

BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE 2025 POLICY 10 - YEAR OLDS IN MAJORS

In a concerted effort to retain Players within our League, the Board of Directors of the **Beth** – **Wood Baseball League** have once again adopted the following policy that will allow 10 – year olds the opportunity to play up in the Majors Division (with children ages 11 & 12), a flexibility that should be an enhancement to our League :

All 10 - year olds (who will be a baseball 10 - year old as of **April 30**, **2025** - Cal Ripken age cut off date) will be eligible to try out for the Majors. This will be a <u>VOLUNTARY</u> option given to all 10's who register with **Beth** - **Wood Baseball**. All parents of 10 - year olds who do register will be contacted prior to the Majors Try-Outs to determine if they are interested or not in having their children participate voluntarily in these Try-Outs.

If Parents express an interest in having their children try out for the Majors, be advised the following provisos shall be in effect :

- 1. Parents must register their children in the Minors Division but may opt to have them voluntarily participate in the Majors Try-Outs to determine if they have the ability to play up in the Majors Division.
- 2. The designated Managers of the Majors will perform Player evaluations of those 10's who participate in the Try-Outs and shall mutually determine a final list of those 10 year olds who are capable of playing up prior to the Majors "draft".
- 3. All 10 year olds must also participate in the Minors Try-Outs, if a determination has not been made by the time these Try-Outs are scheduled.
- 4. Predicated on these evaluations and Manager's determinations, all 10 year olds who are deemed capable of playing up will then be placed on a list to be drafted on to Majors Teams (there will not be a limit as to the number of 10's who could be drafted - all those players capable will be eligible for the draft). Capable is hereby defined as a Player whose talent would project him to be selected by the Team Managers in the Majors Draft within the top 24 picks ; if he is not selected by this pick he would thereby drop down into the Minors Draft.
- Parents of eligible 10 year olds will have until 'Draft' day (second week in March) following Player Screenings to make a final determination whether or not to allow their children to be drafted up. Once the Teams are drafted, these Players shall remain in the Majors.



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- 6. All 10 year olds, whose talent allows them to be drafted up into the Majors, will now have the option to either try out for the 12U District All Star Team or the 10U District All Star Team (their choice but they can only try out for one they can NOT first try out for the 12U District and if they do not make it, then try out for the 10U District Team). If they do not make either Team, they will then automatically be eligible to play on the 12U Tournament Team accordingly. Our Board recognizes this policy change provides the competitive opportunity some Players and Parents have desired and qualify for but decisions should be made carefully to ensure success for the Player at a level that best matches their ability for future success.
- If and when their children are drafted up into the Majors, the Parents of those 10- year olds will be required to pay the difference in cost between Minors and Majors accordingly (\$ 25.00).

All Parents of 10 - year olds interested in having their children participate in a voluntary Try Out for the purpose of being 'drafted" up into the Majors Division are asked to sign, date and scan / email this form to the designated **Majors Commissioner** below to duly acknowledge they accept and will unconditionally abide by the terms and conditions so noted above should their children be drafted into the Majors. <u>NO</u> Player will be considered for the Majors draft unless this Policy Acceptance form has been duly signed by the Parent and received by the League.

NOTE - A COPY OF THIS EXECUTED FORM MUST BE SCANNED / EMAILED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEB. 20th TO :

Majors Commissioner Smith Mowry (<u>smithmowry@sbcglobal.net</u>)

If this form is not received by Feb. 20th, we will <u>NOT</u> be accepting forms on the day of the Majors Screenings and your son / daughter will <u>NOT</u> be allowed to participate in these Try Outs !!



Parent(s) Acceptance of this Policy :

Player Name : ______{Please Print}

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : /2025