



Beth - Wood Baseball League

BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE 2026 POLICY 8 - YEAR OLDS IN MINORS

In a concerted effort to retain Players within our League, the Board of Directors of the **Beth - Wood Baseball League** has adopted the following policy that will allow 8 - year olds additional opportunities to play up in the Minors Division (with children ages 9 & 10), a flexibility that should be an enhancement to our League :

All 8 - year olds (who will be a baseball 8 - year old as of **April 30, 2026** - Cal Ripken age cut off date) will be eligible to try out for the Minors. This will be a **VOLUNTARY** option given to all 8's who register with **Beth - Wood Baseball**. All parents of 8 - year olds who do register will be contacted prior to the Minors 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 Minors, be advised the following provisos shall be in effect :

1. Parents must register their children in the Rookies Division but may opt to have them voluntarily participate in the Minors Try-Outs to determine if they have the ability to play up in the Minors Division.
2. The designated Managers of the Minors will perform Player evaluations of those 8's who participate in the Try-Outs and shall mutually determine a final list of those 8- year olds who are capable of playing up prior to the Minors "draft".
3. **Note that if your child played up in Minors this past Fall as an 8- year old, please understand this does NOT guarantee your child will be playing up in Minors this Spring ! It will be up to the determination of the Minors Managers to ascertain their ability.**
4. All 8 - year olds must also participate in the Rookies Try-Outs, if a determination has not been made by the time these Try-Outs are scheduled.
5. Predicated on these evaluations and Manager's determinations, all 8 - year olds who are deemed capable of playing up will then be placed on a list to be drafted on to Minors Teams. Capable is hereby defined as a Player whose talent would project him to be selected by the Team Managers in the Minors Draft within the top 24 picks ; if he / she is not selected by this pick he / she would thereby drop down into the Rookies Draft.
6. Parents of eligible 8 - 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 Minors.



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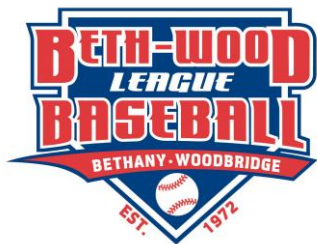
7. All 8 - year olds, whose talent allows them to be drafted up into the Minors, will now have the option to either try out for the 10U District All Star Team or the 8's Travel Team (their choice but they can only try out for one).
8. Our Board recognizes this policy change provides the competitive opportunity 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.
9. If and when their children are drafted up into the Minors, the Parents of those 8- year olds will be required to pay the difference in cost between Rookies and Minors accordingly (\$ 45.00).

All Parents of 8 - year olds interested in having their children participate in a voluntary Try Out for the purpose of being 'drafted" up into the Minors Division are asked to sign, date and scan / email this form to the designated **Minors 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 Minors. **NO** Player will be considered for the Minors 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. 19th TO :

Minors Commissioner **Dan Stutsky** (enough007@gmail.com)

If this form is not received by Feb. 19th we will **NOT** be accepting forms on the day of the Minors Screenings and your son / daughter will **NOT** be allowed to participate in these Try Outs !!



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Parent(s) Acceptance of this Policy :

Player Name : _____{Please Print}

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : _____ / 2026