



## OMBA Player Movement Policy

Players requesting to evaluate at a higher age level than their current age classification must make this request in writing by completing a “PLAYER TRANSFER REQUEST” form and submitting the request to the Vice President of Player and Coach Development. The movement request must be received no later than seven (7) days prior to the first scheduled player evaluation. The Vice President of Player and Coach Development will inform the OMBA executive council of such request prior to any player movement decision being made.

### Request to Evaluate at a Higher Age Level

If the request to evaluate at a higher age level is accepted by the VP of Player and Coach Development, (OMBA executive council in his absence), the player will then be allowed to participate at the evaluation of the higher age level. In addition the player must also evaluate at their proper age classification in order to place the player correctly should said player be placed back to their current age classification. Example; If the requesting player is a Mosquito aged player and is requesting to play at the PeeWee level, said player will be evaluated at PeeWee evaluations. The player will be required to participate in the Mosquito evaluation.

In addition to the player evaluation, individual maturity (physical and emotional), overall benefit to the player, any league rules of either Little League Canada, Baseball Canada, Baseball Alberta or other baseball/softball affiliations regarding player movement will be used to determine the approval or denial of the player movement request.

In order for the player to qualify to play at the higher age level the player must evaluate no lower than 16th overall, for the age classifications from ages eight (8) through thirteen (13), and no lower than 12th overall, for the age classifications from fourteen (14) through eighteen (18). If the player ranks outside of these parameters the player will be returned to their current age group for the current year baseball season.

In the event that the player ranks in the top twelve (12) or sixteen (16) players, as previously defined, said player will be evaluated with all other prospective travel team players. Based on the evaluation, and using the same criteria as defined above, the VP of Player and Coach Development, the manager and assistant coaches of the travel team will determine the players' inclusion on the travel team.

OMBA executive council reserves the right to move players between divisions in order to balance teams or if OMBA determines that it is in the best interest of the players.

### **Request to Play at a Lower Age Level**

Requests to play at a lower age level apply only to house league teams. Players who participate on travel teams are not eligible to play at a lower age level as governed by any league rules of Little League Canada, Baseball Canada, Baseball Alberta or other baseball/softball affiliations regarding player movement.

In order for the request to play at a lower age level to be granted by the VP of Player and Coach Development, (OMBA executive council in his absence), a criteria demonstrating that the player will benefit from moving down a level must be demonstrated.

In addition, it must be demonstrated that the movement to a lower age level will not place other players at the age level in a position of physical injury due to the physical maturity of the older player. Other considerations that may be taken into account are emotional benefits or hardships of all other players effected.