

South Farmington Baseball & Softball

Early Advancement Policy - Baseball

The South Farmington Little League (SFL) board discourages playing up in a division for which a player is not eligible due to age, however, we will consider exceptions on a case by case basis for early advancement for the spring season. The following is our policy regarding such advancement. This policy is for baseball only and uses the player's fundamental skill levels to determine whether or not the player is allowed to advance to the higher division. **It does not consider a player's desire to play with their friends or for a certain manager.**

1. A player must be four-years-old by December 31st to be eligible for the T-Ball Division. Children younger than this will be encouraged to participate in introductory programs offered by organizations such as the YMCA or private companies such as The Bullpen or Total Sports.
2. A player who has played two years in the T-Ball Division can advance to the 8U Division regardless of age.
3. SFL strongly discourages early advancement. However, should a player wish to do so, their parent or guardian must complete the Early Advancement Request Form. The form must include signatures from the player and parent or guardian. SFL staff will then submit the form to the player's most recent manager and league director for endorsement. The form will then be submitted to the baseball commissioner for review. A formal skills evaluation may be scheduled at the discretion of the commissioner. To qualify for advancement to Minors or Majors, the player must have attained a 74% overall on his player rating from his previous manager.
4. If a formal skills evaluation is deemed necessary, based on player rating and discussions with SFL, it will be conducted by the following "Skills Evaluation Board"
 - Baseball Commissioner (or designee)
 - Director of the player's most recent league (or designee)
 - Director of the league the player wants to advance to (or designee)

A unanimous agreement of all three evaluators is required for advancement..

5. The formal skills evaluation shall include the following categories:
 - Defensive Skills
 - Hitting
 - Pitching (If Applicable)
6. There will be single day scheduled for this advancement process prior to the draft, this is usually held in late February or early March.
7. Parents of early advanced players will only have the opportunity to coach if there are an insufficient number of coaches available for that age division while his child is underage for that division. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the baseball commissioner.

South Farmington Little League
Early Advancement Request Form - Baseball

The following baseball player is formally requesting early advancement from one division to another within South Farmington Little League. This form must be completed and submitted on the date scheduled for tryouts and move ups (please see the website for the scheduled date)

Upon initial endorsements for the players potential for early advancement, the player's parent or guardian will be contacted and a formal skills evaluation will be scheduled.

Player's Name: _____

Player's Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Phone Number: _____

League & Coach played in Last Year: _____

League the Player Desires to Play in This Year: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

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Most Recent Manager's Name: _____

Most Recent Manager's Phone Number: _____

Most Recent League Director's Name: _____

Most Recent League Director's Phone Number: _____

Baseball Commissioner's Name _____

Baseball Commissioner's Phone Number _____

Most Recent Manager's Endorsement: _____

Most Recent League Director's Endorsement: _____

Baseball Commissioner's Endorsement: _____