

## **Albion Player Placement Rules** **(Barre, Carlton, Sandstone, Vets, Rotary)**

1. T-Ball (ages 4-5) & Coach Pitch (Ages 6-7) Placement:
  - New T-Ball and Coach Pitch players will be assigned to teams primarily based on their home address to help maintain local connections.
  - Teams will be formed with an equal number of players to ensure balanced rosters.
  - There is no guarantee that players will remain on the same team year to year or when moving up to 9U.
2. 9U and 12U Placement:
  - All new 9U and 12U players must be registered with the league before team placement.
  - New players who register after the player placement date will be assigned to a team by the league using the same criteria as outlined below.
  - New players are not guaranteed to play for any team they desire.
  - When Coach Pitch players move up to 9U, they will be placed back into the player pool for reassignment.
  - Placement for new players and aged out coach pitch players will be based on multiple factors including desired team, home address, siblings that play, equal number of players at each age, the overall best interest of the league and competitive balance. While team preference for new players will be considered, it is not the only factor for placement.
  - Competitive balance and the integrity of the league are key factors for all player assignments.
  - Once placed on a 9U or 12U team, players cannot switch teams unless approved by the league commissioner under extraordinary circumstances on a case by case basis.
  - Players are expected to remain with their assigned 9U or 12U team each year to maintain consistency and team cohesion.

These guidelines help create fair, competitive, and well-balanced teams while maintaining the league's integrity.

## **9U & 12U Out-of-Town Team Placement Rules** **(Elba, Holley, Hamlin, Brockport, etc.)**

To ensure fairness, cooperation, and competitive balance and be consistent on how the Albion teams distribute players, the following guidelines apply to out-of-town teams at the 9U and 12U levels:

1. Equal Distribution of Players:
  - When a town has multiple teams, players should be evenly distributed across each team, ensuring an equal number of same-age players on each team.
  - The league's goal is to provide balanced rosters for all teams, avoiding situations where one team is significantly stronger than another.
2. No Intentional Stacking:
  - Teams may not be formed with the intent of loading up or stacking one team with a disproportionate number of players at a particular age, skill level or experience.
  - All team assignments should be made with the best interest of the league in mind, prioritizing fairness and competitive balance.
3. Cooperation Between Out-of-Town Coaches & League Officials:
  - Coaches and league officials from towns with multiple teams must work together to ensure fair and even team distribution.
  - Any disputes or concerns about team placement will be reviewed by the league commissioner, whose decision will be final.
4. League Oversight & Adjustments:
  - The league reserves the right to review and adjust rosters if an imbalance is identified.
  - Any team suspected of unfairly stacking its roster may be subject to reassignment of players or other league action to maintain fairness.

By enforcing these rules, the league ensures that all players have a fair and enjoyable experience, with equal opportunities for growth and competition.

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