



## BMBA TEAM FORMATION POLICY

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This policy defines BMBA's principles, identifies the decision makers, and lists the steps that must be followed to execute our team formation goals.

### PRINCIPLES

Regular season teams at BMBA's Tadpole, Mosquito, PeeWee A and Bantam A levels must be:

- balanced in terms of player talent, experience, gender and age;
  - focused on individual player development – not team success; and
  - exposed to similar training support and scheduling.
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In order to achieve the principles, we recommend the following strategies be implemented.

### COACHING TEAMS & PLAYER PROTECTION

- a coaching team is defined as a head coach and one assistant;
- a second assistant can be named with approval from the coordinator;
- children of a coaching team will be included in that team; and
- coaches named to each team will be the only individuals permitted to be present on the diamond during a game.

### PLAYER EVALUATION

- all players will be evaluated by the coordinator and divisional coaches prior to team placement;
- evaluations will be based on pitching (Mosquito and up), throwing, catching, fielding, hitting and knowledge of game;
- an evaluation report will be completed for each participant; and
- players not participating in an evaluation will not be permitted to play until this process is complete.

### TEAM FORMATION

- teams will be formed to best achieve the BMBA principles above;
- teams will be balanced as indicated through the evaluation process;
- BMBA coordinators and directors will be responsible for all team member selections;
- prior to Picture Day, the coordinator is given authority to adjust team player content;
- coaches will not be permitted to trade players without the coordinator's consent; and
- parents or coaches may request individual player placements, however these will not be of primary concern when building teams.

### PLAY-UPS

- BMBA will refer to existing 'Player Promotion Guidelines' when considering applications.

### PLAY-DOWNS

BMBA recognizes that player's individual skill sets are occasionally not developed enough to enter the next division. When playing at this level, players expose themselves to risks sufficient enough for the Association to recommend that the player remains in a lower division. This will be achieved with consultation of the parents, where options for player participation will be presented.

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