



San Mateo Little League American Player Draft Selection Process

Preface

Our goal is for the kids of San Mateo Little League American are to have fun. Fun is a concept that is difficult to measure. I think that it is safe to say that positive coaching, learning the fundamentals of baseball and playing teams of similar or like talent helps the child better experience the concept of “Having a Fun Time”.

Registration:

Player Registration will have a deadline so that SMLLA can manage the process of organizing an effective and efficient “Player Tryout.”

Siblings: During the registration process, parents have the ability to indicate if they want their siblings to play together or separately.

Playing Up or Playing Down: A parent may request that their child play up or down by simply completing the “Request to Play Up or Play Down” form found on the player registration page located at www.smla.org. All requests to play up or down must be submitted to the Player Agent prior to the registration deadline (playeragent@smla.org).

Playing From Outside SMLLA Boundaries: SMLLA will require that the parent submit Little League Form II(d) to the player agent prior to the registration deadline (playeragent@smla.org). Form II(d) is an affidavit declaring that the player had previously resided within the SMLLA boundaries or has since moved outside of

SMLLA boundaries yet still wished to play youth baseball at SMLLA. SMLLA will not be able to reinstate the player once the player leaves SMLLA to play in another league.

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Tryouts:

It is mandatory that players tryout for Little League Baseball. The purpose is for Team Managers to evaluate the skill level of each player trying out for a particular division. Players unable to participate in the tryout process should notify the Player Agent (playeragent@smla.org) prior to tryouts. The SMLLA Board will meet after tryouts to discuss and determine if players that did not participate in the tryout process will be admitted to the player draft. 12 year olds not participating in the player draft are immediately disqualified from playing in the Majors Division.

SMLLA reserves the right to make modifications to the draft process based upon variables like the number of players in an age group that can effect distribution of players within divisions of play. It is for this reason, a **Player Evaluation Committee** (comprised of the President, Player Agent and the Commissioner for the respective divisions) shall suggest to the board, those players that are eligible to play up or down in the draft process based upon performance. Prior to the Draft, the Player Agent shall collectively propose the recommendations that shall require board approval.

The purpose is to make certain that Managers are drafting by talent and capabilities rather than drafting friends.

Player Draft:

The Division Commissioner with the assistance of the League President, and Player Agent shall oversee the draft process. Numbers will be drawn for draft sequence. The draft sequence shall be serpentine. Example: A division has six (6) teams. The

team with draft sequence 1 will draft 1st, 12th, 24th, 36th etc. The team with draft sequence 2 will draft 2nd, 11th, 14th, 23rd, 26th etc.

Players must be drafted to the same division or higher division from where they played the previous season.

SMLLA will honor parent's requests for a player to "Play Down" providing the parent had formally submitted the "SMLLA Form to "Request to Play Up or Play Down" to the Player Agent.

SMLLA will honor parent's requests to have siblings play on the same team or separately.

The managers will be given a 30 minute period after their division player draft to discuss trades. At the end of 30 minutes, all teams drafted will be final.