



NEW RICHMOND FASTPITCH CLUB

Player Placement Policy

1. Purpose

New Richmond Fastpitch Club (NRFPC) is committed to providing each player with a positive, safe, and developmentally appropriate softball experience.

This Player Placement Policy establishes the principles, criteria, and requirements used by NRFPC when determining player placement and travel team roster decisions.

Player placement decisions are designed to support the growth of individual athletes while maintaining competitive balance, team success, and alignment with the goals and values of NRFPC.

The organization recognizes that players develop at different rates and that appropriate placement allows athletes to receive meaningful opportunities, build confidence, and continue to improve their skills.

2. General Player Placement Philosophy

NRFPC's philosophy is that players should participate within their designated USA Softball age division whenever possible.

Placement decisions are based on the needs of the player, the team, and the organization. While tryout results are an important consideration, final placement decisions are based on the totality of available information, including skill development, readiness, maturity, commitment, and team composition.

Player placement decisions are made through the NRFPC tryout and rostering process using the evaluation information and procedures established in the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines. Parent requests, previous team placement, or any single factor alone do not determine placement.

3. Eligibility Considerations

NRFPC travel team placement shall be limited to players who meet NRFPC registration requirements and applicable eligibility standards established by NRFPC, USA Softball, and other applicable governing organizations.

Players must reside within the New Richmond School District, attend a school within the New Richmond School District, or otherwise meet NRFPC eligibility requirements.

Players who do not meet the standard residency or attendance requirements may be considered for participation only with Executive Board approval. Approval shall be determined on a case-by-case basis and does not guarantee placement on a travel team.

4. Evaluation and Rostering Process

NRFPC shall establish a Rostering Committee, appointed by the Executive Board, responsible for developing roster recommendations and applying the evaluation procedures established in this Player Placement Policy and the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines. The NRFPC Rostering Guidelines establish the committee's composition, responsibilities, and procedures for applying this Player Placement Policy.

Player placement decisions shall be made using the evaluation information and placement factors identified in this policy and applied through the procedures established in the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines.

5. Play-Up Policy

Playing up to an older age division is considered an exception to NRFPC's normal player placement process and is not intended to be a routine pathway for advanced players.

NRFPC's philosophy is that players generally benefit from competing within their designated USA Softball age division. However, in limited circumstances, a player may be considered for placement in an older age division when NRFPC determines that the opportunity is in the best interest of the player, the team, and the overall program.

Players wishing to be considered for placement in an older age division must submit a play-up request in accordance with the procedures established in the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines. Submission of a play-up request does not create an expectation of placement in the older age division.

The Rostering Committee shall evaluate eligible requests based on the criteria established in this policy and the procedures outlined in the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines.

NRFPC will not remove, displace, or eliminate an age-eligible player from a roster solely to accommodate a younger player moving up an age division.

6. Parent Communication and Expectations

NRFPC understands that families may have questions regarding player placement decisions. The organization is committed to communicating placement decisions respectfully while protecting the confidentiality of all players and evaluation information.

Questions regarding player placement decisions shall be addressed through the communication process established in Section 14 of the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines.

Player placement decisions are made based on the overall needs of the program and the evaluation information available through the NRFPC player placement process. Disagreement with a placement decision, by itself, does not constitute grounds for reconsideration.

7. Final Placement Authority

The Executive Board shall review roster recommendations to verify that the Rostering Committee followed the requirements of this Player Placement Policy and the procedures established in the NRFPC Rostering Guidelines before approval.

Executive Board review is intended to confirm compliance with NRFPC policies and procedures and is not intended to replace the evaluation judgment of the Rostering Committee.

The Executive Board retains final authority to approve all player placements and travel team rosters.

Once approved by the Executive Board and officially released, player placement and roster decisions made through the NRFPC player placement process are final unless a procedural error is identified that materially affected the outcome.

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