



Buffalo Baseball Association Grade Level and Playing Up Policy

USSSA/ USA Baseball uses a May 1st cutoff birth date to determine eligibility for travel teams. This means whatever age a player is on April 30th of the current year will be their age for the current baseball season.

In addition to this, the BHBA will allow for all players to play with their grade level.

Grade Level Policy

As stated below, there are no special requirements for a player to play with their age or grade. If any player has a May through August birthday (5/1 - 8/31) and was not held back a grade in school, they will be allowed to play with their age group instead of their grade level with no special

requirements. They may try out for their current age travel teams OR their grade level teams. Please note what level the player is trying out for on registration forms.

For example, if a player was born on 5/27/2013 and started school when they turned age 5:

- Their legal travel baseball age for 2024 is age 10
 - They are in the 5th grade
 - Thus, they can try out for the 10U travel teams (their current age) OR the 11U travel teams (grade level)
 - Whichever level they try out at will be the level which they will play for the duration of the season. The BHBA reserves the right to reach out the parents of the player to discuss possible moving up or down depending on team sizes and tryout results. They will not be moved to the top team at either or any level.
- Playing up not described above- Player/ players wanting to play up not grade level

Player's parent will/ must notify the BHBA by sending an email to buffalohanoverbaseball@gmail.com stating players name has requested to play up prior to the January board meeting of that year's tryout. The BHBA board will gather as much information

as possible about the player's skill level from coaches, umpires, and others as needed to make an informed decision for the player.

If a player is approved to play up, they will try out with that age level.

- A player is not guaranteed to make the top team.
- Players will have to play at that age level for that season.

BHBA Board Decisions are final

Any questions?

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