

KNLL PROGRAMS

Note: Age listed below are Little League (LL) ages **NOT** actual age see chart for LL age

- **T-BALL LEAGUE** operates as a coed program for 5 and 6-year-old players under Little League T-Ball and Minor League Rules and Regulations.
- **SOFTBALL “FARM” LEAGUE** operates as a program for 5, 6 and 7 year old girls under Little League T-Ball and Minor League Softball Rules and Regulations.
- **BASEBALL “A” LEAGUE** operates as a program for 7 and 8-year-old players under Little League T-Ball and Minor League Baseball Rules and Regulations.
- **SOFTBALL “89er” LEAGUE** operates as a program for 8 and 9 year old girls under Little League Minor League Softball Rules and Regulations. 7-year-old players who have played at least one year in T-Ball, A-Ball or the FARM League are eligible to participate in the 89er LEAGUE and must submit a request (waiver) to the League. Selection for participation in the 89er Program is on a space available basis and will be made by the 89er Director with inputs from the previous years T-Ball and Farm Managers and Coaches and is subject to KNLL Board approval.
- **BASEBALL “AA” LEAGUE** operates as a program for 9 and 10-year-old players under Little League Minor League Baseball Rules and Regulations.
- **BASEBALL “AAA” LEAGUE** operates as a separate MINOR league program for 10 through 12-year-old players under Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations except as amended below.
- **SOFTBALL “COAST” LEAGUE** operates as a separate MINOR league program for female players ages 10 through 12 years old under Little League Softball Rules and Regulations. 9 year old players who have played at least one year in the 89er League, 2 years in the “A” League, or 1 year in the “AAA” League are eligible to participate in the Coast League. In order to be placed on to a Coast team a 9-year-old player must fill out a request (waiver) to play Coast Softball prior to the completion of softball player evaluations and must attend at least one player evaluation session. 9-year-old players are not guaranteed of being drafted to a Coast team and if not selected for Coast will be placed onto a 89er team. Each team will be limited to a maximum of two 9 year olds.
- **BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE** operates as a separate program for 10, 11 and 12-year-old players under Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations except as amended below.
- **SOFTBALL MAJOR LEAGUE** operates as a program for 11 and 12 year-old players under Little League Softball Rules and Regulations except as amended below. 10-year-old players who have played at least one year in the Coast League, or 1 year in the “AAA” League are eligible to participate in the Major League. In order to be placed on to a Major team a 10 year old player must fill out a request (waiver) to play

Major Softball prior to the completion of softball player evaluations and must attend at least one player evaluation session. 10-year-old players are not guaranteed of being drafted to a Major team and if not selected for Majors will be drafted onto a Coast team. Each team will be limited to a maximum of two 10-year olds.

- **BASEBALL JUNIOR LEAGUE** is a program for 13 and 14 year-old players. 12-year-old players are also eligible to play in the Junior League Program. 14 year olds have the option of playing either Junior League or Senior League Baseball. This program plays under Junior League Baseball rules.
- **BASEBALL SENIOR LEAGUE** is a program for 14 to 16 year-old players (with 14 year olds having the above Junior League Baseball option and 16 year old players having the option to play either Senior or Big League Baseball). This program plays under the Senior League Baseball rules.
- **BASEBALL BIG LEAGUE** is a program for 16 through 18-year-old players. This program plays under the Big League Baseball Rules.
- **SOFTBALL JUNIOR LEAGUE** is a program for 13 and 14 year-old players. 12-year-old players are also eligible to play in the Junior League Program. 14 year olds have the option of playing either Junior League or Senior League Softball. This program plays under the Junior League Softball Rules.
- **SOFTBALL SENIOR LEAGUE** is a program for 14 to 16 year-old players (with 14 year olds having the above Junior League Softball option and 16 year old players having the option to play either Senior or Big League Softball). This program plays under the Senior League Softball Rules.
- **SOFTBALL BIG LEAGUE** is a program for 16 through 18-year-old players. This program plays under the Big League Softball Rules.

II. PLAYER SELECTION:

All players will be assigned / drafted to new teams each year after player registration. The player pool will be all players who are of appropriate age as defined by Little League rules. There is no guarantee that players will be on the same team from one year to the next.

Any player wishing an exception / waiver to play in a Baseball/Softball Program other than the Program defined above for their age must submit an "Exception Request Form" to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the Baseball/Softball draft and the assigning of teams. Exception request forms are available at registration and from the Player Agent. The Player Agent is responsible for updating the form prior to registration and obtaining board approval.

BASEBALL "A" & "AA" LEAGUES & T-BALL LEAGUE: The League Registrar(s) and/or the Division Director will be responsible for assigning players to individual teams. Emphasis will be placed on building teams with players from the same school / neighborhood. The end goal is to achieve balanced teams in particular at the "AA" level.

SOFTBALL FARM LEAGUE: The Farm Director with support from the softball player agent will be responsible for assigning players to individual teams. Emphasis will be placed on building teams with players from the same school / neighborhood

SOFTBALL 89er LEAGUE: The 89er Director with support from the softball player agent will be responsible for assigning players to individual teams. Emphasis will be placed on building teams with players from the same school / neighborhood. Inputs from the previous year Farm and 89er Managers and Coaches will be used to achieve balanced teams especially as it relates to players with pitching experience.

SOFTBALL COAST & MAJOR LEAGUES: Players will be drafted on to teams using the process and procedures defined in the KNLL local rules under Article II, Paragraph 5 titled PLAYER SELECTION: "BASEBALL/SOFTBALL "AAA" & MAJOR LEAGUES. Teams will be redrafted each year to obtain parity (balance) in talent between all teams within each division of play.

BASEBALL "AAA" & MAJOR LEAGUES and SOFTBALL "COAST" AND MAJORS LEAGUES: The Board of Directors is responsible for approving a detailed process / plan for the placement of players on new teams each year. The Player Agent working with the VP of Baseball/Softball, and League Directors will jointly develop and submit a plan to the Board for review and approval. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the approved plan is

based upon the elements outlined below and is consistently applied to both levels of play:

1. It is the objective of redrafting new teams each year to obtain parity (balance) in talent between all teams within division of play.
2. All returning Major players will be drafted onto a Majors team. If a returning Major player does not attend a player evaluation then a score will be assigned to them, which appropriately places them with other players of equivalent skill who attended a player evaluation. The Vice President of Baseball and Softball as well as the Majors Director along with input from available Major Managers and Coaches from the previous year, will develop the score.
3. All returning 12 year old players who attend a minimum of 1 player evaluation will be assigned to a Majors team unless their parents agree that they present an increased risk of being injured and agree to their child playing at the "AAA" level. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to develop an independent process for identifying the at risk players during the player evaluation and coordinating with their parents prior to the start of the draft.
4. A skill evaluation committee nominated by the President and approved by the Board will be responsible for developing and running the player evaluation. Scores from the skill evaluation will be used during the draft process.
5. Any 10, 11 or 12 year old Baseball player who does not attend at least 1 player evaluation will be randomly placed on an "AAA" team at the conclusion of the "AAA" draft. Softball players will be placed on a "Coast" team.
6. 10 year old players may be considered for Majors, if they petition the Board and receive approval from the Board prior to the start of player evaluations. Board approval for consideration does not guarantee a player will make Majors. Each team will be limited to a maximum of two 10-year olds.
7. Any 9 year old trying out for Coast Softball must attend one player evaluation. 9 year olds must also score in the top 50% to be drafted on a Coast team. 10 year olds trying out for Majors Softball must attend one player evaluation session. 10 years must also score in the top 50% to be drafted on a Major team.

8. Besides the Board members required for running the draft only the Manager approved by the board and 1 person of the Managers choice are allowed to be in attendance at the draft.
9. Results of the draft are confidential. Anyone passing results along to other parents or players will be subject to Board disciplinary action.
10. A parity draft shall be used to promote a balance in talent between teams. Only scores developed though the Board approved tryout process will be used in placing players on teams. Examples of a parity draft include a ranke serpentine and a blind draft or a combination of both. The Player agent is responsible for conducting the draft in accordance with the process approved by the Board.
 - Ranked Serpentine - Begin the draft by ranking the players with the highest scores first. Then display only a limited number of names (ex: number of teams in the draft) for the 1st team to choose from. Once a player is selected, add the top hidden name to the list of available players for the next team to choose from. If a Manager or Coach of record son/daughter or a sibling of a player already on a team is displayed then the appropriate team in that round must choose them. Using a pre-selected order Managers will select players going from top to bottom then back up again in a serpentine manner.
 - Blind Draft – Using the League tryout scores a committee selected by the Director and approved by the Board develops a set of balanced teams. These teams are then reviewed by the Managers to ensure balance and fairness. The Managers then draw for teams. If a Manager draws a team which his child is not on, then a trade / swap for an equivalently skilled player shall be made or the Manager can trade for the team his child is on if it is unassigned. The Vice President of Baseball, the Director and the Player Agent must approve all trades. Other examples of a blind draft can be found in the Little League Operating Manual.
- 11 . Major and “AAA” Baseball / “Coast” Softball will use the same draft format / process unless approved otherwise by the Board of Directors.

BASEBALL AAA/MAJOR LEAGUE: Identification of an individual that a Manager would like to Coach with is allowed prior to the

start of the draft provided that: 1) the Manager and the requested individuals kids are not both within the top rated "x" number of players where "x" is the number of teams in the division for a given year and 2) that team parity can be achieved with in the Division. The Player agent, Vice President of Baseball and Division Director are responsible for ensuring team parity. All individuals desiring to be a Coach must still be appointed by the League President and approved by the Board per Section IV.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL JUNIOR/SENIOR/BIG LEAGUE The Board of Directors is responsible for approving a detailed process / plan for the placement of players on new teams each year. The Player agent working with League Director will jointly develop and submit a plan to the Board for review and approval that ensures parity between teams.

Junior/Senior teams will be filled using 13-14 year-olds and 15-16 year-olds respectively players. Juniors/Seniors players must attend at least one tryout.