



## BVSA Team Formation Policy

\*PLEASE NOTE: Policy subject to change at discretion of BVSA board\*

### **“A” Flash Formation**

1. BVSA will hold evaluations at the U11 age level and up. Teams will be formed based on evaluation scores considering skill levels, and availability of pitchers and catchers.
2. Friend requests (maximum two) will be taken at all age levels. Requests must be mutual. All attempts will be made to honor except where pitchers are needed.
3. Team Formation at `A` will be completed after the evaluations. Teams will be equally balanced and formed based on registration numbers, available coaches, scores, available pitchers/catchers, and friend requests.
4. Evaluation scoring will evaluate all players on general skills involved in softball.
5. The only people allowed in the team formation meetings will be the BVSA President (or VP/designate), Long term development/Timbits director, and the AA/AAA liaison director. Final team formations will be approved by the BVSA president.
6. Coaches will be notified once team formations are completed.

### **“AA” Bolts Formation**

1. BVSA will hold tryouts at the U11-U17 AA level.
2. There will be no friend requests at the AA level.
3. The number of players on an AA team will be to the discretion of the BVSA board, however will try to follow the minimum and maximum outline for each level when possible. (minimum of 9 and maximum of 16) Final decision will be made by the selected coaches.
4. AA Teams will be formed according to final scores and the following criteria
  - Players must score in the top 75% of tryout participants to qualify for placement on a AA team
  - For U15 AA and U17 AA top 2 pitchers and top 2 catchers based on combined tryout scores
  - Following 6 players are to be invited based on score ranking, until all 6 positions are accepted
  - Remaining players on the team will be invited based on the coaches discretion

- For U11 AA and U13 AA top 3 pitchers and top 2 catchers based on combined tryout scores
  - Following 5 players are to be invited based on score ranking, until all 5 positions are accepted
  - Remaining players on the team will be invited based on the coaches discretion
5. Number of “AA” level teams will be determined based on the number of players and skill level of the players trying out for that level. The recommended number of ‘AA’ teams for each level is as follows:
    - a. U11-1
    - b. U13-1
    - c. U15-1
    - d. U17-1
  6. Coaches for the “AA” level teams will be determined by the number of people who provide interest in coaching an AA team. If more than one coach applies, an interview may be held and conducted by the BVSA president (or delegate) and the BVSA coaching director. Providing that the coach’s children finish in the top 75% and no conflict exists.
  7. The only people allowed in the team formation meetings will be the BVSA President (or VP/designate), AA/AAA liaison director, and the Long term Development Director. For the final discretionary player selections, the AA coaches selected from each respective team will be included. Once scores are tabulated by 2 BVSA board members, if the children of the 3 committee members have tried out for AA and have not finished in the top ranked player selections of their age group, the affected member will remove themselves from the final formation of when coaches choose their remaining players.

**Note: The above steps will be taken provided that there are coaches willing to step up and/or have players who finish in the top pitcher/catcher or player positions. It may be necessary to award the coaching position to a coach whose child does not make the top ranked players in order to be able to submit a team resulting in a player being awarded a position that they do not meet the outlined criteria for.**

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