

LONGVIEW YOUTH BASEBALL
RESISTRATION AND DRAFT POLICY

Approved by the Board of Directors

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I. DEFINITIONS

Coach means a person who has been selected by the Manager to assist the Manager and has successfully passed a background check and completed the coaching certification. Only two Coaching positions are considered Coaches of Record. There may be additional persons selected by the Manager to assist in a Coaching position, however, the term Coach in this policy refers to a Coach of Record.

Coaches Option means a player that is selected by a team by virtue of being a dependent child of the Manager or a dependent child of one of the two Coaches. The Coaches Option is also referred to as one of three positions on the draft board of the Major, Major-Minor and Minor-Minor divisions. In the Majors division, Players designated as Coaches Options will remain so until they are graduated out of the system.

League means the Players, Board of Directors, Managers, Coaches and facilities of Longview Youth Baseball-Cal Ripken Division; a franchise of Babe Ruth League In.

Lower Division means the division that has a younger age criteria than the division being referenced.

Manager means the person who is responsible for the team and is a Coach of Record.

Parent means the person or persons who have legal custody of a Player.

Player means a child that is within the league age criteria, within the defined league boundary, and is registered to play in the league.

Replacement Player means a Player that is moved from a lower division team to an upper division because of a lost Player in the upper division.

Returning Player means a Player that has been drafted or was a Coaches or Sibling Option in the Major division, in the most recent previous year, and has registered to play in the upcoming year.

Sibling Option means the brother, sister or legal dependent of a Parent occupying the same residence of a Player that is drafted. Siblings not occupying the same residence will not be considered a Sibling Option for the purposes of the draft.

Upper Division means the division that has an older age criteria than the division being referenced.

II. DIVISIONS AND AGE OF PLAYERS

A. It is the intent of Longview Youth Baseball to see that all Players be given the opportunity to play at the division which best suits their abilities. The Executive Board may waive these rules for individual situations if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Player or the league.

B. Longview Youth Baseball has five divisions with the general age assignments:

Major Division: For Players aged 10, 11 and 12 by way of draft

Major-Minor Division: For Players aged 9, 10, 11 and 12 by way of draft. Note that Players age 12 are to be by parental request to the Player Agents, see Section II (C).

Minor-Minor Division: For Players aged 8 and 9 by way of draft.

Rookie Division: For Players aged 6 (with two years of t-ball) and 7 by Player Agent assignment.

T-ball Division: For Players aged 4, 5 and 6 (new to the league or by parental request). See Section II (C). Teams will be assigned by Player Agents.

C. A Player who is one year older than the ages specified above for each division may play in a lower division (where noted above) if the Parent has requested that the Player play down for safety reasons. The Player Agents will review parental requests and will discuss with the appropriate division director to confirm the Player is placed in the appropriate division.

D. A Player who is one year younger than the ages specified above for each division may play in the upper division if the Parent is a Manager or Coach in an upper division, if the Player has a sibling on the upper division team AND if the Player has the ability to play in the upper division. However, 9 year olds will not be allowed in the Major division.

E. All Parent requests must be submitted in writing to one of the Player Agents and must specify all pertinent reasons for making the request to move to an upper or lower division. Requests must be received one week prior to the first tryout for the age group of the Player or the age group the Player is wishing to move to. The Player Agents will call a special meeting with the Executive Board where the Parent will present their reasons for making the request. The Executive Board will then either approve or deny the request.

F. Longview Youth Baseball reserves the right to assign a Player to an upper or lower division for safety reasons, at any time. The Player Agents, Division Directors from the upper and lower divisions and the Manager of the team who the Player may have been assigned to in the draft, will meet and determine the appropriate division for the Player. This meeting will occur prior to any communication with the Parent or Player and will be strictly confidential.

III. REGISTRATION

- A. All Players must be registered and registration fee paid in order to practice or play in an organized event of Longview Youth Baseball.
- B. Registering Players must reside within the Longview Youth Baseball boundaries as established by the Babe Ruth League, Inc.- Cal Ripken Division or shall have been registered at Longview Youth Baseball the previous year.
- C. Active registration will be held at Longview Youth Baseball clubhouses for a period of time not less than three weeks before the Major division tryouts as well as via the website online. Registrations received after the start of the tryouts for the age appropriate division will be considered late and will be handled in accordance with Section III (D).
- D. Players may register late up until the date of the first game. All other late registrations will be by exception only and reviewed by the Executive Board.

IV. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A. Prior to the tryouts, the President, Player Agents and Division Directors will establish the number of teams that will exist in each division.
- B. At no time shall a Major division team have more than seven Players of age 11 or age 12 on its roster. All Major division teams will be allowed a maximum of three Players of league age 10 on its roster.

V. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF TEAMS

TBD at time of registration and based on inaugural season of Longview Youth Baseball. Defer to original Western Youth Baseball Registration and Draft Policy for guidance.

VI. EXPANSION IN NUMBER OF TEAMS

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VII. MANAGER APPOINTMENT

- A. Eligibility of Managers. A regular season Manager must be a parent or guardian of a Player in the age and division the Manager is seeking to manager or a member whom is in good standing with the league. The member must successfully pass a background check and coaching certification.
- B. Manager Application. A Manager Application Form must be received by the President from those members interested in managing a regular season team by no later than February 1 of the calendar year

in which the member is applying to manage. The application must also include a completed Background Criminal Investigation (BCI) form. Applications not received prior to the February 1 deadline will not be considered unless the number of Managers is less than the number of teams available within the respective division requested to manage.

- C. Coaching Certification. All Managers and Coaches of Record will be required to complete and pass the Coaching Certification as required by Babe Ruth League, Inc. - Cal Ripken prior to the first game.
- D. Eligibility of Coaches. After appointment, the Manager will select the two Coaches he believes will serve the best interest of the team. Coaches must also complete a BCI form prior to participation in the league activities or practices.
- E. Appointment of Coaches. The Manager must select and declare in writing to the President and Player Agents, his two Coaches one week prior to the start of tryouts. The Executive Board will then approve the Manager's selection for Coaches by no later than the start of tryouts.

VIII. COACHES AND SIBLING OPTIONS

- A. There will be a maximum of three Coaches Options on any one team.
- B. All Coaches Options must be the Managers and Coaches children or legal dependents.
- C. Coaches Options are determined as follows:

Major Division: All Players considered a coaches or sibling option in this division will remain with the team they are assigned to until they are graduated through the system. If a Coach chooses to seek to manage his own Major team, and is appointed as the Manager to a Major division team the following year, the Player attached to the Coach is able to move to the new team.

Major-Minor and Minor-Minor Divisions: There will be three Coaches Options allowed each season.

- D. Managers and Coaches must select their children as Coaches Options unless they do not have a dependent child/children playing in the division.
- E. Siblings, who meet the criteria set forth here within, shall be assigned or drafted to the same team.
- F. A Manager must draft the sibling of a drafted Player who is eligible for the same division- known as a Sibling Option. The Sibling Option will occupy the lowest available draft position on the board for the Major, Major-Minor and Minor-Minor division.

IX. TRYOUTS

- A. Tryouts are required for Players to be eligible for the Major, Major-Minor and Minor-Minor divisions. Tryouts will not be held for the Rookie and T-ball divisions.
- B. The tryouts will occur over a period of two weeks and will begin no later than the last full work week of February. There will be three tryouts scheduled for each age group and one “catch-all” tryout for all draftable ages.
- C. There will be three tryout dates for 10, 11 and 12 year olds and each player must make two of the three tryouts to not be considered a “hat pick”. Please refer to Section XIII for hat pick process.
- D. Prior to tryouts, the Player Agents will make a list showing the name and league age of each 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds registered, to be used by the Managers and Coaches in evaluation of the Players. Players are encouraged to attend all available tryouts for their age.
- E. All Players in a draftable division, not making the minimum number of tryouts or making a tryout in front of the Player Agents will be assigned to the lower age appropriate division and will be assigned to a team through the hat pick process.

X. DIVISION DRAFTS

- A. The draft order is determined in reverse order of the Major division standings from the previous season with the last place team selecting first. Please note the exception being for the inaugural Longview Youth Baseball season in 2013. In case of ties, the draft order will be determined first by head to head play, second by total runs, then by the team with the least wins or runs and if still tied, by a flip of the coin by a Player Agent.
- B. Coaches Options and Returning Players, drafted in previous years, will be placed on the current draft board in the lowest possible draft positions. For example, if there was one returning Coaches Option Player and there were four returning Players on a team determined to consist of 12 Players, the returning five Players would occupy the draft positions of 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8, in no particular order.
- C. If there is only one Coaches Option available, this Player shall be placed on the draft board in the third round position. If there are two Coaches Option positions available, these Players shall be placed on the draft board in the third and fourth round positions.
- D. If there are two Coaches Option Players on a Major division team from previously years and there is a new Manager, the Managers child must be placed on the draft board in the third round. If there is also a new Coach for the team, the Coach’s child must be placed on the draft board in the fourth round or the highest available position.
- E. If the Manager and Coach each have two children, the Manager’s children will be placed on the draft board in the third and sixth rounds and the Coach’s children will be placed on the draft board in the fourth and seventh rounds.

- F. All 12 year olds must be included in the draft for the Major division unless determined otherwise in accordance with this document.
- G. The Major division draft must be completed prior to the Major-Minor division draft can begin.
- H. Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted and the drafting process should remain confidential.

XI. MAJOR DRAFT 2013, MAJOR-MINOR AND MINOR-MINOR DIVISION DRAFTS

The order of the draft will be determined by a drawing from the hat and will proceed as follows:

After pre noted rules are met, the draft board is filled in appropriately and the draft will commence. The preceding number is the draftround, and the second number is the order of the pick.

Round	Year Prior 8 th Or Draw #1	Year Prior 7 th Or Draw #2	Year Prior 6 th Or Draw #3	Year Prior 5 th Or Draw #4	Year Prior 4 th Or Draw #5	Year Prior 3 rd Or Draw #6	Year Prior 2 nd Or Draw #7	Year Prior 1 st Or Draw #8
1	<u>1-1</u>	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6	1-7	1-8
2	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-5	2-6	2-7	2-8	<u>2-1</u>
3	3-3	3-4	3-5	3-6	3-7	3-8	<u>3-1</u>	3-2
4	4-4	4-5	4-6	4-7	4-8	<u>4-1</u>	4-2	4-3
5	5-5	5-6	5-7	5-8	<u>5-1</u>	5-2	5-3	5-4
6	6-6	6-7	6-8	<u>6-1</u>	6-2	6-3	6-4	6-5
7	7-7	7-8	<u>7-1</u>	7-2	7-3	7-4	7-5	7-6
8	8-8	<u>8-1</u>	8-2	8-6	8-4	8-5	8-6	8-7
9	<u>9-1</u>	9-2	9-3	9-4	9-5	9-6	9-7	9-8
10	10-2	10-3	10-4	10-5	10-6	10-7	10-8	<u>10-1</u>
11	11-3	11-4	11-5	11-6	11-7	11-8	<u>11-1</u>	11-2
12	12-4	12-5	12-6	12-7	12-8	<u>12-1</u>	12-2	12-3

- A. Players not acquired in the Major division draft will be placed in the Major-Minor division draft. No Major-Minor team will have more than one more 12 year old than the next team.

XII. ROOKIE AND T-BALL TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Rookie and T-Ball Players do not go through draft procedures. The Player Agents will form teams with Players from common geographical areas and school boundaries.

XIII. HAT PICK PROCESS

- A. The hat pick process will be used for assigning Players who do not meet the minimum number of tryouts for the division they wish to play in and for assigning Players who have registered late.

Player not making minimum tryouts: All names of players not meeting the minimum number of tryouts for a given division will be placed in a hat by the Player Agent, prior to the draft taking place. The manager or coach for each team will be designated a number which will be placed in a separate hat. The Player Agent will pick a team number and pick a player from the respective hats and the "hat pick" will be placed in the lowest position available on the draft board for that team.

Player registering late:Section XIII (C and D) apply.

- B. Hat Pick Process Example: There are eight teams in a division. If teams 1 through 4 have 13 Players and teams 5 through 8 have 12 Players, teams 5 through 8 will be placed in a hat and a Player Agent will draw a team number from a hat and the Player will be placed on that team.
- C. If all teams are equal in rosters, all teams will be put into the hat and a team will be drawn by a Player Agent and that Player or Players will be put on the applicable roster.
- D. If a player is a hat pick after the draft has taken place, the player will be exempt of the age cap as outlined in Section IV (B).

XIV. REPLACEMENTS

- A. Replacement Players may only be sought for Major and Major-Minor division teams.
- B. When a Player is permanently lost to a team, a replacement Player may be selected from the lower division. The lost Player will be replaced by a Player of the same league age only.
- C. A Manager is not required to seek a replacement Player if the team has 11 Players or more. A Manager must seek a replacement Player when the team drops to 10 Players.
- D. When a Manager selects a replacement Player, and the selected Player refuses to move up, the Player selected is not eligible to move up for the remainder of the season.
- E. Player replacements must be made no later than ten calendar days from the date of the occurrence of the permanent shortage.
- F. Vacation, illness, etc. are not reasons for seeking a replacement Player unless there will be no further participation by the Player for the remainder of the season.
- G. There will be no replacements approved if there are five or less games remaining in the regular schedule or less than three weeks of the season remaining.
- H. All Player replacements must be coordinated with the Player Agents and the Division Directors before the proposed replacement Player is notified.