



Ladera Little League Draft

Goal:

The goal of a draft is to make sure all teams in a division are equitable as to foster a competitive season, and even distribution of players. Players do not learn/develop if they beat every team by a mercy rule each game. Skill development is more readily achieved with a balance of skill throughout each division of play.

Player Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the draft, all players must be paid registrants (or on a waitlist) and must participate in one of the evaluation sessions.

Head Coach/Team Manager Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate as a head coach/team manager, a volunteer must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered as a head coach/team manager
- Completed all certifications and background required by Little League
- Attended all player evaluations (unless arrangement has been made with the player agent)

Recruiting New Players

In an effort to grow the league, managers may recruit/may be asked by the board to recruit up to 2 players from outside the league. The manager recruiting those players will have those players added to their roster if the player did not play at Ladera in the preceding spring, and if they identify the player(s) in writing to the player agent prior to the draft.

Draft Rules

Each team will get 1 draft selection per round- unless the below is valid

- Team can begin the draft with no more than 5 players on their team (including returning players, referrals and Head Coach/Manager's son/daughter)
- Head Coach/Manager will have 90 seconds to complete their draft pick in each round
- If a team begins the draft with 5 players, they will have a 1st round pick, but then will not have another pick until all teams in division have 6 players. Once all teams have 6 players, the draft will continue with a traditional pick each round until rosters are complete

- If a team begins the draft with 4 players, they will have a 1st round pick, but then will not have another pick until all teams in division have 5 players. Once all teams have 5 players, the draft will continue with a traditional pick each round until rosters are complete
- If a team begins the draft with 3 players, they will have a 1st round pick, but then will not have another pick until all teams in division have 4 players. Once all teams have 4 players, the draft will continue with a traditional pick each round until rosters are complete
- If a team drafts a player who has a sibling in the same division, the sibling will be “on hold” for that team until the 8th round. That team must then draft the sibling in the 8th round

Draft Order

Draft will begin with the team that finished in last place in the preceding regular season in each division, ending with the team that finished in 1st- unless the below is valid. This order will continue until each team has a full roster.

- If a team is moving up to the minor or major division, not taking over a team, they will draft 1st
- If multiple teams are moving up a division, the draft order will be based on how their team finished in the lower division
- If multiple Rookie teams are moving to the Minor Division, the team with the least amount of returning players will draft first. If teams have the same returning players, a coin toss will take place to decide who will draft 1st
- For teams new to Ladera Little League, not taking over a team, they will draft 1st. If there are multiple new teams, a coin flip will take place to decide who will draft 1st

Draft Order: New teams to Ladera, Rookie Teams moving up to Minor or Minor Teams moving to Majors, Last place to 1st place of returning teams to Minor or Major division

Head Coaches Moving Up

Head Coaches moving up from Rookie to Minor or Minor to Major Division, have 2 options:

- Take over an existing Minor/Major Team
 - Existing players (up to 5) from previous spring season would remain on team
 - Subject to board approval
 - Subject to parent/player willingness to stay on team with new Head Coach
 - Head Coach has the option to change team name
- Bring Rookie/Minor team up to new division
 - Existing players (up to 5) from previous spring season would remain on team
 - Subject to board approval
 - Subject to parent/player willingness to stay on team
 - Head Coach would keep team name

Rookie and T-ball Divisions

- There is no draft for the Rookie and T-ball divisions
- Players will be placed on teams by the player agent
- Head Coaches of that division may be involved in the process at the discretion of the player agent and board
- Rookie and T-ball Coaches are asked to assist in player evaluations