



## BURNABY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (BBA) PLAYER PROMOTION POLICY

This policy identifies the decision factors, requirements, and rules that BBA will follow when considering player promotion requests, as well as, the procedures and requirements for Coaches making temporary player call ups.

### PRINCIPLE

The promotion of players to higher age divisions is intended for those capable of an elite caliber of play. It is not intended for those wishing to play with older friends or siblings.

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### ELIGIBILITY

In order for a 15U player to move up to 18U – they must try out and be selected for the 18U AAA team.

In order for a 13U player to move up to 15U – they must try out and be selected for the 15U AA team.

In order for an 11U player to move up to 13U – they must try out and be selected for the 13U AA team.

For 9U and down – the player must participate in the evaluations of the division they have requested to move up to, and be rated in the top 40% of all the players in that division.

### PROCEDURE

1. A special request form must be submitted with the registration documents. Forms are available on the BBA website, or at in-person registration.
2. The Association applies in writing to the B.C.B.A. Player Eligibility Chair, providing full particulars.
3. Written approval from the B.C.B.A. Player Eligibility Chair concludes the process.

PLEASE NOTE: Before an application can be submitted - BBA must first consider if moving the player will negatively affect the number of players per team in either division.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

Before submitting a request to play in a higher age division please consider if your child is:

- A second year player in his/her division by age? The number of years played in any one division is not a consideration.
- Physically and mentally ready to be playing with kids two years older than they are?
- Wanting to play in a higher division?

Additional factors to contemplate before making a play up request include:

- 9U players that move up to 11U for the spring season are not permitted to play in 9U for the summer season. Therefore, if they do not get selected to the 11U AA summer team, they may not get a chance to play summer ball.
- Move up requirements get more stringent as the kids get into higher divisions.



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### BBA RECOMMENDED PLAYER MOVEMENT

While mostly applicable to the 7U and 9U divisions, there are occasions when BBA may recommend the permanent move up of a player. This would be considered under the following circumstances:

- There may be a safety issue if a player stays in their age division. I.e. The player can hit a ball much harder than most of the other players on the team are capable of catching.
- Player development – it may be recommended that a player move to a higher level if they are found to exceed eligibility requirements.

### TEMPORARY PLAYER MOVE-UP

Before a player can be asked to play in a game or tournament for a team in a higher age division or level (e.g. 13U A to 13U AA) the following requirements must be met:

- The player must be on the call up list provided by the Coordinator of the lower age division (unless extenuating circumstances exist i.e. none of the players on the call up list are available).
- The players' Coach must provide permission.
- The Division Coordinator must be notified.
- And the player must not have already been called up for the maximum number of games as set by rule 5.06 in the BC Baseball rule book.

In order for a player to be placed on a call up list, the following prerequisites must be met:

- The player must have been rated in the top 25% of his/her division during the pre-season evaluations.
- The player's guardian(s) must provide consent.

### PLEASE NOTE:

When participating in a game for an older or higher level team, the player must be identifiable. Therefore, they are required to wear their regular team uniform during the game. They are not permitted to pitch.

**\*\* Any requests to deviate from this policy must be considered and approved by the BBA Board of Directors. \*\***