



## FAQ's About Player Eligibility & The Draft Process

### Can I request to play with a specific manager, coach or other player(s)?

Only at the T-Ball level are parent requests allowed, though GHLL does NOT guarantee that all such requests will be satisfied. All other levels of play use a player draft to form teams.

### What ages are eligible for each level of play?

The chart below shows the primary and secondary ages for each level of play:

	Tee Ball	Rookie	A	AA	AAA	Major	Junior
Primary Age	5-6	7	8	9	10-11	11-12	13-14
Secondary Age	4	6, 8	7, 9	8, 10	9	10	XX

The GHLL Player Agent uses this chart to determine eligibility for each player. Here's an example of how a player's eligibility is established:

*A player who is Little League age 8 and played in Single A last spring would be **eligible** to be drafted to a Double AA team in the following spring. Please note if this player is not drafted by a Double AA team he or she would subsequently return to the Single A draft and would repeat that level.*

### How are the drafts conducted and how does that impact eligibility?

Drafts are held in reverse order from the chart above (i.e. Juniors first, then Majors, all the way to T-Ball). Managers select players from the pool of players available until their teams are complete. Players who are of the oldest age eligible for that division **MUST** be drafted at that level of play; players of the Primary Age, as well as those of the younger secondary age **MAY** be drafted. As an example, referring to the chart above, all 10 year old players eligible for the Double AA draft **MUST** be drafted, while 8 and 9 year olds may or may not be drafted. Those 8 and 9 year olds who are not drafted to Double AA would then become eligible for the Single A draft that follows.

### Can a player "skip" a level of play (e.g. move directly from Single A to Triple AAA)?

GHLL does not permit players to skip any level of play in consecutive spring seasons. Please note that playing Fall Ball at a particular level does NOT count as having played at that level. For example, a player who played in the Rookie Division last spring, and then played Fall Ball at Single A would NOT be eligible for Double A the following spring.

### Can a player repeat a level of play in consecutive seasons?

Yes. This could happen in two different ways:

1. Parents may request for their child to repeat a level if that child is of an eligible age for that level.
2. A player who is eligible to move to the next level of play but is not drafted to a team at that level, and then becomes eligible for the draft at his previous level of play.

### Can siblings play together even if they are different ages?

Yes, but only under certain conditions. First, both children **MUST** be age-eligible to play at the same level. Second, as noted above, neither child may "skip" a level of play. Finally, both children must be drafted by a team at the same level.

### Why does GHLL form teams through a draft process?

GHLL follows the rules and guidelines of Little League International, which mandate a player draft as the fairest way to assemble competitively balanced teams.