

# **Westbury Little League Team Formation**

## **Tadpole Division**

All players baseball ages 4 and 5 will be placed on a Tadpole Division team. The League will make every effort to honor teammate and coach requests. While it is logistically impossible to honor all requests, the League will make every effort to ensure that each player is granted one request, whether teammate or coach. Generally, in the absence of teammate and/or coach request, the League will attempt to ensure that each player has at least one teammate with whom he or she attends school.

Tadpole rosters are created during the week following spring evaluations. Tadpole players do not need to attend evaluations. Tadpole families will receive communication from Tadpole managers toward the end of the week following evaluations.

Evaluations tend to be the final weekend of January.

## **Junior Machine Pitch Division**

All players baseball age 6 will be placed on a Junior Machine Pitch Division team. The League will make every effort to honor teammate and coach requests. While it is logistically impossible to honor all requests, the League will make every effort to ensure that each player is granted one request, whether teammate or coach. Generally, in the absence of teammate and/or coach request, the League will attempt to ensure that each player has at least one teammate with whom he or she attends school.

Junior Machine Pitch rosters are created during the week following spring evaluations. Junior Machine Pitch players do not need to attend evaluations. Junior Machine Pitch families will receive communication from Junior Machine Pitch managers toward the end of the week following evaluations.

Evaluations tend to be held mid-January.

## **Pee-Wee Division**

All players baseball ages 7 and 8 will be drafted onto a 7U or 8U Pee-Wee Division team. All Pee-Wee Division players will participate in evaluations, during which the Pee-Wee Division managers and Player Agents will subjectively score each player. Those scores are used to mathematically arrive at a composite score for each player. All players are then ranked by composite score within their age group.

Pee-Wee Division managers will meet during the week following evaluations to draft teams. Managers are free to draft however they choose. The rankings are merely used as a guideline to draft comparably skilled teams. All players will be drafted. Pee-Wee families will receive communication from Pee-Wee managers toward the end of the week following evaluations.

Evaluations tend to be held mid-January.

## **Minors Division**

All players baseball ages 9 and 10 will be drafted onto a Minors Division team. All Minors Division players will participate in evaluations, during which the Minors Division managers and Player Agent will subjectively score each player. Those scores are used to mathematically arrive at a composite score for each player. All players are then ranked by composite score.

Minors Division managers will meet during the week following evaluations to draft teams. Managers are free to draft however they choose. The rankings are merely used as a guideline to draft comparably skilled teams. All players will be drafted. Minors families will receive communication from Minors managers toward the end of the week following evaluations.

Evaluations tend to be held mid-January.

## **Majors Division**

All players baseball ages 11 and 12 will be drafted onto a Majors Division team. All Majors Division players will participate in evaluations, during which the Majors Division managers and Player Agent will subjectively score each player. Those scores are used to mathematically arrive at a composite score for each player. All players are then ranked by composite score.

Majors Division managers will meet during the week following evaluations to draft teams. Managers are free to draft however they choose. The rankings are merely used as a guideline to draft comparably skilled teams. All players will be drafted. Majors families will receive communication from Majors managers toward the end of the week following evaluations.

Evaluations tend to be held mid-January.

## **Playing Up**

From time to time players may desire to play in the division above that of their baseball age. The League has a process.

First, the parent of any player wishing to be considered for playing up must make the VP Baseball ([baseball@westburyll.com](mailto:baseball@westburyll.com)) aware of his or her intention no later than the day before evaluations. All requests to be considered for playing up will be honored if submitted in timely fashion.

Second, any player wishing to be considered for playing up must still participate in his or her rightful division evaluations. To be clear: the player must participate in two evaluations so that he or she may be evaluated by both divisions' managers and player agents.

Third, in order to be eligible to be drafted up, the player must rank in the top two rounds of the divisions' draft. A round is defined by the number of teams in a division. So, if there are 6 teams in the division then each round will consist of 6 players.

Finally, in order to play up, the player must be drafted in the top two rounds.

The following groups of kids are eligible to attempt to play-up:

- Baseball age 5's may attempt to play up to Junior Machine Pitch \*
- Baseball age 6's may attempt to play up to Pee-Wee
- Baseball age 7's may attempt to play up to 8U Pee-Wee
- Baseball age 8's may attempt to play up to Minors
- Baseball age 10's may attempt to play up to Majors. Players may not attempt to play up two age groups.

\*Since Junior Machine Pitch division players do not participate in evaluations the process for a baseball age 5 player to play up to Junior Machine Pitch is different from the process described above. For more information, interested parents should contact VP of Baseball.

### **Playing Down**

Playing down is generally prohibited but a player may petition the VP of Baseball, who will take said petition to the Baseball Committee. Generally speaking, requests to play down will only be granted for fairly unique circumstances. Requests to play down so that siblings can play together or so that friends can play together or so that a player may have a particular coach or other such requests will not be granted. Requests to play down due to inexperience will generally not be granted. Requests to play down due to safety concerns will be considered but will require the input of the player's coach.

### **Placement of Managers' Children**

Managers are guaranteed to have their sons or daughters on their teams provided said children are playing in their rightful division and/or qualify for playing up as described herein.

For Pee-Wee, Minors, and Majors divisions managers are required to draft their children in the round in which they are placed by their composite score.

For Tadpole and Junior Machine Pitch divisions managers will simply have their children assigned to their teams.