



Columbia Valley Minor Baseball

PLAYER MOVEMENT POLICY

Reference:

BCMBA 2026 Rule Book, Rule 5.05 and 5.06

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in the decision-making process of players requesting to play up or play down an age division during the Spring League (House) and Summer League (Ospreys).

Objectives:

- 1) To provide consistency to the player movement process such that expectations are consistent from year to year for players and parents.
- 2) Decisions for playing “up” or “down” will be made by a three-person committee: The CV Minor Vice-President, the Coach Coordinator, and Umpire-in-Chief, none of whom may be a parent of the player being considered. If any committee members are in conflict another board member will take their place. The President will only become involved should final adjudication be required.

Attendance:

All players at the 11U and above age division requesting to play up MUST be evaluated for the division they are requesting to move to. No exceptions will be made to this requirement. For 5U to 9U the decision will be made at the discretion of the three-person committee.

Player Movement Process:

- 1) All players are to be initially registered in their age-appropriate division. All players wishing to play “up” or “down” must request this prior to the evaluations for the age group or team being requested. The request is to be emailed by the family to the CV Minor Board (cvmminor@gmail.com).
- 2) CV Minor Ball applies in writing to the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair providing full particulars.
- 3) Written approval must be obtained from the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair prior to June 1. If written approval is not obtained the player will not be eligible to play in a higher division.

Requests to Play Up an Age Division:

- 1) Be a second-year player in their age-appropriate division.



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- 2) When the request is based on an athlete's ability, he/she must demonstrate advanced skill during player evaluations. He or she must achieve a total base score within the top 20% of all regulation-age players being evaluated in the higher division. For example, if 40 players are registered in 13U and a 11U player requests to "play up", the player requesting to play up must rank as one of the top 8 (0.2×25) regulation-age players, based on their total score.
- 3) Physical and emotional maturity relative to the player's peer group will be considered.
- 4) Player safety will be taken into account.
- 5) A player will not be eligible to "play up" if by doing so, the division above or below will be negatively affected- for example if a team cannot be fielded due to low registration if the player moves up.
- 6) Due to rural nature of CV Minor Ball, geographic and family logistical situations will be considered.
- 7) Some exceptional cases may be considered.
- 8) Temporary call-ups will follow BCMBA Rules (Rule 5.06)

Requests to Play Down an Age Division

- 1) Girls are permitted to play down one age-division, at the discretion of the CV Minor Committee, provided they are in the first year of their current age division.
- 2) If a player is new to baseball or possesses a skill level far below his/her own age group average. Note: players of low skill levels are not to be encouraged to play down.
- 3) May be physically immature or small in stature compared to their age-appropriate peers.
- 4) May have a physical or cognitive disability, making the lower age group more appropriate for his/her development and facilitation of a positive experience.
- 5) Player safety will be taken into account.
- 6) Due to rural nature of CV Minor Ball, geographic and family logistical situations will be considered.
- 7) Some exceptional cases will be considered.

NOTE: Player movement up or down should not be considered the norm, and requests are not guaranteed.