



BVSA Age Advancement Policy

- 1) A BVSA player may request an age advancement via written application to the BVSA Board 7 days prior to the close of A registration. Only players who are in their second year of their age category will be considered for age advancement.
- 2) Registration and payment must still be completed with their proper age group. Example: U15 player wanting to age advance to U17 must register in U15.
- 3) Pitchers and catchers requesting age advancement, will only be invited if numbers in the older age group is in need of said positions.
- 4) The player will complete their evaluation with their own age group and scores will be incorporated with the age group they are wanting to advance to. I.e: A player who registers in their appropriate U15 age group, will be scored against the U17 evaluations. This is only players for "A" ball.

For U11, U13, U15, U17 and U19 "A" age advancement:

- Players must rank with their scores in the top 10 of the age advanced division evaluation. **Example: U15 player rank 2nd in U15 A evaluations, and with their scores ranks 8th within the U17 age division, they may be placed on a U17 A Flash team**
- If a player ranks below 10th they will be placed on their respective age appropriate A Flash team. **Example: U15 player ranks 7th in U15 A evaluations, but ranks 12th with their scores in the U17 division, they will remain on the U15 A Flash team.**
- **This will only be approved if it does not affect the number of players at either of the affected age groups or at the discretion of the board.**
- **Consideration will be given as to how the "play up" will impact the two teams involved as well as the number of players within each age classification.**
- **The request will be denied if the "play up" will displace an age-appropriate player that would otherwise have played as determined by the team selection process.**
- **There will be NO friend requests for age advancement. An age advanced player will be placed on the team that is in need of extra players.**

For U11, U13, U15, and U17 AA age advancement:

At this time, this is the directive of Softball Manitoba for AA...

“This is a development program and age advancement will not occur. There will be no displacement of a player from their age eligible category by an age-advanced athlete. If the need to age advance an athlete exists, it would occur from the ‘A’ to the ‘AAA’ program. Under extenuating circumstances only, a region may be exempt from the age advancement policy in order to form a **single** team in an age category, subject to the approval of the Softball Manitoba Board. No displacement of an eligible athlete and formation of only one team at that particular age category are requirements to access the exemption.”

Example: If the U15 AA team have over 16 eligible players, and the U17 AA team has only 10 eligible players, then approval by Softball MB may be obtained to advance a player from the U15 AA group.