



FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

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FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION PLAY-UP POLICY

NOTE: THIS POLICY refers to all categories of athletes within Foothills Minor Ball Association.

The Foothills Minor Ball Association and its Long Term Athlete Development model support the philosophy of continuing to challenge its member players. It is our policy that athletes play within their given age groups. However, in some circumstances due to exceptional skill levels, some players may be considered for potentially playing up an age group. If this is the case, they should meet the following guidelines for selection;

Process

A player must notify the FMBA Executive with the intention to evaluate within the division that they hope to play up to. Any player wishing to play-up a division must evaluate in both divisions. To play up, they must possess the following at evaluations:

- a) Technical Ability: A player must demonstrate a high degree of individual skill which must be transferable to competitive match situations. In addition, a player's individual skill must meet or excel the technical abilities of other participating players within the age group the player wishes to participate in.
- b) Physical Ability: A player must surpass other players within their age group in physical strength, technical skill and speed, and have the ability to blend in with players of the intended age group.
- c) Mental Ability: Player must surpass other players within their age group in game awareness and general knowledge of the game. To include the mental strength that will be necessary when dealing with older and physically superior opponents.

The player must rank within the top 5 of the players at the requested level. After the evaluation, the selected evaluators will provide a rating and recommendation to the Board/Director. The Board/Director is the final arbiter in deciding if a player may Play-up. The Director of that particular area will notify the parent of the decision.

Under no circumstance will a "Play-Up" be approved if the player is more than one year younger than the age bracket requested.