

Draft Procedures

T-Ball

1. The LMBA Executive realizes that an important part of learning the game of baseball is having fun and being with friends. Therefore, they have given the T-Ball Coordinators the authority to place those needing to ride together or friends wishing to play with friends on the same team.
2. The T-Ball Division Manager shall be responsible for drafting teams in their divisions.
3. Teams should consist of 12 players.

Tadpole, Mosquito and Peewee

1. All players should attend the evaluation day to help facilitate a balanced draft.
2. All players will be evaluated according to their skill and age. The evaluation is based on a rating of 1– 5. Evaluation forms are for Divisional Managers and Coaches use only!
3. There is to be one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach per team. Coaches will only be allowed to “protect” their own child. If a Coach has more than one child in that division then the additional child will also be considered “protected”. Head Coaches are encouraged to recruit extra Assistant Coaches after drafting a team.
4. The drafting order will be determined by the ratings of the two “protected” players. The team with the lowest ranked “protected” players will draft first, the second lowest will draft second, etc. In the event that a team has more than two “protected” players, the highest two will be used to determine the drafting order.
5. There should be a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 15 players on a team. When drafting girls onto teams please try to have more than 1.
6. The draft process is as follows:
 - The Head coach and one assistant coach shall be present at the draft.
 - Players will be divided into two groups - 1st year players and 2nd year players. 2nd year players will be drafted first.
 - Each team must get roughly the same number of 1st and 2nd year players.
 - Players will be put in groups based on their rankings. The number of players per group should be the same as the amount of teams. During the draft, you are free to choose anyone born in the same year but if your protected player falls in a group that is in the same round that must be your pick for that round. In the event, that two protected players on the same team are in the same group, they will be your next two picks for the next two rounds.
 - After the first round, the drafting order reverses to the last team to pick the next player then back to the first team until all the players are picked. When the drafting order reverses, the last team chooses twice to reset the direction.
 - If there are not enough 2nd year players remaining to complete the last round, the remaining players will be put to the side and will be picked in an open round with the remaining 1st year players.

- Coaches are free to make trades with other coaches but the final decision will be up to the Player Agent to decide if the players that are to be traded are of equal talent and the teams overall skill level remains balanced.
 - Players who register after the draft will be placed on the team who would have had the next pick.
7. Once the draft process is completed all the team averages should be very close based on the ratings. If team averages are not close the Divisional Manager and Player Agent may do some adjustments. The Divisional Manager shall give the Coaches a final approval of drafted teams.