

Bath Parents Sports Club Play Up Policy

The goal of the Bath Parents Sports Club is to keep players of the same age, physical and emotional maturity together and to protect the integrity of each age level. We believe that individual players and the program as a whole benefit from this policy.

As a general rule, players ***will not*** be allowed to play outside the age level they are classified within as determined by birth date and/or grade. Although rare, BPSC recognizes that there are circumstances that would suggest a player to play in an age division above their own. Permission to “play up” will be considered only after the following process has been followed.

This will be done on a case-by-case basis with the following considerations:

- Allowing too many players to move up in an age weakens the age-appropriate group and jeopardizes the formation of a team and the integrity of the program as a whole.
- If, by playing up in the next age level, the player leaves an age-appropriate team without sufficient numbers to field a viable team, the underage player will be required to play at his/her appropriate age level.

Additional criteria for consideration includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Recommendation of previous year’s coach
- Physical and mental capability of the player
- Benefit of team affected by coaching - may mean approval to move up is allowed if player’s parent coaching older age team

Play Up Request Process

1. The parent/guardian must complete and sign the Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver.
2. The parent/guardian must submit their request to the respective sport director prior to the registration deadline for the sport that is being considered.
3. The Bath Parents Sports Club will notify the parent/guardian of the decision regarding the Play Up Request prior to the formation of teams for the sport that is being considered.

There is no grandfather clause. A new request must be made for each sport and each season.

Date Received: _____ Received By (initials): _____

**Bath Parents Sports Club
Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver
For Players Requesting Play-Up**

Print Name of Participant: _____ Birth date: _____

Assigned Age Level: _____ Desired Play-Up Level: _____

I/We _____, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of
_____ request that he/she be permitted to play-up to the next age level in
_____ (sport) for the following reason(s):

I have read and understand the Bath Parents Sports Club Play Up Policy and agree to all the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements that apply.

I understand that requesting my child to play up does not guarantee approval.

I understand that Bath Parents Sports Club strongly recommends that players play in their appropriate birth date/grade level group . I understand and appreciate that in playing up, the risk of injury may be greater and while particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.

By my child's participation, I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold Bath Parents Sports Club harmless from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages caused as a result of my request.

I understand and agree to accept these conditions of participation.

Participant Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____