

# MLB DRAFT PROSPECT LINK

MLB developed the MLB Draft Prospect Link (“Prospect Link”) to be a centralized platform that streamlines the biographical and medical information collection process and allows MLB and MLB Clubs to communicate directly with amateur players and their families. The Prospect Link also contains resources for players and their families on the draft process.

## KEY FEATURES OF THE PROSPECT LINK

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### *QUESTIONNAIRE PROCESS*

Players will be asked to complete **one** general and **one** medical questionnaire that will be distributed to all Clubs. Every Club will also have an opportunity to ask players a limited number of supplemental questions that have not already been asked in the MLB questionnaires. Overall, players will spend far less time on this process than in past years.

### *MEDICAL INFORMATION*

Players will be able to upload their medical information (e.g., doctors notes, operative reports, MRI, X-Rays) directly into the Prospect Link, which is secure and HIPAA-compliant. Only approved users at Clubs will have access to any player-uploaded medical information in order to protect player confidentiality.

### *COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE PROGRAMS*

MLB will use the Prospect Link to notify players if they have been selected for the Top 300 Pre-Draft Medical and Drug Testing Program and/or the Top 50 Pitchers Pre-Draft MRI Program. Players also will be able to see if they have fulfilled all of the requirements for those programs in the Prospect Link.

### *PROSPECT RESOURCES*

There are a number of resources on the Prospect Link, covering topics ranging from the Draft process and rules, the Commissioner’s Office Top Prospects Programs, the Continuing Education Plan and health and safety topics that are relevant to young baseball players.



# MEDICAL INFORMATION

MLB developed the MLB Draft Prospect Link (“Prospect Link”) to be a centralized platform that streamlines the biographical and medical information collection process. Below is an overview of the medical information process for amateur players and how athletic trainers and other medical professionals can help players provide all necessary information to MLB in preparation for the Draft.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION PROCESS

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### ***MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE***

Players will be asked to complete one medical questionnaire that will be distributed to all Clubs, and a short follow-up questionnaire in the Spring leading up to the Draft.

### ***MEDICAL DOCUMENTS (MRI, X-RAYS, OP REPORTS, MD NOTES, ETC.)***

Upon submission of the medical questionnaire, players will be prompted to upload any available related medical documents directly to the Prospect Link, which is secure and HIPAA-compliant. Only approved users at Clubs will have access to any player-uploaded medical information in order to protect player confidentiality.

### ***VISION ASSESSMENT FORM***

All players will be asked to have a vision test completed by a licensed eye care professional. The form is available to download in the Prospect Link after the player has completed the Medical Questionnaire.

### ***ADDITIONAL MEDICAL REQUESTS***

MLB and MLB Clubs have the option to request specific medical information directly through the Prospect Link (*e.g.*, please upload the operative report for your Tommy John surgery), and players can manage their medical requests in the Prospect Link.

### **PROXY UPLOAD FOR PARENTS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL**

Players may add a proxy (*e.g.*, parent, coach, athletic trainer) to upload medical information on their behalf. The proxy can then upload all documents directly to the Prospect Link through a BOX link specific to that player’s medical file.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Can a Club send medical questionnaires outside of the Prospect Link?

- No, Clubs are only allowed to request medical questionnaire information from amateur players through the Prospect Link. If you receive a questionnaire outside of the Prospect Link, please let MLB know by sending an email to [prospectlink@mlb.com](mailto:prospectlink@mlb.com).

## Why can't I access the Documents section to upload my medical information?

- Players must first submit their Medical Authorization to access the 'Documents' section and upload medical information.

## How do I add a proxy to upload medical information?

- Up to three proxies can be added in the 'Documents' section. Designated proxies will receive an email with a link to upload medical files directly to the Prospect Link ([Proxy Training Video](#))

## Why did I receive multiple requests for the same body part? Do I need to re-upload documents for every additional request?

- You will only receive multiple requests if multiple types of medical information have been requested by Clubs or MLB. If multiple Clubs request the same information, the requests are combined, and you only will have to upload the information once to the Prospect Link.

## How do I upload a CD with medical images?

- Medical Images contained on a CD should be compressed to a Zip file, then uploaded as any other medical document. MLB and the Clubs can process and view the medical images as long as all original CD files are uploaded together in the Zip file.

## When do I need to have my medical information uploaded?

- Given the large amount of player medical information Clubs must assess, it is important to upload all relevant medical information to the Prospect Link as soon as it is available. Documents from ongoing follow-up examinations can be uploaded on a rolling basis.

## Can I decline a medical information request?

- Yes, you can decline a medical information request if you do not have documents or did not sustain an injury to the requested body part. Note that you must provide a comment on the request when declining.

### PROSPECT LINK CONTACTS

For any Prospect Link questions or issues, please contact [prospectlink@mlb.com](mailto:prospectlink@mlb.com). The Prospect Link team will route your question to the appropriate person at MLB or at the Club who requested your information.

