



San Marcos Youth Baseball (SMYB)

Play Down Protocol – Spring Season Only

Overview

San Marcos Youth Baseball (SMYB) recognizes that some players may benefit from participating in a division **below** their league-age group. To support player development while maintaining fairness and safety, the following **Play Down Protocol** applies **only during the Spring Season**.

Eligible Divisions

Play Downs are allowed in the following divisions:

- Pinto (7U–8U)
- Mustang (9U–10U)
- Bronco (11U–12U)
- Pony (13U–14U)

Submission Requirements

- All **Play Down** requests must be submitted using the official **SMYB Google Form**. Form will open on 11/1 along with registration.
- Deadline: **At least 30 days prior to Spring Evaluations**.
- A new request must be submitted each Spring season. Requests do **not** carry over. **Only one division down may be requested per season**.

Evaluation & Decision Criteria

Play Down Evaluations

- Players must attend evaluations in their **league-age division**.
- Division Director and VP will review:
 - Player's evaluation results
 - Player safety and developmental concerns
 - Any supporting documentation provided by parents/guardians

Play Down requests are evaluated case-by-case and are not guaranteed.