

Capitol Hill Little League



House Draft Rules

The House draft rules only apply to divisions conducting formal player drafts. Historically, this has only applied to the Majors and AAA baseball divisions.

- The draft order will be determined prior to the start of the draft.
- Each team may have 1 representative present to participate in the draft.
- The draft will be conducted using a “snake draft” process, whereby the team that picks last in one round will pick first in the next round. For example, if there are six teams, the team that picks the 6th player will also pick the 7th player.
- All players available for the draft will be ranked and grouped into rounds. The rounds will correspond to the number of teams participating in the draft. For example, if there are six teams drafting players, then players will be divided into groups of six. The first six players would then be considered first round draft picks, the players ranked 7th through 12th would be considered second round draft picks, and so forth.
- In general, draft participants do not have to draft players based on draft round (e.g., third round players do not have to be taken in the third round). The exception to this are the rules that apply to players of managers and coaches.
- Managers and coaches that want to draft their own players must submit their intention to do so in writing to the relevant Player Agent not less than 48 hours prior to the draft.
- Players of managers and coaches must be drafted no later than their designated draft round based on the aforementioned groupings. For example, if a coach’s player is in the third round of players, the player must be drafted no later than the third round. The player may be drafted earlier than the third round.
- If a team would be required to take more than one manager’s or coach’s player in the same round (e.g., both players by the third round), one player must be taken prior to that round. The player’s draft round is the latest round in which a player can be drafted. For example, if a team has to take two players by the second round, one player will have to be drafted in the first round.
- If a team is required to take more than one manager’s or coach’s player in the first round, the division commissioner will work with the Board to establish an appropriate “penalty” for that team to help ensure balance among the teams in the division. For example, the team might lose one or two picks in a relatively early round and have extra picks in later rounds. This rule also applies if a team has more players that need to be drafted by a specific round than can be accommodated by the draft. For example, if a team has four players that must be drafted by the third round, the division commissioner will work with the Board to

establish an appropriate “penalty” for that team to help ensure balance among the teams in the division.

- Team practice night assignments will be made prior to the draft, so player availability can be taken into consideration during the draft. If a player is unable to practice on a given team’s practice night, the player cannot be drafted by that team. Individuals participating in the draft cannot hold back any “intel” about individual player availability. The draft book will include all player conflicts that have been shared with CHLL, so any special information that a participant has about a given player should be shared prior to the start of the draft.
- In the case of siblings that want to play on the same team, both players will be placed on the team roster when one of the siblings is drafted. The second player will be placed on the roster according to his/her draft round. For example, if the first sibling is drafted in the fourth round and the second sibling is ranked in the eighth round, the second sibling will automatically be slated as the team’s eighth round draft pick. Note that if siblings are ranked in the same round and want to play on the same team, the division commissioner will work with the Board to establish an appropriate draft strategy (e.g., whether both players need to be selected by their draft round or whether the second sibling can be drafted in the next round) to help ensure balance among the teams in the division.
- Upon completion of the draft, participants will have a limited amount of time to discuss and complete trades before the rosters are locked.
- Following the completion of the draft and trades, the Player Agents will review the rosters and confirm the final rosters with each team manager. **Managers may NOT contact players or their families until the Player Agent confirms that their roster is final and ready to be released.**
- Discussions that happen during the draft MUST stay in the draft room. Players should NOT know where they ranked in the draft book or what was said about them. The draft book should NOT be shared with any players or individuals who are not coaches.