



2024 CHALLENGE UPS

If you are interested in challenging your child up to a higher division, please read the following guidelines. You will need to register your child for challenge ups and print and complete the Challenge Up Form and bring it with your player. Deadline to register is: December 31, 2023.

Challenge up guidelines:

(Age 4.5-5) Eligibility to play T-Ball:

The player can demonstrate the basic skill set at the challenge-up evaluation, as determined by the division chair. Some skills we are looking for at this age include but are not limited to: Basic understanding of team sports, ability to follow directions, safety swinging and around swinging bats.

The player must show the ability to follow directions and be deemed safe and aware on the field at all times. It is very rare that we allow a 4.5 year old to play T-ball due to team development and safety concerns. Prior team sport participation is highly recommended at this age.

(Ages 5-6) Challenging up to Minis:

The player must have played one year in their appropriate division; AND

The player can demonstrate the basic skill set at the challenge-up evaluation, as determined by the division chair. Some skills we are looking for include but are not limited to: Understanding of the basic rules of softball, ability to follow directions, field safety and awareness.

(Ages 7-8) Challenging up to Rookies:

The player must have played one year in their appropriate division; OR

The player played on the Steal Breeze summer ball or fall ball team in the immediately preceding season (or an equivalent travel ball team, as the board directors shall determine); AND The player participates in the scheduled draft for the division they wish to enter, and receives a proficient enough rating to be drafted, as determined by the division chair. S

(Ages 9-10) Challenging up to Minors:

The player must have played one year in their appropriate division; OR

The player played on the Steal Breeze summer ball or fall ball team in the immediately preceding season (or an equivalent travel ball team, as the board directors shall determine); AND The player participates in the scheduled draft for the division they wish to enter, and receives a proficient enough rating to be drafted, as determined by the division chair.

(Ages 11-12) Challenging up to Majors:

The player must have played one year in their appropriate division; OR
The player played on the Steal Breeze summer ball or fall ball team in the immediately preceding season (or an equivalent travel ball team, as the board directors shall determine); AND The player participates in the scheduled draft for the division they wish to enter, and receives a proficient enough rating to be drafted, as determined by the division chair.

In addition, the following general criteria will apply in all circumstances in the interest of player safety, health, skill development and positive experience:

- ★ No player may challenge up from their age appropriate division to a league beyond the next immediate higher league level (e.g. Mini to Rookies, Rookies to Minors, Minors to Majors).
- ★ Placement of a challenge-up player in the next higher division is conditioned upon that division having sufficient roster space for challenge-up players. Each division must give first priority to age appropriate players who have registered for the division.
- ★ In the event there are not sufficient roster spaces available for all successful challenge-up players, the players will be chosen in order of evaluation score.
- ★ All players seeking to challenge-up must sign up at the above link and bring the required form noted above.
- ★ Each division reserves the right to conduct one or more separate skill evaluations for all players seeking to challenge-up.
- ★ All decisions by division chairs with respect to challenge-up player evaluations and rankings or placement shall be final.
- ★ All division chairs reserve the right to refuse a challenge-up player's admittance into the higher league in any situation where the league director determines that the challenge-up player would not be well served by playing in the higher league for any reason that might jeopardize the player's health or safety, or the health and safety of other players, including, but not limited to ability, emotional maturity, and/or inability to follow basic instructions.

