

PLAYER SELECTION SYSTEM PLAYER DRAFT

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

It is the intent of Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball that all persons be given equal opportunity to participate in the program. Therefore, all leagues must advertise their registration and conduct an open tryout and draft of players. It is

not the policy of this program that teams within a league recruit only who they perceive to be the more talented players in order to strengthen their local league and/or tournament teams.

The following is a suggested Player Draft Selection System that may assist in formation and balance of teams within a league.

Section I -- "Tryouts" - "Clinics"

The first step in the player draft will be the Spring tryout or clinic session. Candidates of the appropriate age for the Babe Ruth League divisions residing in the geographic boundaries covered by your Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball Charter shall be eligible to tryout for a position on one of the teams. They must, however, file their applications within the time as specified by the Player Agent of the respective league. Notices for player candidates and tryout dates should be publicly announced through local papers, radio and schools. It is very important for all managers be present at all tryout and clinic periods. Each applicant should report to the Player Agent immediately upon arrival at the tryout site. The Player Agent should list each candidate in respect to age and number for future identification. During these tryouts and clinics, applicants should be given the opportunity to both bat and field in the position of their choice in competition with players in their own particular age group. Careful observation, instruction, checking and evaluating all candidates will prove invaluable to all managers at the player draft. Any candidates failing to attend at least one-half of the tryouts or clinics must present an excuse acceptable to all managers or lose their status as a candidate for the present season.

Section II -- "Player Agent's List"

a. At least 30 days before the first scheduled game, the Player Agent shall prepare a list to be known as the "Player Agent's List" of all eligible candidates. This list will include the candidate's name, tryout number, and league age and shall indicate whether or not a birth certificate or eligibility document is already on file. (It should be noted each division should hold identical drafts in the case of multi-division leagues with each following the recommended system for eligible players. Each division's draft should be independent of drafts of other divisions.)

b. The Player Agent's List, when prepared, shall constitute the available

candidates for the current year, and may not be added to during the season, unless it becomes exhausted. Once exhausted, the Player Pool will be activated.

c. Player Agent shall note on her list any optioned candidates (see Section IV) and shall announce such options prior to start of player draft.

d. Any players selected by the managers shall be taken from the Player Agent's list insofar as it is possible and consistent with Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules.

e. In those leagues with more than one division, after all candidates have been selected in regard to a particular age group, any candidate remaining should be placed on combined Player Agent's List to become available to other divisions. This will allow adjustment where necessary.

Section III -- "Player Draft"

a. Prior to Player Draft, Player Agent shall announce any options held by managers. See Section IV for procedure regarding such optioned candidates.

b. Each manager shall be numbered in reverse order to the position which his team held in the final standing at the close of the preceding season; i.e., last place team shall be first, next to last position shall be second, and so on until first place team shall hold last draft number. It is recommended when first formulating teams managers draw for draft position.

c. Each manager shall then proceed to select in order of his number from the Player Agent's List. He may choose any eligible candidate of any age group, within the limitations of Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules governing composition of teams. After each manager has had an opportunity to draft one player, the selection shall be repeated in the same order until all teams are filled or until all candidates are selected.

d. In case of ties in the final standing, the number for the first draft selection shall be decided by draw, and thereafter shall alternate in each round. Example: Assume Teams A and B should tie for third place; for the first draft round, they would draw for second and third choice (based on a five team league), with the winner selecting second, loser selecting third in that round. On alternating rounds the manager selecting second in the second round will select third in the third round, second in the fourth round, third in the fifth, etc.

e. If any manager does not wish to make a selection during his turn, he may pass, but by doing so will forfeit that particular choice, and may not choose again until his next regular turn.

f. Any player chosen in the Player Draft shall remain as property of that team during his remaining Babe Ruth career, unless subsequently traded or released.

g. During the season, should a vacancy occur on one or more teams, such vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the season. In the event there are vacancies on more than one team, managers shall draw lots for order of choice from the pool. Players chosen are not permanent members of that team, and must be returned to the pool at the close of the season. Such players remain under option, however, for the next season to the team with which they played in that season.

h. Selections as outlined in Paragraph g, Section III, may not be made at random, but will be made at intervals of approximately two weeks on dates and at places announced by the Player Agent, in order that all managers have an equal opportunity to fill their teams.

Section IV -- "Optioned Players"

a. Prior to start of Player Draft, any manager holding an option on any candidate must notify the Player Agent, who in turn will notify the other managers.

b. There are three kinds of optioned players: (1) Children of managers; (2) Siblings of players already selected; and (3) Players selected from the pool during the season who must be returned to the pool at the close of the season under Paragraph g, Section III.

c. Children of managers are automatically optioned to their father's or mother's team as follows: If only one player is involved on a particular team, the manager shall surrender his second round draft choice in

exchange for such player. If more than one player is involved on one team, the manager shall surrender his first and second round draft choices, and if necessary, as many successive choices as are necessary to option an equal number of the manager's children.

d. Siblings of players already selected are optioned to their sibling's team by the following procedure: Whenever any manager not holding an option on a sibling shall select such sibling as his draft choice, the manager holding such option must, within that round, surrender his draft choice in exchange for such sibling, OR forfeit his option. In the event the manager holding the option has made another selection in the round during which he is called upon to exercise his option, he must surrender such choice and return the original selection to the pool. The draft will then be backed up to that point, and all subsequent choices, if any, revoked. The draft will then resume.

e. Options on players selected from the pool during the season and returned to the pool at the close of the season under Paragraph g, Section III, will be known as "Pool Options" and will be handled as outlined in Paragraph d, Section IV.

f. In the event a manager holds options on more than one player and is called upon to exercise an option on a player in a round in which he has already exercised his option on another player, such manager shall surrender his next succeeding draft choice in exchange for such player. This rule

applies only to sibling options and pool options and does not apply to options on Manager's children which are outlined in Paragraph c, Section IV. (Thus, if a manager has an option in the second round when he has already taken his child, then he will take the other optioned player in the next succeeding round.)

g. A manager may exercise options only to the extent such options will fill his team in accordance with the team composition requirements as to ages. Should a manager hold more options than he may exercise, he shall choose which options to exercise in advance of the draft and other possible options shall be removed from Optioned Player List announced before start of draft.

h. There shall be no requirement that options be exercised. Any option may be denied, but such denial and/or designation of possible option player must be made at the start of the draft.

Section V -- League Expansion

In cases where a Babe Ruth league wishes to expand its number of teams it is important to keep the league balanced. When a league expands, the following player selection systems are recommended:

1. Each existing team is granted the right to protect a certain number of players in each age group, i.e the next year's 15 and 16 or 17 and 18 year old players. In the 16U division two players from each age group should be placed in a player pool and three in the 18U division.

2. The expansion team(s) then has the right to select any of the players in the expansion pool. Any players **not** selected would then return to their original teams.

3. During the regular draft procedure, when all teams select, the expansion team(s) would have the first two round picks in each of the 15 and 16 or 17 and 18 age groups.

4. When drafting new 13-year-old or 17-year-old players **all** teams, including expansion teams, will select in their predetermined order.