



# 2005 PINOLE HERCULES LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT PROCESS

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PLAY?**

Junior Minor/AA Baseball: league ages 8 and 9 years old (8 year-old players may opt to play in Tee Ball Majors OR in Junior Minor/AA Baseball)

Minor/AAA Baseball: league ages 9 to 11 years old (9 year old players NEED PARENTAL SIGNED WAIVER to try-out in AAA Minor Baseball)

Major Baseball: league ages 10 to 12 years old (10 year old players NEED PARENTAL SIGNED WAIVER to try-out in Majors Baseball)

### **2. HOW DID MY CHILD END UP ON THE TEAM HE OR SHE IS ON?**

Per Little League regulations, managers in each division **DRAFT all players**, according to the above age structure for each division, to a team. Managers draft players based on their evaluations from try-outs (that is why it is important for your child to attend BOTH try-outs). The order in which the draft takes place is as follows:

1. **Major Baseball** – all 12 year-old players must be drafted with no more than 8 per team
2. **Minor/AAA Baseball** – any 11 year-old players not drafted to a Major team will get drafted first to AAA. All 11 year-old players remain eligible to be called up to a Major team during the 2005 season, should a replacement player be needed, through May 1, 2005. **11 year-old players playing in AAA Baseball WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE to participate in the International All-Stars for Little League Baseball or the 9-10 All Star team.**
3. **Junior Minor/AA Baseball** – teams are drafted to ensure parity in this instructional division

### **3. IF MY CHILD IS ON THE WAITING LIST, WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD HE OR SHE WILL GET ON A TEAM?**

If your child is on the waiting list, as soon as a replacement player is required on a team in the age appropriate division, he or she will be placed on a team. If there is nobody on the waiting list, then the manager of the team requiring a replacement player will select an age appropriate player (with signed parental waiver if applicable) in the division below.

### **4. MY CHILD IS ON A MINOR/AAA BASEBALL TEAM AND HE OR SHE WAS CALLED UP TO A MAJOR BASEBALL TEAM, DOES HE OR SHE NEED TO MOVE UP?**

Yes, if all criteria and little league regulations (i.e. proper age, proper parental waiver signed, etc.) are met. If selected as a replacement player by a Major team manager, a 10 or 11 year-old player **MUST** move up to Major Baseball.

### **5. WHAT IS A PROPERTY PLAYER OR RETURNING PROPERTY PLAYER?**

Once drafted to a MAJOR team, a player becomes a property player on that team. What this means is when a player gets drafted as a 10 or 11 year-old player to a Major team, he or she remains on that team until he or she turns league age 13, which now qualifies him or her to be drafted at the next level of play, Junior League Baseball. There are exceptions to this rule. For instance, should the Major Division need to contract or expand the number of teams due to the total number of players signed up, then the league will determine whether a re-draft of the entire division or a supplemental draft is appropriate.