to be excluded from National League consideration. When players do not attend the evaluation it is very difficult to attain competitive balance at the American League level.

Special requests for team/buddy placement CANNOT be honored in the National League, is discouraged and cannot be guaranteed in the American League. It is our experience that kids at this age are ready to branch out and play with kids that they do not know. Many of them will be going to school together in the future.

It is our goal to have all players notified at roughly the same time. After the tryouts, it takes approximately 5+ weeks to; finalize coaches at both the National and American League level, complete the National League draft, form teams and account for family vacations over Spring Break. Consequently, all players will be contacted regarding team placement around **April 1st**.

Evaluation times are listed below based on a player's last name and consists of hitting, fielding, running and throwing drills. Tryout numbers will be provided at check-in for tryouts. SAYB will provide materials to attach the provided tryout number to each participant.

Location

The tryout time is scheduled for **Feb 18th** and will be held at Bethel University, 3900 Bethel Drive (Arden Hills) at the Sports Recreation Center (SCR). Parents/Players are strongly encouraged to visit the facility prior to tryouts to familiarize themselves with where the building is located and to avoid unnecessary stress the day of the evaluation.

Times

Saturday Feb. 18th

Last Name	
A-D	12:00-1:30PM
E-I	1:45-3:15PM
J-M	3:30-5:15PM
N-Sc	5:30-7:00PM
Sd-Z	7:15-8:30PM
Pitching/Catching (Optional)	8:45-9:45PM

If a conflict arises and you need to try out at a different time, simply go to a different session. It is not necessary to contact a SAYB official. *Failing to complete the evaluation unless there is a unique circumstance or doctor documented injury that must be approved by the Executive committee, means that a player will automatically be placed in the American League.*

PITCHING AND CATCHING TRYOUTS ARE NOT MANDATORY.

It is suggested only for those who feel they have strong ability in one or both of these areas. Pitching/catching tryouts are NOT used to determine eligibility for the National League. Scores are made up of batting and fielding ONLY. Pitching/catching performance only helps managers determine draft order from those who have qualified for the National League draft based on their hitting and fielding scores. Players who elect not to attend the pitching/catching session will still have the opportunity to play these positions during the season.

Additional Information Please Read!

- 1.) Please arrive 15 minutes early for each session to allow time for warm-up and orientation. Players will be evaluated in numerical order in each tryout group.
- 2.) Tennis shoes must be worn. No Spikes!
- 3.) Players are encouraged to wear an athletic protector (Cup)
- 4.) Players should bring their glove and bat.
- 5.) Bats must be approved by Little League and will be reviewed to ensure they meet specifications, should you have any questions on bats please check the home page of our website for the link to the Little League website
- 6.) **Shirt or caps indicating previous tournament team participation are expressly forbidden at the evaluation, FURTHER, PLAYERS MAY NOT WEAR ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING THAT WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES (i.e. names on backs of t-shirts, prior league jerseys, etc.). The player will be asked to remove the item prior to the tryout.**
- 7.) Players will have their assigned number pinned or taped to their back. It is best if players wear a cotton shirt vs. an "Under Armour" nylon type shirt since it is difficult to have tryout numbers stick on this type of material.
- 8.) With the weather in Minnesota it is difficult to prepare for this evaluation but players are strongly encouraged to find a place in advance of tryouts to practice throwing. SAYB has been attempting to find a "warm up" facility or night, but to date has not been successful. If we are able to set up a date we will notify you via e-mail.

Should you have any additional question feel free to contact us via the SAYB.org "contact" tab.

Thank You and we look forward to seeing you on the 18th.