

St James Assiniboia Minor Baseball Association

Assiniboia West – Bord-Aire — Deer Lodge – Headingley -- Heritage Victoria – Kirkfield Westwood – Silver Heights – Sturgeon Creek

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Evaluations ~ Player Placements ~ Age Advancements

It is the intent of SJAMBA to ensure that all players registered to play in the limits of the SJAMBA are provided a safe, challenging and fun environment to play baseball.

The current age categories and levels of baseball available to all players are structured to ensure that all participants have an opportunity to play with the level of their current skills and development.

It is the position of the SJAMBA that the existing framework meets the needs of St. James players and therefore does not support or promote age advancement of players to higher levels or categories except in “special circumstances”.

SJAMBA recognizes that each player may be unique in his or her development and as such employs the following guidelines when considering requests for age advancement:

- Player demonstrates exceptional skill and development at the current level
 - SJAMBA will require independent assessment of player’s skills, which may include previous coaches or skills trainers
 - General rules of age advancement apply as indicated below.

- Player has already played at his/her current level for a two-year period
 - SJAMBA would consider this request up to and including 11U age players
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- Teams at the next age category require additional players to meet team roster requirements
 - SJAMBA would formally request players to be considered in this situation
 - SJAMBA would require the player to be a second year player in their current category
 - SJAMBA would require the written approval of the legal guardian(s).

General Rules:

- Requests for player advancement must be approved by the player's home Community Club Convenor
- Formal request to be made by the player's Guardian(s) in writing to SJAMBA.
- Formal request must be made prior to the first evaluation dates annually
- SJAMBA will review each case and rule as an independent request on an annual basis.
- Players may request age advancement up to and including the 13U age category
 - This is to ensure that highly developed and skilled players are able to play at the highest level attainable
 - Age advancements to the 15U and higher age categories must be requested by SJAMBA or the coach of the 15U and higher level team (*Invitation only – approved by SJAMBA*)
- Players that have been approved for age advancement are permitted to be evaluated at the competitive levels AA/AAA
 - Players of the proper age category will be given priority in similar skills assessment, to ensure proper development of all players
 - Therefore the player *must be assessed to be in the top five skill players overall to be selected.* (not determined by position)
 - SJAMBA will approve of the assessment process (independent appraisal)
 - Players not selected at the AAA level may be considered at AA if the top five criteria are met.
- Exceptions to this General Rule are 9U players requesting age advance to 11U, wherein the age advanced player will NOT be permitted to tryout for 11U AA. They will be permitted to play at the 11U 'A' level only.
- **The decision of the SJAMBA will be communicated in writing and is final.**