

# KIMBERTON YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE

## Baseball Draft Rules

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### I. DRAFT NIGHTS

- a. The Executive Board will determine the Draft Nights for all divisions.

### II. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. The Executive Board will determine the make-up of the teams in each division.
- b. The Executive Board will determine the following:
  - i. Roster size
  - ii. The minimum number of players by age on each team
  - iii. Draft position for all major division freeze players. Refer to **Article VI.**

### III. DRAFT ELIGIBILITY

- a. Major Division
  - i. All registered returning major division players already rostered on a team from the previous year will remain on the same team, unless one of the situations arise as follows;
    - 1. Due to unforeseen circumstances the major team from which the returning player was previously rostered is dropped or discontinued.
      - a. All registered returning players from the dropped team will enter the draft and be immediately eligible for draft from another major division team. Said players will not be required to attend a tryout.
    - 2. All previously returning rostered players must register prior to the draft. If they fail to do so, they will not be eligible for the major division. To be clear, previously rostered players registering after the major division draft will not be on a major team. They will be drafted onto a AAA division team.
    - 3. All registered players wishing to be drafted onto a major division team **MUST** attend one full league sanctioned tryout.
      - a. At the discretion of the Executive Board a supplemental tryout maybe conducted. This is not a guarantee that a supplemental tryout will be conducted.
        - i. All requests for such a tryout must be directed to the league President and/or the Baseball Commissioner. They will seek

confirmation to conduct the supplemental tryout from the Executive Board.

4. All registered players wishing to tryout for the major division must be 10, 11 or 12 years of age as determined by Cal Ripken rules.
  - a. 12 year olds are urged by the league to tryout for the major division. However, they **MUST** attend one full league tryout to be eligible to be drafted. Failure to do so will result in playing in the AAA division.
  - b. All players younger than 10 years of age, as determined by Cal Ripken rules, are **NOT** eligible for the major division draft.
- b. Other Divisions
  - i. The eligibility requirements for the lower divisions are similar, adjusted for age, as the major division.
  - ii. All 10 year olds are encouraged to come to a tryout for the experience and to aide both AAA and Major Managers and Coaches select their teams.
    1. If a 10 year old does not come to a tryout or is not selected on a Major team, they are automatically eligible for the AAA draft.
  - iii. There are no tryouts for T-Ball, Single A and AA.

#### **IV. MAJOR DIVISION – MANAGER/COACH FREEZE PLAYERS**

- a. Each major division team is permitted one (1) Freeze Player.
  - i. The Freeze Player remains that teams' Freeze Player until their career at KYAL comes to an end, either by graduation or non-participation in the league.
    1. If the designated Freeze Player would leave KYAL for a season and then come back the following season, they would have to re-enter the major division draft via the tryout route. They would be eligible to be selected by any major division team. There is no guarantee that they will be selected by their previous team.
    2. The Freeze Player is either the Manager or Coaches' Child.
      - a. In order for the player to be eligible to be considered a Freeze Player, the parent (Manager or Coach) must have been a rostered coach within a division at KYAL for at least two seasons and in good standing with KYAL.
      - b. For further clarification; this classification is reserved for Manager/Coach's children (biological or step) only. Cousins, nieces or nephews are not eligible.
    3. Position of the Freeze Player in the major division draft is discussed in **Article VI**.

## V. MAJOR DIVISION - SIBLING FREEZE PLAYERS

- a. A Sibling Freeze has two definitions as indicated below:
  - i. Definition number one: A Sibling Freeze is defined as a player that is eligible for the major division draft that has a sibling already rostered on a major division team.
    - 1. A Sibling Freeze is not automatic; the sibling player must meet the major division draft eligibility requirements as set forth in Article III. Draft Eligibility.
      - a. There is no limit to the number of Sibling Freezes a major team can have.
      - b. Position of the Sibling Freeze Player in the major division draft is discussed in **Article VI**.
  - ii. Definition number two: A “Package” Sibling Freeze is when multiple siblings have meet the eligibility requirements for the major division draft at the same time and do not have a sibling rostered on an existing major division team. For example; twins or triplets. However it can be siblings of different ages but yet still meeting the eligibility requirements.
    - 1. This “Package” Sibling Freeze is not automatic. Prior to the major division draft, the Executive Board will determine if all “package” siblings have the capabilities or potential to play in the major division. If the Executive Board determines that all the Siblings involved in the “Package” Sibling Freeze are all capable of playing in the major division than if a team selects one of the siblings, they are required to select the other(s).
      - a. If the “Package” Siblings are 12 years of age and have met the Draft Eligibility requirements, then they must be selected by the same team.
      - b. The parents of the “Package” Siblings can request to be drafted by separate teams.
    - 2. Position of the “Package” Sibling Freeze Players in the major division draft is discussed in **Article VI**.

## VI. MAJOR DIVISION - DRAFT POSITION OF FREEZE PLAYERS

- a. Manager/Coach Freeze Player
  - i. If a major division team wishes to freeze a player utilizing the Manager/Coach freeze rules as established in **Article IV** above, then they are required to tell the Executive Board’s Designated Player Ranking Team (DPRT) PRIOR to the first major division tryout.
    - 1. The DPRT will determine the placing or position in which round of the draft the player will be frozen. This can be in any of the rounds, including round #1.
      - a. The DPRT will consider where the player would have been drafted if they were not declared a freeze.

2. If a team does not declare a player to be frozen prior to the first tryout, then said player is ineligible to be frozen and can be drafted by any team.
- b. Sibling Freeze Player
    - i. The Baseball Commissioner will alert the Executive Board prior to the first tryout of all players that meet the Sibling Freeze Player requirements as established in **Article V.a.i.** above.
    - ii. The DPRT will determine the placing or position in which round of the draft the Sibling Freeze Player must be taken.
  - c. "Package" Sibling Freeze Players
    - i. The Baseball Commissioner will alert the Executive Board prior to the first tryout of all the players that meet the "Package" Sibling Freeze Players requirements as established in **Article V.a.ii.** above.
    - ii. The DPRT will determine the placing or position in which rounds of the draft the "Package" Sibling Freeze Players must be taken.

## VII. ALL OTHER DIVISIONS – FREEZE PLAYERS

- a. AAA Division
  - i. Similar to the Major Division with the following exceptions:
    1. Each team is permitted only one (1) Freeze Player. If the Managers' child is on the team from last season, that is the teams' Freeze Player. They are not permitted another one.
      - a. The manager should draft the coach's child as soon as possible.
      - b. Current Freeze Players are the teams' designated Freeze Player until the child moves to the next division.
    2. Freeze Players (all types) will be applied to the Roster prior to the start of the draft and be utilized if equalization is required, see **Article VIII. Adding a Team.**
- b. AA and Single A Division
  - i. Similar to the Major Division with the following exceptions:
    1. Each team is permitted two (2) Freeze Players, the Manager's child and the Coach's child. If either is on the team from the previous season, then they are the current season's Freeze Players.
    2. Current Freeze Players are the Teams' designated Freeze Players until they move to the next division or leave KYAL.
    3. New Freeze Players (all types) will be applied to the Roster prior to the start of the draft and be utilized if equalization is required, see **Article VIII. Adding a Team.**
- c. T-Ball
  - i. No real Draft Rules
    1. Try to fill rosters will equal number of boys and girls and equal number of 4 year olds and 5 year olds.

## VIII. ADDING A TEAM

- a. Prior to the start of each season the Baseball Commissioner will evaluate the anticipated number of youth for the coming season. He will then make a recommendation to the Executive Board as to whether additional teams will be added to any of the baseball divisions.
- b. If it is determined that a team needs to be added, to any of the baseball divisions, the Executive Board must approve the addition prior to the respective drafts.
- c. Once approved, the new team(s), at the start of each division's draft, will be "equalized" in numbers with the existing teams. The make-up of said equalization will be accomplished prior to the first round of the draft.
- d. The equalizations will include the predetermined number of players by age established by the Executive Board.
- e. Major Division – Specific
  - i. The new team will be equalized with the number of players equal to that of the other major teams with the least number of returning players.
  - ii. For example: If the six of the seven major teams have five (5) players returning from last seasons' roster and the Giants have four (4) players returning from last seasons' roster, then the new team will start the draft equalizing with four (4) selections.
    1. The selections must comply with the number of players by age as predetermined by the Executive Board.
      - a. The selections will come from the 11 and 12 year old age pools.
      - b. If the Manager elects to have a Manager/Coach Freeze Player, said player will not be part of the equalization picks. Said Freeze Player will ranked in accordance with **ARTICLE VI**.
    2. After the initial equalization round, the draft will commence in accordance with the rules.

## IX. DRAFT ORDER & PROCEDURES

- a. Major Division
  - i. If a Playoff format was utilized to determine a league champion:
    1. The Playoff Champions will select last. The Playoff Runner up will select next to last. The other positions will be determined by the final league standings that where utilized for the Playoff seating.
      - a. For example; a seven team division will select as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner up & Playoff Champions
      - b. Each round will follow the same order.
  - ii. If a Playoff format was not utilized to determine a league champion, then the draft order will be determined by the final league standings, selecting last place first – descending down to first place selecting last. Each round would be the same.

- iii. If a new team is added and a playoff format was utilized the previous season then the draft would look as follows:
  - 1. Round #1:
    - a. New Team's equalization picks, New Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner Up & Playoff Champion
  - 2. Round #2:
    - a. New Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner Up & Playoff Champion.
  - 3. Round #3:
    - a. Same as Round #2, etc.....
- iv. If a new team is added and a playoff format was not used, then the new team would get their equalization picks (prior to round #1), then teams will draft in the order determined by the final standings, in descending order last place to first place. The new team would get the first pick in each round.
- v. The major division draft will be required to be monitored extremely closely to assure that the each team complies with the correct number of players in each age group.
  - 1. At the end of each round a count will be taken to assure that the numbers work out. If it is determined that a mistake has been made, that specific round will be redone starting at the beginning of that round.

**b. AAA Division**

- i. If a Playoff format was utilized to determine a league champion:
  - 1. The Playoff Champions will select last. The Playoff Runner up will select next to last. The other positions will be determined by the final league standings that were utilized for the Playoff seating.
    - a. For example; a seven team division will select as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner up & Playoff Champions
    - b. Each round will follow the same order.
- ii. If a Playoff format was not utilized to determine a league champion, then the draft order will be determined by the final league standings, selecting last place first – descending down to first place selecting last. Each round would be the same.
- iii. If a new team is added and a playoff format was utilized the previous season then the draft would look as follows:
  - 1. Round #1:
    - a. New Team's equalization picks, New Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner Up & Playoff Champion
  - 2. Round #2:
    - a. New Team, 7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Playoff Runner Up & Playoff Champion.
  - 3. Round #3:
    - a. Same as Round #2, etc.....
- iv. If a new team is added and a playoff format was not used, then the new team would get their equalization picks (prior to round #1), then teams will draft in the order determined by the final standings,

in descending order last place to first place. The new team would get the first pick in each round.

- c. All Other Divisions
  - i. Numbers will be drawn and selections will be done in accordance with the draft position number selected.
  - ii. The first round will be in a descending order, the second round will be done in an ascending order and the third round will be done in a descending order.
    - 1. For example a 8 team draft would be; Round #1: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7&8; Round #2: 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,&1; Round #3: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7&8..... etc.
- d. All Divisions - Freeze at Player count of 10
  - i. To allow for Roster equalization during the drafts; All teams will freeze/stop when they get to a player count of ten (10). Once all teams have reached a player count of ten (10) selections will resume.

## X. ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS

- i. Trading of Players already on a roster from the previous season is NOT permitted.
- ii. Trading of Players when the draft is complete is NOT permitted.
- iii. With the exception of T-Ball; “play with friend”, “car pool”, etc. requests are NOT honored. Parents were explicitly explained the rules at registration. It is the individual Managers’ choice to draft to accommodate such requests.
- iv. Divisions below the major division; Parent requests to have their child play up a division **MUST** be in writing prior to the draft.
  - 1. 4 year olds are not permitted to play in Single A.
  - 2. 6 year olds are not permitted to play in AA.
- v. Only the managers and assistant coaches currently on the team’s roster are permitted at the draft.

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