

Move-up Policy

Provision 1: Move-ups at request of player or parent

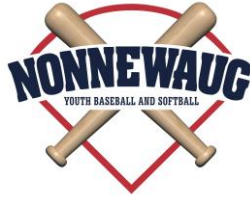
Background: Every year Nonnewaug Youth Baseball & Softball (NYBS) receives requests from parents/players for move-ups. It is recognized that every year there may be NYBS players that have a higher level of skill than those within their age-appropriate leagues. For these players their skills can only be strengthened through providing them a place to play and compete at a higher level. If allowed to move-up these players will gain the opportunity to play with others of similar skills and abilities. In addition, these players present an increased potential risk of injury when competing against their age-appropriate peers with substantially weaker skill sets. Furthermore, NYBS needs to stay competitive with the surrounding towns in our district. Currently, Southbury and Oxford allow player move-ups. NYBS is at risk of losing players to other towns as a result of denying players the opportunity to play at a level appropriate to their abilities.

To request a move-up, a parent must submit a formal written request to have the player evaluated for move-up. The players would then need to be formally evaluated and a decision made as to whether they have the necessary skills and abilities to move up to the next higher league. For leagues that have tryouts, the potential move-ups must attend the league tryout session to be evaluated alongside every other player. The results of this evaluation would serve as the basis for approval or disapproval of player move-up for Minors and Majors. Players will be evaluated by League Directors who will pass their recommendation to a Move-Up committee composed of our President, Player Agent, and Safety Director. The Move-Up Committee will make final approvals for move-ups. All approvals must be in place before any draft can be conducted.

For T-ball to Rookie move-ups a formal written request must be submitted to the league directors of T-ball and Rookie leagues. Move-ups at this level can occur after the initial draft based upon manager and parent request.

Players must complete at least one season at their age-appropriate level before requesting a move-up. Move-ups are restricted by age in the following cases:

- No 5 year olds are eligible to play Rookies
- No 7 year olds are eligible to play Minors
- No 9 year olds are eligible to play Majors
- No 11 year olds are eligible to play Seniors



Provision 2: Move-ups as necessary to ensure the best interests of NYBS players, teams and leagues are served

Background: Current policy already allows for player move-ups from Cal Ripken T-ball to Rookie league and across all Babe Ruth softball leagues when deemed necessary to serve the best interests of these NYBS leagues and teams. Provision 2 of this proposal simply expands upon current policy to include all Cal Ripken leagues. Approval of move-ups will require the signature of the parent/guardian of player(s) to be moved, the losing and gaining league directors (if any), player agent, safety director, and league president.

Conditions of Policy:

That no changes be made to the format of the gaining league based upon any player move-up.

Any approved move-up will be from the age-appropriate league to the next higher league only, i.e. no skipping of a league.

Any player applying for move-up must have completed one season in their age-appropriate league.

No player will be moved up without the written consent of that player's legal parent or guardian.

No league can "drain" another league so that the "giving" league loses a substantial portion of their players or teams.

This motion applies only to Cal Ripken baseball and Babe Ruth softball. It excludes Babe Ruth baseball.