



PLAYERS EVALUATING UP PROCESS

South Bow River Rockies Association (SBR) runs five divisions of softball for ages U9+. These divisions follow Softball Alberta's Provincial divisions, A, B, C and D, with A being the highest level of softball an athlete can play in the province of Alberta. We acknowledge that while most players typically develop better within their age-appropriate category, we understand that exceptionally talented players may seek opportunities to compete in the next age category within the association.

This policy governs the process and criteria for athletes wishing to try out for an older age category within SBR. Note that this policy is only applicable for players trying out for the Division A Teams of U13 and above, and not applicable for any athletes wanting to play an age division up for divisions B, C, or D.

Criteria and Procedures:

1. Eligibility:

- Players in U13 and up may evaluate for a higher age group. Players in U7, U9, and U11 are not eligible.
- Athletes are eligible to try out for an older age category only if they are in the second year of their current age category.

2. Evaluation for Division 'A' Team:

- To be considered for a Division 'A' team in the older age category, athletes must rank in the top 6 overall among players in that age category based on evaluator assessment at the ID Camp. This assessment includes technical skills, tactical understanding, physical abilities, and overall performance consistency.

3. Team Placement Consideration:

- Placement on a team in an age category above where an athlete belongs is not guaranteed. Final decisions on team composition will be based on the head coach decisions of each age category.

Procedure Overview:

- Athletes interested in playing up should initiate the process by contacting the association via email at coordinator@sbrsoftball.com.
- They will participate in the ID Camp for their selected age category.
- Head coach will make the final decision for team placement.
- Should the athlete not make the team for the older age category, they will be considered for Division A team placement on their current age category.