

San Marcos Youth Baseball

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SMYB Play-Up Program and Application

Introduction

PONY Baseball and Softball has a play up policy called "And Under." This policy allows leagues to expand the ages of eligibility for each division by reducing the minimum age for each division. On October 9th, 2022 PONY National decided to revert back to its original age cutoff date of April 30th instead of the previous cutoff date of August 30th.

Because this change impacts approximately 16.8% of the players in our league, the SMYB Board has determined that "Play up Requests" will only be reviewed when submitted by a player who has played fall ball the year prior, and that falls within the 4-month group that is impacted (Stallion is included).

SMYB'S Play-Up Policy

SMYB's Play-Up age divisions only will be expanded by ONE (1) year relative to the traditional Age Grid divisions if they already played up in Fall. In addition to registering, players falling under this provision, and who wish to participate in the "older division" must submit the attached application to the Registration Director no later than December 31 or the corresponding year.

The SMYB board in consultation with the Division Directors and Managers, will determine whether to approve placement in the older division based on *whether the older division has capacity to absorb the additional player(s)*. The final decision shall not be subject to appeal. Those not approved will be placed in the applicable younger division. Players who do not properly complete and submit the required application, shall not be eligible for placement in the older division under any circumstances.

Applicants approved for placement in the older 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 younger division.

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

Players shall be eligible for All Star participation only in the division in which they play.

Players who wish to participate in the "older division" must submit a new application for each season of play (i.e., Fall Season and/or Spring Season). The fact that a player is approved to play in the "older division" during a previous season, does not guarantee the player will be approved to play in the "older division" during the subsequent season.

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Registration Procedures for Older Division Applicants

- 1) Eligible 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 the play-up form, select the *Older* Age Division, and write "And Under" on the Form.
- 2) All Players must provide a signed copy of the attached application, either by emailing the form to the Registration Director or mailing this form with their registration paperwork.
- 3) Email the completed application to Steve Fredericks at stevefredericks@yahoo.com
- 4) Applications received after December 31 of the year prior to the start of the season will be automatically rejected.

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Application for Older Division Play

Player Information

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 older 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 older 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-Up program policy.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Email the completed application to Steve Fredericks at stevefredericks@yahoo.com

BOARD DISPOSITION

Approved: Yes: _____ No: _____ Date: _____

Division: _____

If not approved, reason: _____

Division Director: _____

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