



Draft Method 9 Year Old Johnston Little League (Revised 1/27/2006)

All players eligible for the draft will tryout. Each manager will receive a list of players. This list should include the player's basic information including name, age, address, phone, and parent's names. The list should also include the following information:

- Indication that the player is a manager's or coach's child.
- If they are new to Johnston Little League.
- League rep will provide player history (see details below)
- Any special comments made on registration form.
- If they have brothers or sisters eligible for the draft.

At the draft, each team will draw numbers for drafting positions. The draft will begin with the team drawing the 1st selection and continue until the last team has had one pick. The draft order will be reversed in the next round and each subsequent round until all * players are selected. (Example: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, etc.) A two-minute time limit will be in effect for each manager to make his/her next selection.

Managers and coaches can pair up prior to the draft provided the Johnston Little League Board has approved them as and their pairing together on the same team. Managers and coaches will not be allowed to coach together for the purpose of stacking a team. The goal of the draft is to balance the teams as closely as possible. Only one manager and one coach per team can protect their children.

Prior to the drawing of the drafting positions, the league representative will conduct a joint discussion with all managers and coaches present. The purpose of the discussion will be to establish the draft round their children will be selected. The criteria for determining the draft round these players will be selected may include but is not limited to the previous year's pitching experience or overall playing ability. Other playing skills may be considered as criteria for determining the drafting position. A manager or coach pairing with a top pitcher will be required to select that child in the 1st round. If the playing skill level of these players as compared to other players in this league is considered to establish an advantage, then these players will be selected in rounds higher than those suggested below (this could include being selected as 1st and 2nd round draft selections). If the playing skill level of these players as compared to other players in this league is established to be a disadvantage, then these players will be selected in rounds lower than those suggested below.

Suggested rounds for drafting these protected players are:

<u>Round</u>	<u>Last Years Playing Status</u>
1 or 2	Pitchers (Top pitchers will be 1st round selections)
3	AAU players
6	All others

A team can appeal the designated draft round for any manager's or coaches child. This appeal must be made prior to the commencing of the draft. The appeal will be determined with a written majority vote by the managers only. The league representative will conduct the vote and cast a vote only to break ties. If the league representative is a manager they

will participate in the vote. Ties will then be broken by the Johnston Little League board representative assisting with the draft. The assisting board member will not have a player in this league. The majority vote will be the final decision. The goal of the Johnston Little League board is to balance the teams as equally as possible. All effort should be made to assure this.

Managers and coaches new to the Johnston Little League must reveal their child's playing experience IE. Pitching, catching, AAU, All-star, etc. in other leagues. If both the manager and coach have children with the same status, one must be selected in the corresponding round and the other in the next round. If more than two children are protected because they have brothers or sisters, the same rules apply until all are selected. If a manager or coach has a child that has no history but has known talent; the league representative along with the other managers and coaches should work with the manager and coach to correctly rate the player into the proper round.

Brothers or sisters must be selected to the same team (unless otherwise requested by their parents). The team selecting the first brother or sister must use the next pick(s) to select the others eligible. If there are more than two eligible, they continue selecting the brothers and sisters with consecutive picks in the next available rounds until all are selected.

It shall be the duty of the league representative to document information concerning the skill level (i.e. All-Star/AAU participation, etc.) prior to the draft for any players new to the league. Prior to commencing the draft, all managers/coaches participating in the draft will be expected to share any special knowledge they may have regarding the skills of new players. Any player new to the Johnston Little League who does not have documented skill history deemed acceptable by the league representative at the time of the draft and did not participate in tryouts may not be selected until all* other candidates are selected (this does not include manager's/coach's children).

Players names registering after the draft is completed will be drawn from a hat containing a list of all the teams. The team name which is drawn determines the team this player will be assigned to.

*Players attempting to play into leagues higher than they are normally eligible for must tryout. If no teams show an interest in them, they do not have to be selected and will be returned to the lesser league.

All modifications to these drafting rules require Johnston Little League Board approval.