

Dexter Little League

Baseball and Softball

Player Evaluation and Draft Procedures

Player Evaluation

All participants in the Coach Pitch, Minor, Major and Junior leagues must attend the evaluation session for their respective age group. Any individual who is required to attend the evaluation session and does not must arrange an individual evaluation with their respective league commissioner prior to the draft. No player is eligible for the draft without first being evaluated.

Players will be evaluated in the following areas: fielding ground balls, fielding fly balls, throwing, and hitting. Players also will be timed in a base-to-base sprint. Once the evaluations are completed, all players will be placed on teams via the draft process.

Players are encouraged to play in their appropriate divisions. Requests for children to “play up” will be considered by the Board of Directors as long as the child is evaluated with the older age group and scores at least “**10**” out of a possible 20.

Head coaches and assistant coaches, recommended by the President (or delegate) and approved by the Board of the Directors, must attend the evaluation sessions as well. The number of teams in each division, as well as the number of coaches needed, will be based on the draft pool and determined prior to the evaluation sessions.

Draft Procedures

There will be a complete re-draft each year at all levels. A draft date will be announced well in advance and all head coaches must be present. In the event of an emergency absence, an assistant coach or league director may draft a team.

The following procedures will be used:

- Each head coach will randomly pick a draft number out of a hat or some other common means.
- Based on the number of players in the pool, there will be no fewer than 10 rounds and no more than 12.
- Before starting the draft, each coach’s child needs to be rated as an “X-round pick” in his/her age group. The child’s evaluation score will be used as the basis for his/her rating. **In the event of a tie, a coach’s child must be taken in the earliest round indicated.**

- The same rating process will be used for the youngest of siblings whose parents request that they play together.
- In the event of same-age siblings whose parents request that they play together, all of the siblings will be rated as “X-round picks” and the rating will apply to the remaining siblings once the first sibling has been selected.
- Coaches may appeal the ratings of players who are potential “X-round picks.” All appeals must be submitted to a pre-determined Dexter Little League official at least 48 hours before the draft.
- Players will be drafted by age group, with the older players in each league being drafted first. For example, Major coaches must draft 12-year-olds before moving into the pool of 11-year-olds. This method will continue until a round begins and there are not enough 12-year-olds remaining for each team. At that point, the remaining 12-year-olds will be pushed into the younger pool and coaches can start drafting 11-year-olds. It also should be noted that 10-year-olds playing in the Majors will be drafted as 11-year-olds and 7-year-olds and 8-year-olds playing in the Minors will be drafted as 9-year-olds.

SCENARIO A: The pool of Major players is 96, 51 of whom are 12-year-olds. This would result in an eight-team league. The drafting begins, and after the sixth round there are only three 12-year-olds remaining. This means coaches would be allowed to select 11-year-olds at the beginning of the seventh round.

SCENARIO B: A manager in the Majors has a 12-year-old son who is rated as a first-round pick in his age group (No. 4 out of 51). His assistant coach has an 11-year-old son who is rated as a second-round pick in his age group (No. 10 out of 45). This means that their team must select the manager’s son in the first round and the assistant coach’s son in the eighth round.

SCENARIO C: A manager in the Majors has a 12-year-old son who is rated as a first-round pick in his age group (No. 1 out of 51). His assistant coach has a 12-year-old son who also is rated as a first-round pick in his age group (No. 3 out of 51). This means that their team must select the manager’s son in the first round and the assistant coach’s son in the second round.

*SCENARIO D: Brothers Bobby Jones, 12, and Tommy Jones, 11, have requested to play on the same team. Tommy is rated as a third-round pick in his age group (No. 19 out of 45). This means that the manager who selects Bobby must also choose Tommy in the ninth round. **In the event that Bobby isn’t drafted before the sixth round, he also must be rated as an “X-round pick” based on his evaluation score. Scenario E would then apply.***

*SCENARIO E: Brothers Billy Smith, 11, and Timmy Smith, 11, have requested to play on the same team. Billy is rated as a fourth-round pick in his age group (No. 25 out of 45). Timmy is rated as a fifth-round pick in his age group (No. 36 out of 45). This means that if a manager selects Billy first, he must then take Timmy in the 11th round – or the next round if the 11th round has already concluded. It also means that if a manager selects Timmy first, he must then take Billy in the 10th round – or the next round if the 10th round has already concluded. **In the event that siblings requesting to play together have not been selected with two rounds remaining in the draft, the manager with the highest-rated player in the league must draft both of them with his/her final two picks. If there is a tie for the highest-rated player, the teams involved in the tie will continue moving down their rosters, looking for the next-highest ranking, until the tie is broken.***

- During odd-number rounds, teams will select in numerical order based on their random draw (1-2-3-4-5-6, etc.). During even-number rounds, teams will select in the opposite order (6-5-4-3-2-1). The evaluation scores will not affect the draft order as they are simply a resource for the coaches.
- **If there are not enough players to complete a final round of drafting, each manager will re-draw his/her draft order prior to the final round. The manager with the #1 pick will select first, #2 will select second, and so on. This order only applies for selecting the remaining players on the draft board.**

Placing New Players after the Draft

It is the intention of the Dexter Little League to include all children in the league that express a desire to play baseball or softball even if they sign up late, given that space is available. The following procedure will be used to add players to teams after the draft has been completed and teams have been formed:

- 1. If space is available and a new player registers, the names of the teams without full rosters will be placed in a hat. The new player, or Dexter Little League Player Agent, will then draw his/her team assignment.**
2. If space is not available, the player will be placed on a waiting list and could be added to a roster in the event of a season-ending injury or a player leaving a team. Teams do not have to add players once the regular season begins.