

# **Bowling Green East Little League**

## **Rules and Regulations**

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# **DRAFT**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the draft is to equally distribute enough players to fill each major league team and then assign the remaining players to a minor league team. Prior to the draft, a tryout session will be held for each age group. At that time, all managers and coaches can evaluate the talent and determine the players they wish to draft.

## **AGE RULE**

Currently, the cutoff date to determine a child's age is April 30 but beginning in 2018, the cutoff date will be August 31. To implement the change and to insure that no player loses their 12 year-old season, Little League has determined that those born on or after September 1, 2005, will use the August 31 cutoff date to determine league age. Those born before September 1, 2005, will use the April 30 cutoff date to determine league age.

## **ORDER OF DRAFT**

The order of draft is determined by a random draw of the teams in the draft. A separate random draw is conducted for the major league draft and the minor league draft. For the major league draft, the teams will draft in the 1<sup>st</sup> round in the order of the draw. Thereafter, the teams will draft in the order of the draw in the even numbered rounds and in the reverse order in the odd numbered rounds. For the minor league draft, the teams will draft in order in the odd numbered rounds and in the reverse order in the even numbered rounds, throughout all phases of the draft. If a team has filled a slot in the preliminaries, as outlined later, the team will "pass" that round and resume its draft at the next available round.

## **DRAFT FORMAT**

There are two phases to the draft:

- 1) Major League – Consists of as many rounds as is necessary to draft enough players to fill the rosters of the major league teams. All returning major league players must be drafted to a major league team.
- 2) Minor League – Consists of enough rounds to distribute all remaining players in the minor leagues.

## **PRELIMINARIES TO THE DRAFT**

The following items should be done before the draft begins:

- 1) Current league policy is for each major league roster to carry 11 players and each minor league team roster to attempt to carry no more than 12 players.

2) Identify all eligible players whose parent is a manager of a major league team or a manager or coach of a minor league team. Slot the eligible player in the draft according to the following:

- a. Major league manager–If the child is 11 or 12 years old, the player is slotted in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the major league draft. If the child is 10 years old, the player is slotted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the major league draft ;
- b. Minor league manager’s child – 1<sup>st</sup> round of the minor league draft;
- c. Minor league coach’s child – 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the minor league draft, or 1<sup>st</sup> round if the manager does not have a child slotted.

A major league manager may only protect one player in the draft. If the manager does not have a child to slot, he may slot any eligible player in the 1<sup>st</sup> round provided the parent of the child gives permission. If a team does not slot a player in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, the team(s) will draft in the established order and may select any eligible player in the draft.

A minor league manager may protect two players in the draft. If the manager does not have a child to slot and/or doesn’t have a coach, he may slot any eligible player in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds provided the parent of the child gives permission. If a team does not slot an eligible child in the first or second rounds, the team(s) will draft in the established order and may select any other eligible player in the draft.

**Exception:** If a minor league manager or coach has a child that they wish to make eligible for promotion to the major leagues, the child is not slotted at this time. This child is open for the draft during the major league draft. If the child has not been drafted at the end of the major league draft, they will be slotted as above.

3) Identify all major league managers who have more than one child eligible to play in the major leagues. One child is slotted according to the above guidelines and the other child is slotted in the last round of the major league draft.

**Exception:** A major league manager may declare a child ineligible for the major leagues. In that case, the child is open for the draft beginning in the minor league draft. Under no circumstances will the child be eligible to play in the major leagues during that season, except as a temporary roster replacement.

4) Identify any brother or sister combinations that are participating in the tryouts. When there is such a combination and one of the pair is drafted, the remaining brother or sister must be selected in the last round in that particular phase of the draft.

**Exception:** If, prior to the start of the draft, a majority of the major league managers feel that any of the brother/sister combinations should not play in the major leagues, or if one of the combination is age 8 or 9, that brother or sister will be declared ineligible for the major leagues and open for the draft beginning in the minor league draft. Under no circumstances will the child be eligible to play in the major leagues during that season, except as a temporary roster replacement.

## **9 and 12 YEAR-OLDS**

9 year-old players are ineligible to play in the major league. It is mandatory that all 12 year-olds are drafted to a major league team unless deemed ineligible by a board committee. The board committee shall be appointed by the President and consist of at least 3 board members. They will be responsible for evaluating, during tryouts, the talent of all 12 year-olds who did not play on a major league team the previous year. If in the committee's opinion, it would pose a safety issue for the 12 year-old to play in the major league, the committee may declare the child ineligible for the major league draft. The committee shall consult with the child's parents before declaring the child ineligible.

## **NO-SHOWS AND LATE SIGNUPS**

- 1) If a player does not show at the league tryouts, he cannot be drafted. At the end of the minor league draft, all no-shows will be placed in a lottery with the first name drawn assigned to the team scheduled to draft next.

**Exception:** If there is a player who does not show at the tryouts but is known to have the capabilities to play in the major leagues, an exception can be made. A manager, coach or board member must speak, at draft night, about the player's abilities in baseball and other sports. With all managers being aware of the player's abilities, that player can be placed in the open draft and taken during any round.

- 2) If a player signs up after the draft, they will be assigned to the minor league team scheduled to draft next. Under no circumstances will a late signup be eligible to play in the major leagues during that season, except as a temporary roster replacement.

## **OTHER RULES**

- 1) Parent's requests for a particular league, manager, coach or teammate will not be honored.
- 2) All players that are to be protected must be announced before the date of the first scheduled tryout.
- 3) The player registration form will have a place where a parent can declare a 10 year-old ineligible for the major league draft. Under no circumstances will

the child be eligible to play in the major leagues during that season, except as a temporary roster replacement.

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## **OTHER LEAGUE RULES**

### **MANDATORY PLAY RULE**

The Bowling Green East Little League follows the mandatory play rule as established by Little League.

- 1) The mandatory play rule consists of six consecutive defensive outs and at least one time at bat. A starting player cannot return to the lineup until their substitute has complied with the mandatory play rule.
- 2) In all legally shortened games, such as rain, the mandatory play rule will be disregarded for that game.
- 3) A manager may announce to the official scorer, prior to the start of the game, that a player is suspended for disciplinary actions such as missing practice. When a suspension is in effect, the mandatory play rule does not apply for that player in that game.

### **PITCH COUNT**

The Bowling Green East Little League will comply with the pitch count rule as established by Little League. The official score keeper is responsible for keeping the pitch count and their total shall be final.

### **PITCHER REST**

The Bowling Green East Little League adopts the following requirements for the amount of rest required between pitching appearances, based on the number of pitches thrown:

1. If a pitcher throws 66 or more pitches, the pitcher must have at least 4 calendar days of rest before the pitcher is eligible to throw;
2. If a pitcher throws 51-65 pitches, the pitcher must have at least 3 calendar days of rest before the pitcher is eligible to throw.
3. If a pitcher throws 36-50 pitches, the pitcher must have at least 2 calendar days of rest before the pitcher is eligible to throw.
4. If the pitcher throws 21-35 pitches, the pitcher must have at least 1 calendar day of rest.
5. If the pitcher throws less than 21 pitches, no calendar day of rest is required.

If a pitcher reaches a pitch count threshold after at least one pitch to a batter, the pitcher may continue until the at-bat is completed and the pitcher's rest will be determined by the pitch count before that batter came to the plate.

### **MINOR LEAGUE**

The purpose of the Minor League program is to provide training and instruction for those players who do not qualify for selection in the Major League.

The Minor League program is the responsibility and is an integral part of the chartered Little League. It is not and may not be operated as a separate entity. It is to be viewed as a farm system for the Major Leagues and all players, except as previously noted, are subject to being promoted to the Major Leagues during the draft or regular season.

## **TIME LIMITS**

Major league games do not have a time limit and are to be played until completion or suspended by the umpire-in-chief. Minor league games have a time limit of one hour and forty-five minutes. No inning may be started after that time but any that have started shall be completed according to Little League rules.

No inning in either league may start after 10:00 pm as outlined in Little League rules.

## **5-RUN RULE**

In the minor leagues, no team may score more than 5 runs in an inning. Once the 5-run limit has been reached, the teams will switch offense and defense. If a team is behind by more runs than can be legally made up based on the number of innings remaining, the game is over.

## **10-RUN RULE**

If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

## **FORFEITED GAMES**

If a team is unable to field nine players at the start of the game, that team shall be subject to an automatic forfeiture. A grace period of 15 minutes will be allowed.

## **PERMANENT ROSTER REPLACEMENT**

If a major league team's roster is reduced to 9 players and no player on the roster is expected to return for the remainder of the season, that manager shall have the right to select one player from the minor league as a permanent roster replacement. The manager shall notify the player agent of his selection within three days of reaching the 9-player minimum. The player agent will notify the minor league manager and verify the child's parental acceptance of the selection. The following are not eligible to be added as a permanent roster replacement:

1. Minor league manager's child that was slotted in the minor league draft;

2. Minor league coach's child that was slotted in the minor league draft;
3. A child that was a no-show at tryouts and was not made eligible for the major league draft;
4. A child that was a late signup after the tryouts;
5. Any child if there are fourteen or fewer days left in the regular season.

### **TEMPORARY ROSTER REPLACEMENT**

If a major league team cannot field 9 players for a game, the manager may select a minor league player to play that game. The Player Agent must be notified before a player is selected. Any minor league player is eligible to be selected, provided they are age 10 or older, has not been previously selected as a temporary roster replacement and does not have a minor league game on the same day.

### **PITCHER REPLACEMENT**

In the minor leagues, if a pitcher hits three batters in an inning or hits five batters in a game, the pitcher must be replaced.

### **RESCHEDULING POSTPONED GAMES**

#### **Major Leagues:**

1. Postponed games will be played on the next available Wednesday or Saturday in the order they appeared on the original schedule
2. Monday and Tuesday postponed games will be played on the first available Wednesday or Saturday.
3. Thursday and Friday postponed games will be played on the first available Wednesday or Saturday.
4. Postponed games that get rained out will be rescheduled at the discretion of the President of the League.
5. Wednesday games will be played at 5:15 pm and 7:15 pm. Saturday game times will be determined by the President of the league.
6. In the absence of the President, the Player Agent shall have the authority to cancel games due to weather and reschedule games according to this policy.
7. Teams have the option of mutually agreeing on a make-up game date. If teams cannot agree on a date to reschedule postponed games, the game will be rescheduled according to paragraphs 2 and 3. It is the responsibility of one or both managers to contact the League President with a mutually agreed upon game date no later than 11 pm on the date the game was postponed
8. Games rescheduled as per paragraphs 1 and 2 will be considered Class A rescheduled games. Games rescheduled as per paragraphs 4 and 7 will be considered Class B rescheduled games.

9. A Class A rescheduled game shall have priority over a Class B rescheduled game.  
Example: A Friday game between the Reds and Cubs is postponed due to rain. Both coaches agree to play the game on the following Wednesday, instead of Saturday. This is a Class B rescheduled game. On Monday, both games are rained out and the teams agree to follow the guidelines in paragraph 2 and play on Wednesday. This becomes a Class A rescheduled game and the Reds and Cubs would have to reschedule their game.
10. If a team is unable to field nine players after a game has started, the game will be completed before the next regularly scheduled game between the two teams or as per paragraphs 2, 3, or 7.
11. There will no make-up games scheduled for Derby weekend or Memorial Day weekend.

**Minor Leagues:**

Minor League postponed games will be played on the next available date.

**SEASON-ENDING TIE BREAKER**

**If two teams have identical records at the end of the regular season, the tiebreaker shall be as follows:**

1. Compare head-to-head records.
2. If there is still a tie, both teams will be declared co-champions.
3. A coin flip between the co-champion managers will determine which manager has first choice of All-Star teams.

**If three or more teams have identical records at the end of the regular season, the tiebreaker shall be as follows:**

1. Compare the head-to-head combined won-loss record of each team tied for the championship. The team with the best record shall be declared league champions.
2. If there is still a tie, the teams with the best head-to-head combined won-loss record will be declared co-champions.
3. A coin flip between the co-champion managers will determine which manager has first choice of All-Star teams.



## **ALL-STAR TEAMS**

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The Bowling Green East Little League will field four All-Star teams at the conclusion of its regular season. The number of players on each team will be a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 14 and be decided by the manager of the team.

- 1) 11-12 Year-Old All-Star Team – This team will be selected from all eligible 11 and 12 year-olds on a major league roster. It will participate in the World Series tournament organized by Little League.
- 2) 10-11 Year-Old All-Star Team – This team will be selected from all eligible 10 and 11 year-olds. It will participate in the Little League sanctioned tournament and area tournaments.
- 3) 9-10 Year-Old Sanctioned All Star Team – This team will be selected from all eligible 9 and 10 year-olds. It will participate in the Little League sanctioned tournament and area tournaments.
- 4) 9-10 Year-Old Regional All Star Team - This team will be selected from all eligible 9 and 10 year-olds. It will participate in area tournaments.

### **VOTING**

1. Because the league places an importance on attendance in All-Star practice and game participation, the league will exclude any player from the ballot who does not wish to make such a commitment. The league will communicate this policy at the time of player registration. Two weeks prior to the end of the season, the league will restate the policy and parents will be provided a form to sign if they are unable to make the commitment and that child's name will be excluded from all ballots.
2. Four ballots will be printed:
  - 1) All eligible 11 and 12-year old players on a major league roster.
  - 2) All eligible 10 and 11-year old players on a major league roster.
  - 3) All eligible 9 and 10-year old players on a major league roster
  - 4) All eligible 9 and 10-year old players on a minor league roster.
3. Major league managers, coaches and players will cast ballots for the three major league ballots.
4. Minor league managers, coaches and players will cast a ballot for the 9 and 10-year old minor league players.
5. A person completing any ballot will select twelve (12) players. A person may select less than 12 players but if they select more than 12, the ballot will be voided.

6. The Player Agent will be responsible for distributing, supervising and collecting all official ballots. The Player Agent and the President of the League are responsible for the tabulation of the ballots.

## **PLAYER SELECTION**

1. After the Player Agent and President have tabulated the ballots, the Player Agent will compile a list of all players on each ballot and their respective votes.
2. The Player Agent will give the list to the respective manager of each All-Star team.
3. Each manager will review the list and make their final All-Star selections with the following restrictions:
  - a) The manager of the 11-12 year-old All-Star team must select at least 8 of the top 12 players with the most votes from the 11-12 year old ballot.
  - b) The manager of the 10-11 year-old All-Star team must select at least 8 of the top 12 players with the most votes from the 10-11 year-old ballot, excluding any 11 year olds who have been selected to the 11-12 year-old team. The remainder of the team may come from any eligible 10-11 year-olds in the majors or minors.
  - c) The manager of the 9-10 year-old Sanctioned All-Star team must select at least 8 of the top 12 players with the most votes from the 9-10 year old major league and 9-10 year old minor league combined ballots. The remaining players may come from any eligible 9-10 year-old in the majors or minors.
  - d) The manager of the 9-10 year-old Regional All-Star team must select at least 8 of the remaining 12 players with the most votes from the 9-10 year old major league and 9-10 year old minor league combined ballots. The remaining players may come from any remaining eligible 9-10 year-old in the majors or minors.

**Note:** If any player declines an invitation to be on an All-Star team, the manager will have the opportunity to replace that player with any eligible player and will be deemed to have complied with the selection process.

**Note:** If an 11 year-old declines an invitation to be on the 11-12 year-old sanctioned All-Star team, that person shall be ineligible for consideration on the 10-11 year-old sanctioned All-Star team. If a 10 year-old declines an invitation to be on the 9-10 year old sanctioned All Star team, that person shall be ineligible for consideration on the 10-11 year old sanctioned All-Star team.

**Note:** The order for managers to select the players for their All-Star team will be:

1. 11-12 Year-Old All-Star Team
2. 9-10 Year-Old Sanctioned All-Star Team
3. 10-11 Year-Old All-Star Team
4. 9-10 Year-Old Regional All-Star Team

## **HONORABLE MENTION**

For the 11-12 year-old team, there will be four honorable mention positions. They will be chosen by the total number of votes received and will be eligible to replace any All-Star player who becomes ill or unable to participate. Replacement of All-Star

players will be the decision of the manager. No other honorable mention positions will be announced for any other All Star team.

## **RECOGNITION**

All-Star teams and Honorable Mention Players will be announced at the post-season banquet.

## **MANAGER SELECTION**

The order of finish during the regular season will determine the order in which the corresponding manager may select the All-Star team of his choice.

### **11-12 Year-Old Team, 10-11 Year-Old Team and 9-10 Year-Old Sanctioned Team:**

The following order will apply and the manager shall have their choice of All-Star team:

1. League Champion of the Major League as determined by the regular season record or according to the tie breaking regulations;
2. Manager of the second best record during the regular season in the Major League;
3. The process shall continue for the remainder of the major league team managers.

If any manager declines responsibility as the All-Star manager, the selection process will continue to the next Major League manager in order of finish. If no major league manager desires to manage the 11-12 year old team or the 10-11 year old team, the board will determine the manager of that team. If no major league manager desires to manage the 9-10 year old sanctioned All-Star team, the minor league regular season order of finish will determine the manager. Every All-Star manager and coach must have been a manager or coach during the regular season. A coach can not be the manager of an All-Star team without board approval.

### **9-10 Year-Old Regional Team**

1. League Champion of the Minor League.

If the League Champion of the Minor League declines responsibility as the All-Star manager, the selection process will continue to the next Minor League manager in order of finish.