

Player Eligibility

By default, players are assigned to leagues based on their **CURRENT** Grade level at the time of registration. **NOT** what grade they will be going into. Only players assigned to a team during the pre-season draft are eligible for play in the end of year playoff tournament unless a player was added afterwards by Board decision. Amherst Athletic Association will consider requests for children to play outside of the league a child would be placed in by default using the following criteria:

- After registering a child, a parent or guardian may request that a second-year player be allowed to play up one league. No earlier than their second year of Tee ball. Essentially playing at their age/grade, plus one year (Age +1). We expect this is being done with the child's best interest in mind and doing this will not create unusual risk to that child, children he/she play with/against, or have a negative effect on the competitive balance in the league they are moving up to. Under no circumstance, will the Amherst Athletic Association consider moving a child to/from another league for the sake of convenience or fondness. Player's parent/guardian will need to pay the price difference between the two leagues.
- AAA observes reasonable accommodation. Players may play with a younger group, provided a medical or educational professional states, in their professional opinion, it is in the best interest of the child to play at that age group, and will not present unreasonable risk to other children they are playing with.
- With that in mind a second year player may request being put back in the draft. AAA will allow second year players back into the yearly player draft, provided one of the following is satisfied. AAA makes allowance for a player to get out of a bad situation or avoid an issue. The concern expressed by majority board members is preventing a stacked team. A league administrator has the ability to make reentry conditional for the pursuit of balance. The condition may exclude placement with a certain team in pursuit of fair and balanced play.
- AAA serves the families and children in the Amherst School District and the City of Amherst. Players outside of that area may be allowed into the league and will observe all rules of the Amherst Athletic Association.
- Players must be 4 years old by May 1st the same year they are wishing to start tee-ball. For example, if you would like your child to play tee ball in 2023, they would need to turn 4 by May 1, 2023 in order to be eligible to sign up.