



Olds Minor Softball Association

General Policies

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Values

OMSA believes that it is important for each of its athletes to be placed on a team with the appropriate competitive level of play.

OMSA believes that all athletes should be placed in an environment that allows them to best develop their skills in the sport of Softball.

OMSA expects the highest standard of conduct from its athletes, parents, coaches, and executive members.

Determining Provincial Level For Association Teams

OMSA believes it is the best interests of our program and our athletes to compete in the appropriate level of play at Provincial championships.

APPLICATION

- As a general rule, the coaching staff of the team along with representatives from the Association shall determine the appropriate category for entry into provincial competition.
- It should be the on-going goal of the Association to strive for a level of play that would allow our teams to compete at the highest level in each age category.
- The existence of multiple teams at any level does not mean that they need to be registered in consecutive provincial levels

Any team competing in GPLS shall compete at the same level or higher in provincial play. Board approval must be obtained to compete at a lower level.

Moving Players Out of Age Designated Playing Level

As a general rule the Association will not allow a player to play out of their age category unless the older age category does not have sufficient players

Application

- Any request to move a player out of the designated age category must be made through the Association president, prior to commencement of the season in question. Such request must be in writing and shall be received no later than March 15 of the year in question
- No decision about placement of players can be made until the registration forms have been collected and numbers of players at the given levels are established by the Registrar
- No coach shall actively recruit a player from a lower age level to move to a higher age level
- If it is determined the numbers at two given age levels may warrant a consideration of player movement a three-member committee shall be established
- That committee consists of the coach of the age appropriate team for the player in question, the coach of the higher age level team and the Association president
- The association President alone shall make the decision after meeting with the two coaches involved
- The decision of the President or designate can be appealed to the full board. Such appeals must be in writing within seven days of the initial contact regarding the decision of the President or designate

Conflict of Interest Guidelines

- If the association President is the coach of one of the team involved or has a player on either of the involved teams, the Registrar will render the decision
- If the child in question is the daughter/son of one of the committee members, they must excuse themselves from the committee and their position will be filled by an executive member appointed by the Board
- It is recommended that the executive member appointed not have a

daughter/son on either of the teams involved