



## **AMFA REP PROGRAM TRYOUT POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

The Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association (“AMFA”) aims to strengthen our community by connecting citizens under a common interest and allowing every child to explore the joy of sport while honoring our core values of commitment, passion, effort, integrity, and equality.

The purpose of this Rep Program Tryout Policy is to ensure that team coaches, managers, athletes and parents are informed of the AMFA's stance on playing within birth year and where specific exceptions may apply.

### **POLICY**

1. The AMFA will support athletes playing within their birth year whenever possible.
2. For athletes playing in the U13B to U19B divisions, playing within the birth year will be enforced. Athletes will not be permitted to play up or down an age category, nor will they be eligible to play on an older team within their age category.

*Example: An athlete born in 2013 will be eligible to tryout for the 2013 B team, but not the 2012 B team, even if the 2012 B team is in the athlete's age category.*

- a) There is an exception to the general rule set out in paragraph 2 for athletes who are currently playing with the AMFA at the inception date of this policy. These athletes will be grandfathered in and allowed to continue to try out for the team they previously played on.

*Example: An athlete born in 2008 may continue to tryout for 2007 team that they have played on before.*



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3. For athletes playing in U11B, those who are in the younger birth year of the two birth years will not be permitted to move to U13 early. All athletes trying out for U11 will attend the same tryout session(s) and rosters for U11 teams will be balanced according to skill level (i.e. one team will not be comprised of the top ranked athletes but rather these athletes will be distributed as equally as possible among the U11 teams).

*Example: An athlete born in 2015 who makes either of the 2014/2015 teams must continue to play with the 2015 players in U11 until they age into U13.*

4. For athletes in any birth year where there is not an A team, athletes will be encouraged to try out for an A team that is one birth year older than the athlete. Athletes will not be permitted to tryout for an A team that is younger than their birth year.

*Example: An athlete born in 2010 may try out for the 2009A team. If this athlete is successful in the tryout process, they would be able to move up with that team continually if they are successful at tryouts.*

5. Athletes will be permitted to tryout for a team that is older than their birth year only after they have tried out and been released by their birth year team.
6. The head coach remains ultimately responsible for determining the final team roster, in compliance with this policy. Any exemption requests must be approved in writing by the President, VP of Development, or the Rep Coordinator.
7. Team rosters must be finalized and submitted to the Registrar, VP Development and Rep Coordinator within 48 hours of tryout completion (24 hours is preferable).



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