

WEST VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS

WVLL DRAFT RULES

“All divisions of West Valley Little League Baseball practice and game play shall be conducted in accordance with the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Baseball AND all policies set forth by Little League District 12 for Baseball, WITH the application of the following WVLL Local Bylaws.”

MOST RECENT REVISION: February 2012

SECTION 1: Copies to Managers and Coaches

Copies of WVLL Rules [Coaches, Draft and Local] will be available on the WVLL website prior to draft.

SECTION 2: Notification of Managers and Coaches Regarding Protected Players

Managers and coaches must notify the Player Agent of their Protected Players at least 7 days prior to first tryout date in order to use the coach's/managers automatic pick. If done within 7 days of tryouts, their player(s) will be protected only until their first pick, after that any team could pick them (notification must be in writing). A coach or manager automatic pick[s] will be announced prior to the first tryout date.

SECTION 3: Manager or Coach Steps Down (removed 3/2010)

SECTION 4: Draft Order

WVLL utilizes the “redraft” method when selecting players for the Major and Minor league teams, there is no draft for the Rookie league. Draft order will be determined by placing all team names in a hat, the order of the draft will be drawn from the hat. The draft will then proceed in this order (round 1 = 1-7, round 2 = 7-1 round 3 = 1-7, etc for the remaining successive rounds.

SECTION 5: Persons allowed at Draft

During the draft, only managers and their coaches are allowed at the draft. The league president, vice president, player agent, secretary, or other support staff, if approved by the President, shall be present.

SECTION 6: Players Not Ready “NR”

- Major League – Managers have the option to list a player as “NR” (not ready for major league play) next to the player's number. If the majority of league managers rate a player as “NR” (Not Ready), they will be returned for the minor league draft. At that point, the Player Agent will contact the NR players parents and they will be given the option of two [2] choices. They may participate in the minor league tryouts, thus becoming eligible for the Minor league draft OR they may choose to skip tryouts and

become a hat pick option for the Minor league. NOTE: individual cases may be reviewed by the WVLL Board of Directors per request.

- Minor League – Managers have the option of using the “NR” rating next to players that are (7) -(8) year olds that they evaluate as not ready for minor league play. If the majority of league managers rate a seven (7) – (8) year old as “NR” (not ready) the parents will be encouraged to register the child for rookie league (ages 6-8) as per WVLL local rules.

SECTION 7: Maximum Number of Players by Age

MAJORS – The limit of eight [8] players who are league age 12 will apply. (Note: The limit on 12 year olds who can pitch in a week remains).

MINORS – The limit of seven [7] players of the same age will apply.

- Note: Any variances will be reviewed and approved by the WVLL board of directors.

SECTION 8: Protected Players

Each team [Minors, Majors] has the option to protect 3 players, securing the first 3 roster positions for that team. In order for a team to protect 3 players, they must have a Manager and two [2] Coaches, or a Manager and one [1] Coach with one having siblings. Generally, Manager = 1st roster position, Coach #1 = 2nd roster position, Coach #2 = 3rd roster position.

If a Manager or Coach has 2 or more players [siblings] in the same league, they will be counted as 2 or more roster positions. If a team has a Manager and only 1 coach, two [2] roster positions may be secured. A team with only a manager and one [1] coach will NOT be allowed to secure a 3rd roster position, unless siblings are involved. If a team has only a manager and one [1] coach, with no siblings involved, their 3rd secured roster position will be filled at the end of the draft – with the first “Hat Pick” selections, following draft order sequence.

A Manager or Coach will NOT be allowed to protect 2 or more roster positions, unless siblings are involved.

PROTECTING THREE [3] OR MORE PLAYERS, DRAFT ORDER EFFECT. In some cases, a team may be able to protect 3 or more players in the same league. Example: Team A Manager has 2 players [must be siblings], Coach #1 has 1 player and Coach #2 has 1 player. They will be allowed to protect these 4 players. Draft order effect when protecting 4 or more players: each additionally protected player will count as a draft round selection. In this case, protected player 4 will count as draft round selection #1. Team A would not make an actual draft selection until their next turn at the draft, being round #2 in this case.

SECTION 9: Manager or Coach Change Teams (removed 3/2010)

SECTION 10: Protected player switching teams (removed 3/2010)

SECTION 11: Manager or Coach Does Not Have a Child Playing

A manager or coach who does NOT have a child playing in the league will be allowed to protect a player, securing one [1] of the available roster positions. The manager or coach must notify the player agent 7 days prior to draft of this action [as noted in WVLL Draft rules, section 2.

SECTION 12: Player Compensation (removed 3/2010)

SECTION 13: Bonus Picks (removed 2/2012)

SECTION 14: Expansion Teams (removed 3/2010).

SECTION 15: Time Limit

Each team is given three (3) minutes to place their picks. Failure results in player agent's random selection from remaining players.

SECTION 16: Draft to the Same Team (removed 3/2010)

SECTION 17: Registered Players That Did Not Tryout

Registered players that did not try out will be chosen by a "draw of the hat", draft lottery in draft order by teams still needing to fill (to the designated number) rosters on draft night. This supplemental phase will be conducted by the player agent at the conclusion of the regular phase of the draft. Similar to those players that register after the draft, as mentioned below in WVLL Draft rules, Section 18, players must demonstrate and have adequate skills to be considered as "Hat Picks" for their age appropriate league. This will be accomplished through a specially arranged tryout conducted by members of the rules/grievance committee. This supplemental tryout will be conducted AFTER the draft BUT before the player is allowed to participate in any organized practice. All attempts will be made to conduct this supplemental tryout within days of draft night to ensure each player is properly placed before practices begin.

EXCEPTION: A player may be excused from the supplemental tryout IF the majority of the managers agree that this player has demonstrated adequate skills to safely play in their age appropriate league. This player demonstration may have been observed in prior years of WVLL play. Players excused from a supplemental tryout will still be placed on teams as "Hat Pick" selections.

SECTION 17A. DEFINITION OF A "HAT PICK" PLAYER.

A player designated as a "Hat Pick" is one that did not participate in the tryout, but is eligible for play in WVLL and will be placed on an age appropriate team via a "Draw of the Hat." They will be placed on a team roster at the conclusion of the draft, following procedures. "Hat Pick" players are NOT eligible for team placement during the regular draft.

SECTION 18: Players That Register After the Draft

Players that register after the draft will be required to participate in a supplemental tryout, exactly as illustrated in WVLL Draft rules, Section 17. The player will then be placed into the player pool. Placement of these players will be determined by a "Draw of the Hat," following the original league draft order. The Player Agent (s) will pick names for those Managers/Coaches not present. WVLL will allow new players to register up until opening day, and placed on a team

SECTION 19: Major Draft is Always before Minor Draft

Major League draft night is always prior to Minor League draft night, in the event that there are NR players that will need to be included in the Minor league.

SECTION 20: Rookie League Player Placement

Rookie League will not conduct a draft. Coaches will determine the number of players on their team. If there are extra players without a team, they will be placed by hat pick onto teams needing players up to the maximum allowed as designated by WVLL Executive board.

SECTION 21. 10 YR OLDS PLAYING UP IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

A 10 yr old may play in the Major League Division if one [1] or more of the following criteria are met: Their parent is a Manager or Coach in the Major league. OR, if the 10 yr old successfully participates in the Major tryouts – they must tryout, NO exceptions. At the conclusion of tryouts, the attending Managers and Coaches will discuss the abilities of the player to determine if the majority agree he/she has adequate skills to safely play in the Major division of WVLL, or if the player would be better suited to play in the Minor league.

SECTION 22. DISTRIBUTION OF ALL PLAYERS. All players will be placed on rosters: either through drafting procedures, through the "Hat Pick" procedure, or through the player pool placement of those registering after the draft. Player placement will follow the original draft sequence until all players have been placed.

EXCEPTION: Players that have registered AFTER the draft may be placed on a team that has lost a player from their original draft roster. This is necessary to ensure that all teams have a similar number of players on the roster. Managers MUST notify their Player Agent of a roster position loss in order to acquire another player, if available.

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