

2025 Draft Process

SALL has adopted the Little League Draft B method for the 2025 season. Outlined below is the process:

1. Player Evaluations

- o Players who attend, ages 9-12, should be considered for the Majors draft.
- o Selected managers should be present for both evaluations. Managers and selected Board Members are the only adults that should be present. Player Evaluations are closed to parents & guardians.

2. Majors Draft

- o Only the following should be present for the draft: Player Agent, Majors Managers (approved by the Board of Directors), Board President, Board Vice President, and Board Baseball/Softball Coordinator. The Player Agent will provide the Majors Managers with a list of players to be considered for the Majors draft. This list will consist of all players, ages 9-12, who have attended at least one evaluation as well as players who participated in the Majors division for the 2024 season. This list will include each player's name and age. Each manager will be given 10 minutes to review their list and make notes, etc.
- o The draft will begin with each manager choosing a number from a hat to determine draft order. The manager who picks number one will draft first, continuing with the manager who picks number two, etc.
- o Managers will draft all returning players first until each has been drafted to a team. The next group of players to be drafted will be 12-year-olds who did not participate in the Majors Division for the 2024 season.* Once all returning players from the 2024 Majors Division and new qualified 12-year-olds have been drafted, the managers can select any players remaining on the list.** Each manager will draft the minimum number of players per team as required by Little League (currently 10). If a manager has provided written intent to draft his or her own child, the other manager cannot draft said player. The parent must draft the child before the conclusion of the appropriate round. For example:
 - If the child is a returning majors player, the parent must draft him or her during the first round.
 - If the child is not a returning majors player, the parent cannot draft him or her until the second round.

*Note: 12-year-olds who are participating in the baseball/softball program for the first time are not required to be drafted to a Majors team. If the managers choose not to draft a first-year 12-year-old player (due to lack of skill or inexperience), the Player Agent will contact the parent/guardian to discuss their other options.

**Note: Thorough consideration should be given when drafting a player younger than 11 to a Majors Division team. It should be discussed and agreed upon with the Player Agent and Baseball/Softball Coordinator to ensure all parties agree that the player has the skills and experience necessary to have a safe experience. The Player Agent will make the final decision based on what is best for the player.

Once a player participates in just one inning of a Majors Division game, he/she is no longer eligible to move back down to the Minors Division (per Little League Organization rules). This is a decision not to be taken lightly.

3. **Minors Draft**

- o Only the following should be present for the draft: Player Agent, Minors Managers (approved by the Board of Directors), Board President, Board Vice President, and Board Baseball/Softball Coordinator. The Player Agent will provide the Minors Managers with a list of players to be considered for the Minors draft. This list will consist of all players, ages 9-12, who have not been drafted to a Majors team as well as 8-year-olds who were not eligible for the Majors draft. This list will include each player's name and age. Each manager will be given 10 minutes to review their list and make notes, etc.
- o The draft will begin with each manager choosing a number from a hat to determine draft order. The manager who picks number one will draft first, continuing with the manager who picks number two, etc.
- o Managers will draft all returning players first until each has been drafted to a team. Once all returning players from the 2024 Minors Division have been drafted, the managers can select any players remaining on the list. Each manager will draft the minimum number of players per team as required by Little League (currently 10). All players age 8-12 need to be drafted to a team. If a manager has provided written intent to draft his or her own child, the other manager cannot draft said player. The parent must draft the child before the conclusion of the appropriate round. For example:
 - If the child is a returning minors player, the parent must draft him or her during the first round.
 - If the child is not a returning minors player, the parent cannot draft him or her until the second round.

The Player Agent will record all draft picks and provide the results to the Board President within 24 hours. All draft activities will remain confidential, specifically the order in which players are drafted. Communication of this information to anyone outside of those in attendance could result in immediate dismissal from our program. No one present should communicate draft results to players, parents, guardians, or anyone else that was not in attendance, with the exception of the Board of Directors. Once all team draft picks have been finalized, SALL will communicate with players, parents, guardians, and the general public.

Assistant Coaches will be selected and assigned during the February Board Meeting. The board may seek input from managers when assigning selected coaches. The final decision for coaches will be handled by appointment by the president with board approval (per the Little League rule book).