



## Beth - Wood Baseball League

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### **BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE 2010 POLICY 8 - YEAR OLDS IN MINORS**

On January 16, 2010, in a concerted effort to retain Players within our League, the Board of Directors of the *Beth - Wood Baseball League* voted unanimously to adopt the following policy that will allow 8 - year olds the opportunity 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, 2010 - 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. 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.
4. 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 (there will not be a limit as to the number of 8's who could be drafted - all those players capable will be eligible for the draft).
5. Parents of eligible 8 - year olds will have until 'draft' day (second week in March) following Try-Outs 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.
6. **All 8 - year olds who are drafted up into the Minors will NOT be allowed to drop down and participate on the 8 - year old All Star Teams ; they may either try out for the 9's 'A' Team or the 9's / 10's 'B' 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.



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7. 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 (\$ 35.) accordingly.

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 bring this form to the Minors Try - Outs 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.

Parent(s) Acceptance of this Policy :

Player Name : \_\_\_\_\_ {Please Print}

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_