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# The Player Agent

*A Presentation of the Methods and  
Procedures for Selecting and  
Maintaining Player Personnel*



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# Registration Promotion

- Call / e-mail previous years players and remind them about registration
  - Ask them to spread the word, have a membership drive contest with rewards to the highest player members referring new players
- Download the Registration Promotional Kit from the [littleleague.org](http://littleleague.org)
  - Registration Poster ( Color or B/W Available)
  - Ad Slicks
  - Media Releases



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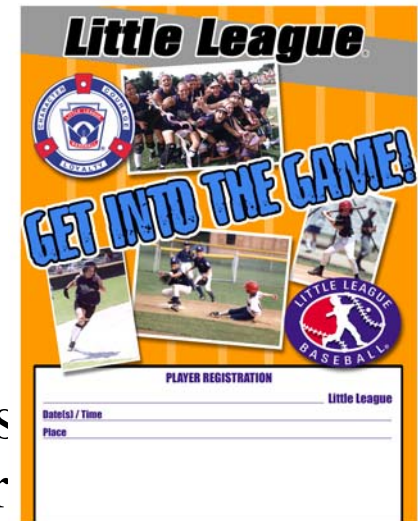
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# Registration Promotion Poster

- Utilize the template provided by Little League or create your own flyer
  - Be sure to add times and dates to your flyer / poster
  - Add league boundaries description
  - Add contact name and number
  - Call to action - Ask them to Register  
*“Get into the Game”*
  - Place in schools, libraries, Rec. Depts., public bulletin boards





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# Ad Slicks

- Three different ads, two different sizes
- Newspaper can download and drop in information
- Multiple insertions usually have price breaks





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# Media Releases

- Promotional Release
  - Informs everyone your league is gearing up for the season
  - Can be used at any time prior to Registration
- Registration Release
  - Announces registration dates and times
  - Informs what materials to bring to registration



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# Player Registrations

- Have multiple dates available
- Paperwork Needed
  - Enrollment Applications
  - Medical Releases
  - Boundary Maps
  - Financial Statement
  - Volunteer Applications
  - Tryout / Draft Explanation



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# Player Tryouts

- Have multiple tryouts
- Review League division eligibility
- Prepare a tryout list:
  - Assign Numbers to players
  - Organize by division
  - Draft Numbers affixed to player for identification
- Provide copies to Managers / Coaches in attendance



# Player Draft / Options

- The selection of players for the various teams within a league shall be in compliance with the Little League Draft Selection System as detailed in the Operating Manual.
- NOTE: All candidates who are league age twelve (12) must be drafted to a Little League Major Division team, or to a Junior League team.
- Exceptions can only be made with written approval from the District Administrator, and only if approved at the local league level by the Board of Directors and the parent of the candidate.



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# Player Draft / Options

- Options must be in writing to the Player Agent 48 hours prior to draft
  - Brother / Sister Option
  - Brother / Sister of player currently on team
  - Sons / Daughters of Managers
  - Sons / Daughters of Coaches



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# Brother / Sister Option

- Two or more siblings in the draft, first brother or sister is drafted
- Manager automatically has the option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn
- Failure to exercise option makes the second sibling available to be drafted by any team



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## Brother / Sister Option of Player Currently on a Team

- Manager may submit an option on a draftee if the player candidate's brother or sister is a member of the manager's team
- If option is submitted, the Manager **MUST** draft the sibling within the first three draft selections



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# Sons / Daughters of Managers

- If a manager has Son / Daughter eligible for the draft, must submit option in writing
- Manager must exercise option at or before specified round
- Parent / Manager option takes priority over any other option
- NOTE: provisions also apply for managers having eligible brothers / sisters in the draft



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# Sons / Daughters of Coaches

- **New coaches shall not be appointed nor approved until after draft**
- **Returning coach may exercise option through manager provided:**
  - **Coach has served as a coach or manager (at any level) for the past two years**
  - **Coach is returning to the same major league team as last year.**
- **NOTE : In order to exercise this option, the coach MUST qualify under BOTH conditions**



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# Draft Rounds

- If option is submitted for Son / Daughter of a Manager or Coach. Candidate must be drafted in or before the following round:

<i>Draft Round</i>	<i>Little League</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Big</i>
5	9-10	-	13,14	16
4	11	13	15	17
3	12	14	16	18



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# The Draft

- Leagues must utilize draft methods outlined in the Operating Manual
- Leagues may submit an alternative method to the Charter Committee for consideration
- Team Expansion and Reduction plans are outlined in the Operating Manual / contact DA / Regional Center for further assistance



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# Duration of Title

- Each player acquired shall, for the duration of their major league career, be property of the team making the acquisition, unless traded or released.



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# Trading

- Manager may trade player up to 14 days after the first scheduled game.
- All trade must be through and with the approval of the Player Agent
  - Minor League Players may not be traded for Major League Players
  - All trades must be player for player
  - Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted
- All trades must be for Justifiable reason and approved by the local Board



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# Team Registration / Release of Players

- Five days prior to the first scheduled game, each manager shall register with the player agent the number of player as determined in Regulation III
- Teams to be monitored to ensure rosters are at proper levels
- Managers are required to inform Player Agent if a player has been repeated absence



## Regulation II (a) League Boundaries

- New addition to regulation for 2007!
- Any player who does not reside WITHIN the league's boundaries must have an approved waiver issued by the Charter Committee.
- All waiver requests to the Charter Committee must be submitted in writing by the league president before the start of the regular season or June 1 whichever occurs first.
- Requests must be submitted to the regional office through the district administrator.



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# Regulation II (d) Waiver Form

- Player may be retained after either moving, or having boundaries changed, if of major league, minor league or Tee Ball status.
- Siblings whose brother/ sister meet the above criteria may also be retained.
  - Player may be retained for the remainder of their Little League career
  - **Note: A player who qualifies and elects not to participate for a season may not be retained in subsequent seasons.**



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# Regulation IV (h) Waiver

- If previously lived within the league boundaries for two years while serving as a dedicated coach, manager or board member for two years, his / her son(s) / daughter(s) may tryout and be selected by teams in that league Provided:
  - Such service to the league has continued
  - Subject to written agreement with league whose boundaries they currently reside
  - Supported by recommendation of the DA.



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# Roster Submission / Changes

- Once finalized, roster must be sent to Little League Headquarters not later than 14 days after the first scheduled game
  - Can be sent through the Little League Data center from the Little League Homepage.
  - Can be sent using a licensed diskette product
  - Can be sent using roster forms in league supply kit



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# Player Replacements

- When player is lost due to injury, illness, relocation or resignation,
  - Manager shall advise the player agent
  - Player agent shall advise President and Board
  - If approved, President sends letter of release to player and parents stating release for justifiable reason
  - Manager reviews player list with Player Agent and selects replacement
    - Replacement becomes permanent player on team
  - NOTE : Failure of manager to report vacancy should result in disciplinary action



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# Tournament

- Eligibility
  - Must play 50% of the Regular Season
- Selection Process
  - Selection to be determined by local league
- Affidavit
  - Completed by Player Agent
  - President reviews and certifies birth records and residence of players
  - DA certifies Affidavit



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# Training and Development- Second Season

- Can be conducted on an informal basis with training and instruction in relaxed atmosphere
- Can be conducted indoors
- Great opportunity to introduce new divisions
- Great way to recruit both parents and addition adult volunteers for next year
- Playing fields are much more available during late summer, fall and winter months.
- Can be used to introduce players to a new division