

# Player Agent

## Following Registration!! Baseball / Softball

The Player Agent following registration, is the most important person in your League even more important than the president

The Player Agent must develop a list of eligible candidates for tryouts.

Remember all 9-12-year-old who are not already on a major league team must try out.

All 12-year-old players must be drafted and play in the majors

**Exceptions:** Parent concerns for a child playing majors, this is handled by the league, and if a child is sent down to the minors, they lose the chance of being brought up to the majors for the given year

The **12-year-old waiver** comes into effect when the league, and parent sign the paperwork, the district administrator must sign also.

# Tryouts

Following registration, the Player Agent oversees the tryouts.

Each candidate must be given the opportunity to.

1. Bat / bunt
2. Field fly balls
3. Field ground balls

4. Throw / pitch

5. Run

All these areas should be done within the same age level

6/7/8, 8/9/10, 10/11/12, etc.

Each skill will be graded 1 through 5

A total of 25 points is the highest score a player can receive

Usually candidates scoring between 15 and 25 points  
are considered major league eligible 10/11/12

Tryouts: a player must attend 50% of the tryouts

## The Draft

The day of the draft the **Player Agent** is the most important person in the room. He or she goes over the rules and regulations before the draft begins, answers any and all questions that may come up.

### Typical ways a team is developed:

**Conventional method:** Last place team picks first, always trying to get the teams even in number of 12-year-old, 11-year-old, 10-year-old players. The player agent needs to look closely at the age groups, always looking for parity.

**Re Draft:** last year's players get drafted first, then draft the new players, under this method again last place team picks first. Again, the player agent needs to look closely at the age groups, always looking for parity. Getting the teams as close as possible in age groups.

**Blind Draft:** Names are drawn blind by last year's finish, coaches are drawn from a hat, for a team, then trades happen

## Let's go over some of the normal rules

1. Reverse order of last year team standings
2. Brothers and Sisters must go in the first 3 rounds
3. Managers Child must be taken in the first 3 - 5 rounds
  - a. Age 12 – within first 3 rounds
  - b. Age 11 -- “ “ 4 “
  - c. Age 10 /9 – “ “ 5 “

The guidelines for the Draft and Options can be found on page: 251 - 263 of the rule books.

A power point version can be found on [Little League.org](http://Little League.org) under forms and publications

**Trading Players:** happen only after the draft; this is with approval of the player agent, manager, and board of directors. This is usually due to a request by a parent or a coach. Problems of this nature should be in writing and viewed by the board of directors. When a trade is going to happen, the trade must be made on as best that can be done for player for player

**Note:** Coaches should be picked after the draft is completed, **then** players may be traded. This can usually be done a few different ways, age, talent, position, etc.

### Following the draft, the Player Agent is not done they are still in High Geer

Once teams have been picked and trading is finished the **Player Agent** must make sure these simple rules are followed

The **coach calls all the team players** and informs them they have been selected to his or her team.

The coach **talks to the parent**, introduces himself and gives a quick **overview** of his **practice schedule** and his **expectations of the players**.

The best way to handle all of this is to have a **team meeting**

**Replacement Players:** must select players from minors to replace players lost during the season.

**Team Rosters:** must make sure rosters are **sent to little league by June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Keep records of, 2d, 4h, and Player Verification forms, School Enrolment forms, Residency, and all Waivers.

**Trades and Releases** must be aware of these and keep all records

**All Star Tournament**, must be fully involved in this area of the season  
**Some of his or her responsibilities for Tournament are as follows**

Eligibility,  
Age,  
Number of games played,  
Residency,  
Proper paper work for the all-star Tournament.

Hopefully they can help with **Fall Ball** because these players are playing next division up, to get ready for next year.

**District # 8**  
**Thank You!!**