

## Minor League Division: Tryout Day FAQs

For many young athletes, this is the first "tryout" of their lives, so it's natural to be excited, perhaps a little nervous, and have lots of questions. Read on to know what to expect.

### **When is Tryout Day?**

Minor's holds a 1-day Tryout so that players can be evaluated. Tryout Day is normally in early February, one week after Major's Tryout Day. We do not expect players to be in mid-season form, however it is a good idea to play catch a few times before tryouts. Come to tryouts dressed and equipped to play baseball (cleats, baseball pants, protective cup, t-shirt, glove, cap).

### **Who should attend tryouts?**

All age-eligible players, including returning Minors players, should attend tryouts. This includes:

- All 11 year olds who were not drafted by a Majors team
- All 10 year olds
- All 9 year olds (Note: We often advise some 9s spend another year in Rookie for their development.)

### **Are Tryouts required in order to play?**

Tryouts are strongly recommended and should be made a priority - it is the key way we ensure parity within the league, however all age eligible players will be placed on team, regardless of their participation at Tryouts.

### **How is the Day Organized?**

The day is split into a morning & an afternoon session. We ask players to come based on their last name (A-M in the morning, N-Z in the afternoon), however this is not required.

### **What happens at the Tryouts?**

The players go through a series of basic drills: throwing, fielding, batting, and pitching (time permitting). Parents are welcome to watch quietly from a distance while coaches focus on conducting their evaluations. Each session lasts about 2 1/2 hours.

### **Are there "cuts" in Minors?**

No, there are no cuts in Minors. Any age-eligible player will be placed on a team. If however, during the tryouts the evaluators feel that the player would be better served spending an additional year in Rookie for development, the parents will be notified immediately following Tryouts. However, it is the Parents & Player who choose which division they want to play in - the league will not "force" any Minor-eligible player to play in Rookie an additional year.

### **What happens if my child cannot make the tryouts?**

If a player is not at Tryouts, he or she will be placed randomly on a team. If you know your player cannot attend the tryout, please notify the league commissioner or player agent in advance.