

Quaker Valley Baseball
Play Up Policy: Spring 2018 Season
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In general, the Quaker Valley Softball & Baseball Operating Committee (QVSB) does not allow baseball players to play up to the next age group. We recommend all children play within their defined age groups. However, there are circumstances, principally involving issues of player safety, where QVSB will grant exceptions. These exceptions typically are granted at the 8U Coach Pitch Level. There is a wide spectrum of talent, ability and experience within the 8U age group. Some children have mastered age appropriate hitting and fielding while other children in this age group are playing baseball for the first time. Matching skills to the appropriate league (8U Coach Pitch vs. 10U Kid Pitch) advances the development of all players. This policy of matching skills also incorporates safety concerns. For example, a strong, experienced player throwing a baseball to a player learning how to catch might result in injury.

Decisions by QVSB regarding play up requests from parents are made after registration has closed in February 2018 and enrollment numbers are known within each age group.

The following is the process to request playing up from 8U Coach Pitch (9/1/2009 – 8/31/2011) to 10U Kid Pitch (5/1/2007 – 8/31/2009):

- A request to play up from 8U to 10U will be considered if each of the following four part criteria is met:
 - (1) The child must have played at least 1 full year of 8U Coach Pitch.
 - (2) The child must be less than 1 year younger than youngest eligible age for 10U division. Specifically, the child's birthday must fall between September 1st, 2009 and August 31st, 2010.
 - (3) There is room on the 10U rosters to accommodate another player. If rosters are full then the 8U player will not be allowed to play up.
 - (4) If playing up to 10U depletes 8U rosters and thus 8U will be unable to field full rosters then the 8U player will not be allowed to play up.
- If all of the above criteria is met, the parent may request having their child play up and will need to do the following:
 - (1) E-mail the QVSB Operating Committee member listed in the registration e-mail (dfallgren@qvsb.org).
 - (2) Register your child for 8U Coach Pitch. If approved to play up in February 2018, the registrar will move your child from 8U to 10U.
 - (3) 8U players selected to play up will be required to pay the difference between the 10U fee and 8U fee.
- Once a parent commits their child to play up to 10U, the child will participate in 10U for the next three seasons. For example, if a child plays up to 10U beginning in Spring 2018, he will play 10U in the Springs of 2018, 2019 & 2020. The child will not be permitted to play up to 12U in the Spring of 2020.
- The 8-year-old playing up might be eligible to play for the 9-year-old Sunday Spring Travel team. The decision for eligibility is made by the 10U Commissioner in consultation with the QVSB Operating Committee.
- The 8-year-old playing up might be eligible to play for the 9-year-old Summer Tournament team. Prior to the Summer Tournament team selection process, the 10U Commissioner in consultation

with the QVSB Operating Committee will determine if any 8-year-old players should be considered for summer baseball.

- The following year (Spring 2019), the child now age 9, will be eligible to play on the 9-year-old Sunday Spring Travel Team and the 9-year-old Summer Tournament team if selected. Therefore, the child playing up is deemed age 9 for two consecutive years (Spring 2018 & Spring 2019).
- The 8-year-old playing up to 10U forgoes their eligibility to play on the 8U Coach Pitch Summer Tournament team.
- All decisions of the QVSB Operating Committee are final.

6U T-ball & 6U Modified Coach Pitch (9/1/2011 – 8/31/2013) request to play up to 8U Coach Pitch:

- The entire age range is now based on school year (September to August) within this division. Therefore, requests to play up to 8U to be with classmates is no longer applicable. If a child has played at least 1 year with 6U Modified Coach Pitch and their participation at 6U Modified Coach Pitch would be a safety concern due to their advanced ability, an exception may be granted by the QVSB Operating Committee to play up to 8U Coach Pitch.

10U Kid Pitch (5/1/2007 – 8/31/2009) request to play up to 12U (5/1/2005 – 4/30/2007):

- A request to play up from 10U to 12U will be considered if each of the following five part criteria is met:
 - (1) The 10 year olds birthday falls within the alternative modified age range (birthday between 5/1/2007 and 8/31/2007).
 - (2) Would like to play baseball with his classmates (the child of the parents requesting to play up is currently in 5th grade).
 - (3) The 10-year-old would be considered a top 10 player amongst the 11 year olds as judged by the 10U Commissioner, 12U Commissioner and QVSB Operating Committee.
 - (4) There is room on the 12U rosters to accommodate another player. If rosters are full then the 10U player will not be allowed to play up.
 - (5) If playing up to 12U depletes 10U rosters and thus 10U will be unable to field full rosters then the 10U player will not be allowed to play up.
- If all the criteria are met, QVSB will consider allowing a player to play up from 10U to 12U.
- The 10-year-old playing up might be eligible to play for the 11-year-old Sunday Spring Travel team. The decision for eligibility is made by the 12U Commissioner in consultation with the QVSB Operating Committee.
- The 10-year-old playing up might be eligible to play for the 11-year-old Summer Tournament team. Prior to the Summer Tournament team selection process, the 12U Commissioner in consultation with the QVSB Operating Committee will determine if any 10-year-old players should be considered for summer baseball.
- The following year (Spring 2019), the child now age 11, will be eligible to play on the 11-year-old Sunday Spring Travel Team and the 11-year-old Summer Tournament team if selected. Therefore, the child playing up is deemed age 11 for two consecutive years (Spring 2018 & Spring 2019).
- The 10-year-old playing up to 12U forgoes their eligibility to play on the 10U Kid Pitch Summer Tournament team.
- All decisions of the QVSB Operating Committee are final.

12U (5/1/2005 – 4/30/2007) request to play up to 14U Pony League (5/1/2003 – 4/30/2005):

- With rare exception, 12U players are not permitted to play up a season early to 14U Pony League.
- Parents may request an exception to have their child play up from 12U to 14U by contacting the QVSB Operating Committee member listed in the registration e-mail.
- All decisions of the QVSB Operating Committee are final.

Playing “Down”

QVSB will consider allowing a child to play down to a younger age group if deemed in the best interest of the child and their development. For example, a 9-year-old child is registered to play baseball for the first time and has no baseball experience. QVSB will consider having the child play their first season at 8U Coach Pitch rather than 10U Kid Pitch to learn the fundamentals of the game. Parents should reach out to the QVSB Operating Committee person listed in this e-mail to discuss specifics with their child’s unique situation.

Call-Ups

Call-ups are used to fill in when a team is short a player and therefore must recruit from a younger division in order to avoid a forfeit. The use of call ups is separate from playing up. Call-ups are used in isolation for an occasional game whereas the play up policy is for a full season.