objectives

- Discuss Divisions - Tryouts
- Discuss the when and what divisions require a draft
- Why drafts are important
- Review the three approved Draft procedures
- Discuss Draft Options

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East Region Director
Age determination date for SOFTBALL is December 31
  - The player’s ‘league age’ for the current season is the age she was on December 31

Age determination date for BASEBALL is August 31
  - The player’s ‘league age’ for the current season is the age he/she is on August 31

Each player must present proper proof of age documentation prior to participation with the league
  - Original Birth Record
  - Or one of four other available options
Each Board of Directors determines the age structure per division based on the range of ages available.

Players participating in the Major division or above may participate in up to two divisions:
- Players may not play in more than one league.
- Does permit player to participate in both baseball and softball within league.
- Player may only be selected to one Tournament team.
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division eligibility

12-year-olds may participate in Minor League under specific circumstances

15-year-olds may only participate in Junior League with Little League approval
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tryouts

League may determine how it will conduct tryouts

Multiple dates permitted

- Regulation IV (f) must be considered
  - All players in the Major division and above failing to attend 50% of tryouts forfeit league eligibility
  - Players eligible for the Major division and above must tryout
  - Local league may excuse a player from attending if a written excuse is provided and approved by the Board of Directors
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tryouts

- Non-league facilities may be used
  - Need to be approved by the Board of Directors for use
  - If facility requires league to add it as additional insured, Board must complete in advance

- All safety precautions must be taken
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recommended tryouts plan

☑ Consider calling it “skills assessment”
☑ Make sure parents and players are aware of the tryout plan
☑ Keep the tryouts equal to all players
☑ Be respectful to all players
☑ Allow for multiples dates
☑ Consider separate age-specific dates
☑ Provide a walk-up, on-site registration option
pre-season planning
recommended tryouts plan

☑ Allow players to participate in the following skills
  o Batting/bunting
  o Fielding fly balls
  o Fielding ground balls
  o Throwing
  o Running

☑ You may hold multiple tryouts, with different windows/days for ages
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conducting draft

Major Divisions and above MUST conduct a draft from approved methods

- Tee Ball, Minor, and Machine/Coach Pitch need to assign players, but may use alternative method
- A different method may be used per division of play
Providing parity within league will provide an enjoyable experience for all teams and players.

Drafts come after a tryout evaluation.

Tee Ball and Minor League teams must be disbanded annually.
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draft plan a

Eligible players will return to their teams of previous season.

Teams will then fill remaining roster spots from new division candidates.

Teams will select in reverse order of standing from the past season:

- Draft order is same for each round.
- Under a four-team division, the fourth-place manager selects the first player in each round.
- The process repeats until all rosters are complete.
  - Teams will drop out of draft once they reach at least 12-14 players.
Draft Plan B

Typically known as ‘redraft’

Draft is completed in two parts

Players do not automatically return to their teams of the past season

Part one of draft includes:

- Returning players from a team in the same division, AND;
- Have registered for the current season

Part one must be completed until part two begins

- All players meeting part one criteria must be drafted
Part two includes all new division candidates that have met the requirements for selection.

Draft order can be one of two methods:
- Reverse order of finish from previous season
- Managers may draw to determine draft order

Serpentine draft, with the order flipping each round:
- Last place team would draft first, eighth, ninth, 16th and so on in a four-team league.
Draft Plan B has an alternate method

- Players from parts one and two may be combined into the same pool
- All returning players must be selected to teams
  - Player Agent has to monitor remaining returning candidates to ensure they are drafted before draft ends
Known as the blind draft method

- Determining how many teams are in a division will have based on number of eligible players
- Managers randomly provided a team name
- 12-year-olds are placed into a container and each manager randomly selects a player until all are selected
- 11-year-olds are placed into a container and each manager randomly selects a player until all are selected or team rosters are full
- Same procedure is used for 10 and 9-year-olds until rosters are full
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player options

Four available draft options allow players to be retained by a certain team

- Brother/Sister Option
- Brother/Sister of player currently on team
- Sons/Daughters of Managers
- Sons/Daughters of Coaches

Options 2, 3, and 4 must be submitted in writing to the Player Agent no later than 48 hours prior to draft
01 Brother/Sister Option
   - Two or more siblings in the draft – first brother or sister is drafted
   - Manager automatically has the option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn
   - Failure to exercise option makes the second sibling available to be drafted by any team

02 Brother/Sister Option of Player Currently on a Team
   - Manager may submit an option on a draftee if the player candidate’s brother or sister is a member of the manager’s team
   - If an option is submitted, the Manager MUST draft the sibling within the first three draft selections
**pre-season planning**

**player options**

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**Sons/Daughters of Managers**

- If a manager has son/daughter eligible for the draft
- Manager must exercise option at or before specified round
- Parent/Manager option takes priority over any other option
- **NOTE:** Provisions also apply for managers having eligible brothers / sisters in the draft

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**Sons/Daughters of Coaches**

- New coaches shall not be appointed nor approved until after draft
- Returning coach may exercise option through manager provided:
  - Coach has served as a coach or manager (at any level) for the past two years, **AND**
  - Coach is returning to the same major league team as last year
If an option is submitted in writing for the son and/or daughter of a manager or coach, such candidate must be drafted in or before

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Manager may trade a player up to 14 days after the first scheduled game. All trades must be through, and with the approval of, the Player Agent. Minor League players may not be traded for Major League players. All trades must be player for player. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted. All trades must be for a justifiable reason and approved by the local Board of Directors.
Join us Next Week...
When:  
February 22, 2018  at Noon Eastern  
Topic:  
Parents, Volunteers and Appointments

Questions?

Thank you!

Jen Colvin,  
Southeast Region Director