

San Marcos Youth Baseball

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“And Under” Program Policy and Application

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Introduction

In October of 2008, PONY Baseball and Softball announced a new policy called “And Under.” This policy results in the creation of a new “And Under” PONY Age Grid, in which the ages of eligibility for each division are expanded by reducing the minimum age for each division by 2 full years.

PONY’s creation of the *And Under* Age Grid does not eliminate the *Traditional* PONY Age Grid. Instead, PONY is maintaining both Age Grids, and is providing local leagues with the option of which Age Grid to use for its programs.

The league’s selection of an Age Grid affects the eligibility of its players for each specific age Division, both for regular season and All Star Tournament play.

The selection of the *Traditional* or *And Under* Age Grid does not affect the age cutoff date, which remains on April 30th for both age grids.

The purpose of this document is to describe SMYB’s policy and implementation details regarding the *And Under* program. As discussed below, these policies primarily impact players of league age 6, 8, 10, and 12.

SMYB’s purpose for implementing the “And Under” Program is to give more *advanced* players an opportunity to play baseball at a higher level. This program is not to be used for purposes of “convenience” (i.e., trying to get siblings in the same division so they can play on the same team).

The “And Under” Program is new to SMYB, so any circumstance that should arise from the “And Under” Program that is not specifically addressed in these policies shall be discussed, reviewed, and/or decided upon by the SMYB Board of Directors. *SMYB reserves the right to amend and/or revoke any policy contained in the “And Under” Program at any time.*

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Policy

Effective in the Fall Season of 2009, SMYB will register all of our recreation league programs in the PONY *And Under* age divisions.

SMYB’s *And Under* 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 6 to 8
Mustang Age Eligibility will be league ages 8 to 10
Bronco Age Eligibility will be league ages 10 to 12
Pony Eligibility will be league ages 12 to 14

In addition to registering, players of league ages 6, 8, 10, and 12, and who wish to participate in the “older division” must submit the attached application and attend tryouts for placement in that older division. The Division Director, in consultation with the older Division Director and Managers, will determine whether to approve placement in the older division based on whether the applicant demonstrates the ability to play at a skill level in the top 67% of the older division’s players, *and whether the older 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 6, 8, 10, and 12 players who are not approved for placement in the older division will be placed in the applicable younger division. (Example: a league-age 10 player who applies for the Bronco division but is not approved for placement will be placed in the Mustang 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 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.

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Players shall be eligible for the Stallion program participation only in the division for which they play. If a player attempts to participate in the “older division” but is not approved, that player cannot participate in the “older division” in the Stallion program either. (Example: An 8 year old player who applies for the Mustang division and is not approved cannot play on a Mustang Stallion team. That player would have to play on a Pinto Stallion team.)

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). Applicants approved for placement in the “older division” during the Fall season must re-apply and be approved for placement in the “older division” for the Spring Season. The fact that a player is approved to play in the “older division” during the Fall Season, does not guarantee the player will be approved to play in the “older division” during the Spring Season. If a player is approved and does play in the “older division” during the Fall Season and then does not get approved to play in the “older division” during the Spring Season, that player must play in the appropriate younger division. (Example: An 8 year old player who applies for the Mustang division during the Fall and is approved for placement, but then re-applies during the Spring and is not approved. That player must then play in the Pinto Division during the Spring.)

Registration Procedures for Older Division Applicants

- 1) League Age 6, 8, 10, and 12 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 *Older* Age Division, and write “And Under” on the Form.
- 2) All Players of league age 6, 8, 10, and 12 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 Older Division Tryouts.
- 3) Applications received after the completion of tryouts will be automatically rejected.

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Tryouts and Application Disposition

In addition to the above registration/application procedures, Players of league age 6, 8, 10, or 12 who desire to play in their respective older divisions, must also participate in a tryout for the older division. (E.g., a league age 12 applicant for Pony attends the Pony tryout). (Note: applicants must notify check-in table personnel at the tryouts that they are applying for “Older Division” play, to ensure that the Division Director and/or Registration Director have the application form.

The Division Director and Managers for this older 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 division Director, 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 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 *And Under* program policy.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

BOARD DISPOSITION

Approved: Yes: _____ No: _____

Division: _____

If not approved, reason: _____

Date: _____

Division Director: _____

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