



Beth - Wood Baseball League

BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE **2011 POLICY** **10 - YEAR OLDS IN MAJORS**

On January 06, 2011, in a concerted effort to retain Players within our League, the Board of Directors of the *Beth - Wood Baseball League* voted unanimously to once again adopt 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, 2011 - Cal Ripken age cut off date) will be eligible to try out for the Majors. This will be a **VOLUNTARY** 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).
5. Parents of eligible 10 - 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 Majors.



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6. All 10 - year olds who are drafted up into the Majors will **NOT** be allowed to drop down and participate on the 10 - year old All Star Teams ; they may either try out for the 11's 'A' Team or the 11's / 12'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.
7. 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 (\$ 15.) accordingly.

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 bring this form to the Majors 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 Majors. ***NO*** 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.

Parent(s) Acceptance of this Policy :

Player Name : _____ {Please Print}

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : _____