

LDMBA House League Team 2016 Selection Process:

Preamble:

Players of *all* skill levels and experience – including *absolute beginners* at any age level – are always welcome. Subject to overall availability of spaces, *all* interested players are accepted to a team. The teams are to be carefully selected to be as balanced as possible, to help avoid chronic lop-sided games, to provide a mixture of player skills and experience on each team and to ensure optimal group learning opportunities.

For the 2016 season, LDMBA will employ best practise in team draft selection using a player rating system for team selection. In doing so, LDMBA will ensure a fair and well-balanced selection of team rosters before the season gets underway.

For the 2016 Season, the “House League Committee” made up of Directors, Division Convenors and Coaches will form the teams from a rating system based on the best knowledge of player’s ability. This process will not include Tee Ball or Mechanical Pitch and will be formatted differently at Rookie and JR Girl divisions where players new to baseball require more peer comfort. This process will still enact a process to try and accommodate well balanced teams while mixing in player requests at these two divisions. We ask that parents be reasonable in their requests and only do so if you feel it is absolutely necessary in your child(s) progression in baseball. Try and remember that playing and meeting new players each and every year is a great benefit to your child.

Pre Draft Day:

1. The Division Convenors will notify the Coaches that have been selected prior to the meeting date. Also at that time the number of teams to be selected will also be announced by the President.
2. The Coaches and Convenors, present and past where possible, will meet to review players by division to discuss and assign ratings of all available players. This would be completed at least 1 week before team selection/coaches meeting. By request the coaches and convenors can opt to run an evaluation day prior to the ratings of players. Note: Being implemented at the end of 2016 season is a post-season player evaluation by each teams coach to use as a reference in sequential year ratings.
3. There will be one category created for every spot available on the team.
i.e. if there are 48 players in a division we will have 4 teams with 12 players per team in that division therefore we will create 12 categories with 4 players in each category that are of equal ability.
4. At this point, siblings will be identified; the siblings must **not** be given the same rating to insure they are assigned together during selection process.
5. Where possible the ratings committee may try and create categories based on key positions.
i.e. Pitchers and Catchers i.e. ‘Pitchers Group 1’ – ‘Pitchers Group 2’ where known ability will separate the top pitchers in each division so that each team will be able to select a player with greater ability and will also ensure each team will obtain more than one player with pitching ability.
6. Sponsors will be matched with players as requested by the sponsors after the draft.

Draft Day Selection:

1. A master listing of all registrants, complete with player ability ratings from the previous year, where available, will be supplied to each coach at the meeting. The master list will have player Year of Birth and Rating.
2. Each Coach will need to select one player from each category.

3. The coach can select from any category at anytime, it does not have to be in order of the category numbers. i.e. If a coach really wants a certain player from category 10 they can pick that player in any round. Note: The category that the coach's son/daughter is in is automatically assigned to that coach therefore the coach does not select from that category. When there is only one player left in a category the coach is advised not to use a pick to select that player and choose from another category with options available as that player at the end of the draft will automatically be assigned to that coach's team.
4. If a coach has more than one son/daughter. They still begin the draft in round 1 and once their roster is completed they will be skipped over in the later rounds of the draft selection.
5. The coaches will draw numbers to determine the draft order, the draft will be completed in a 'snake' format whereby the last coach to pick in the first round will be the first selection of the 2nd round and so on.
6. The draft is complete when there are no longer any choices in each category to select, at this point each coach should have one player from each of the categories.
7. The Division Convenor will then produce the final roster (with team name & sponsor) to each Coach.

Transfers:

1. Any players that register after Draft Day will be placed on a team by identified ability or on the team with the fewest players. Team size is dependent on registration and division level.
2. Any transfers that are required for any reason will be completed considering player rating in the exchange. A formal request with reasoning will be reviewed by the convenor and where necessary the board of directors and will require that all players and coaches involved in the movement are in agreement to the move. Where possible this should be done prior to the team rosters being released to the public.