

# San Marcos Youth Baseball

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## “SMYB Play-Down Policy and Application

### Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe SMYB’s policy and implementation details regarding the Play-Down program. As discussed below, these policies primarily impact players of league age 7, 9, 11, and 13.

Effective in the Spring Season of 2010, SMYB will implement a “Play-Down Policy” for those less experienced players who are not quite ready to advance to the next division in order to give them an opportunity to play-down ONE year. Examples:

- 1) A 7-year old Pinto player would be allowed to play-down one year in the Shetland Division;
- 2) A 9-year old Mustang player would be allowed to play-down one year in the Pinto Division;
- 3) An 11-year old Bronco player would be allowed to play-down one year in the Mustang Division; and
- 4) A 13-year old Pony player would be allowed to play-down one year in the Bronco Division.

SMYB’s Play-Down age divisions will be expanded by only ONE (1) year relative to the traditional Age Grid divisions. To illustrate:

Pinto Age Eligibility will be league ages 7 to 9

Mustang Age Eligibility will be league ages 8 to 11

Bronco Age Eligibility will be league ages 10 to 13

Pony Eligibility will be league ages 12 to 14

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In addition to registering, players of league ages 7, 9, 11, and 13, and who wish to participate in the “younger division” must submit the attached application and attend tryouts for placement in that younger division in addition to attending tryouts in the older division. The Division Director, in consultation with the younger Division Director, Managers and Board members, will determine whether to approve placement in the younger division based on whether the applicant demonstrates the ability to play at a skill level in the bottom one-third percent (1/3 %) of the younger division’s players, ***and whether the younger division has capacity to absorb the additional player(s).*** The decision of the Division Director shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Registered league age 7, 9, 11, and 13 players who are not approved for placement in the younger division will be placed in the applicable older division. (Example: a league-age 11 player who applies for the Mustang division but is not approved for placement will be placed in the Bronco division). **Players who do not properly complete and submit the required application, and/or do not participate in the required tryout process, shall not be eligible for placement in the younger division under any circumstances.**

Applicants approved for placement in the younger division may decline such placement by submitting written (or email) notice to the Registration Director or Division Director at least 72 hours before the first division draft meeting of the season and the applicant(s) will be placed in the appropriate older division.

No player will be allowed to play in more than one division in the same season.

***Players that play-down a division shall not be eligible for Memorial Tournament teams or All Star participation.***

Players who wish to participate in the “younger division” must submit a new application for each season of play (i.e., Fall Season and/or Spring Season). Applicants approved for placement in the “younger division” during the Fall season must re-apply and be approved for placement in the “younger division” for the Spring Season. The fact that a player is approved to play in the “younger division” during the Fall Season, does not guarantee the player will be approved to play in the “younger division” during the Spring Season. If a player is approved and does play in the “younger division” during the Fall Season and then does not get approved to play in the “younger division” during the Spring Season, that player must play in the appropriate older division. (Example: A 9 year old player who applies for the Pinto division during the Fall and is approved for

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placement, but then re-applies during the Spring and is not approved. That player must then play in the Mustang Division during the Spring.)

### **Registration Procedures for Younger Division Applicants**

- 1) League Age 7, 9, 11, and 13 players must register, either by doing so online (in their *Traditional* Age Division; eg 10 year old in Mustang), or by downloading and mailing (with payment) the “Player Registration Form” on the *Forms* page of the website. On this form, they should select the Younger Age Division, and write “Play-Down” on the Form.
- 2) All Players of league age 7, 9, 11, and 13 must provide a signed copy of the attached application, either by mailing this form with their registration paperwork, or by submitting it to the check-in table at the applied-for Younger Division Tryouts.
- 3) Applications received after the completion of tryouts will be automatically rejected.

### **Tryouts and Application Disposition**

In addition to the above registration/application procedures, Players of league age 7, 9, 11, and 13 who desire to play in their respective younger divisions, must also participate in a tryout for the older division. (E.g., a league age 13 applicant for Bronco must also attend the Pony tryout). (Note: applicants must notify check-in table personnel at the tryouts that they are applying for “Younger Division” play, to ensure that the Division Director and/or Registration Director have the application form.

The Division Director and Managers for this younger division, along with the designated Board member(s), will evaluate whether the applicant meets the skill requirement for play in the applied for division.

The Division Director, following consultation with the older and younger division Directors, will approve or disapprove the application. The Division Director will then notify the player’s family, the Registration Director, the older division Director, and the younger division Director.

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## Application for Younger Division Play

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### Player Information

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Player's First Name	Last Name	Initial	Birthdate	Division Applying For
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### Parent or Guardian Authorization & Waiver of Liability

I, the parent or guardian of this player, hereby request that the player named above be assigned to the division I have specified above, which is the younger of the two divisions for which he is eligible. I understand that SMYB will evaluate this application, and will render a decision on the application, and that this decision will be final without opportunity for appeal. Furthermore, if the application is approved and the player is placed in the younger division, I acknowledge that SMYB's maximum liability shall not be altered by player's placement in this division. Lastly, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree with the terms of the league's Play-Down program policy.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date

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### BOARD DISPOSITION

Approved: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

If not approved, reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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