



Registration Guidelines for Zionsville Little League Boys Baseball

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Parents should carefully review the following league guidelines to determine where they would like their son to play baseball. Please remember, if you your child is not drafted into the league where they sign up, they are automatically shifted to the draft for the next league. League age is determined by the age of the child on April 30, 2012. All league guidelines are determined by age, independent of school grade.

Majors

Majors is open to 10, 11, and 12 year olds. To be eligible to be drafted, any 10 YO trying out should rank within the number of slots open in the league (i.e. 6 teams at 11 players each would result in 66 league slots). 12 YO's must play in majors. Majors is the most competitive league in ZLL.

AAA

AAA is open to 9, 10, and 11 year olds. To be eligible to be drafted, any 9 YO trying out should rank within the number of slots open in the league. 11 YO's must play in Majors or AAA (i.e. all 11 YO's who do not play in majors must play in AAA). AAA is the next most competitive league in ZLL below Majors.

AA

AA is open to 9 and 10 year olds. All 9 YO's who do not specifically request to try out for AAA will only be considered for AA. 10 YO parents may request that their child play AA rather than AAA, and all 9 and 10 YO's who try out and are not drafted in AAA will be drafted into AA. AA is the first year of "kid pitch" baseball and includes stealing, pitch counts, and follows standard LL rules.

Draft Overview

It is important to understand that eligibility to be drafted (i.e. the appropriate age) into a specific league does not guarantee being drafted into that league. Coaches choose players in a 'snake draft' format utilizing the try out information and their general knowledge of the players, and the composition of their team. Therefore, it is important that parents get their children to the appropriate try out sessions for the league in which they have signed up their children. For example, AAA coaches will generally not be at AA tryouts, and so will not get to see the kids who try out there – nor are the rating scores "apples to apples" as they are done by different coaches evaluating different league standards. ZLL makes every effort to have at least two dates/times for tryouts for each league, so it is important to get your child to a time with the appropriate league coaches present. Coaches are evaluating for talent, attitude, and positional capability. As the league's progress in difficulty, the importance of specific roles (i.e. catchers and center fielders) becomes more important. Subjective choices are made in the draft by the coaches

to fill roles and the age requirements often limit the spots available for younger players in the upper leagues. No accommodation is provided for school grade, as wide ranges exist on occasion (i.e. 10 YO's may be 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders). Evaluation and league placement is solely determined by the coach's evaluations of talent and team need and the subsequent draft.