



San Marcos Youth Baseball (SMYB)

Play Up Protocol – Spring Season Only

Overview

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

Eligible Divisions

Play Ups are allowed in the following divisions:

- Shetland (6U) *Foal to Shetland is not eligible for play up*
- Pinto (7U–8U)
- Mustang (9U–10U)
- Bronco (11U–12U)
- Pony (13U–14U)

Submission Requirements

- All **Play Up** 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 up or down may be requested per season**.

Evaluation & Decision Criteria

Play Up Evaluations

- Players must attend evaluations in both:
 - Their **league-age appropriate division, AND**
 - The **division they are requesting to play up into**
- **Attendance at both evaluations is required.**
- Players will be evaluated and scored according to the league standard scoring system, relative to all other players in the division.

Play Up Approval Criteria

- Players must rank in the **top 25%** of all players in the older division based on SMYB evaluation scores.
 - If ranked in top 25%: **Request is approved**, and player is **drafted** into the older division.
 - If not ranked in top 25%: Player is **drafted into their age-appropriate division**.

Top 25% is calculated from official SMYB evaluation results.

Coaching Restrictions

- If a player is granted a **Play Up**, their **parent or guardian may not coach** (head or assistant) in the division the player moves into.

This ensures fairness in both the **evaluation and draft process**.