



of Greenfield Area Minor League Youth Baseball, Inc.

I. General Information

- A. Players ages will be determined by Greenfield Area Youth Minor League Baseball (GMLB).
- B. A Player is eligible for GMLB if he or she has reached his or her 6th birthday by April 30th and cannot have reached his or her 13th birthday before May 1st of the current year.
- C. A completed CORI request form is required for all managers, coaches and volunteers.
- D. A player may register online with GMLB while the registration period is open. Any late or subsequent player registrations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with final approval determined by the Board of Directors.
- E. A player registering after the scheduled registration dates may pay an increased registration fee.
- F. All players, managers, coaches, umpires, and concession stand volunteers registered with GMLB are covered by insurance purchased by the GMLB.

II. Tryouts

- A. All players must attend tryouts as assigned. Exceptions due to extenuating circumstances must be reported to the League.
- B. At the time of tryouts, those evaluating the players will receive a list of all players registered for tryouts. This list will group players by age.
- C. The goal of the tryouts is to evaluate all players to determine skill level and which Division (Majors, AAA, AA or Rookies) a player should be in. While age may be a factor, ability, and level of physical and emotional maturity to play in each division.
- D. New players who are likely to be evaluated for Rookies (age 7, 8 and below) may be given the option of not trying out and going directly to Rookie division. Players will be given the option to try out if they so desire, as they may qualify for a higher division.

III. Divisions, Teams, and Draft

- A. After the tryouts, the Board of Directors, or GMLB evaluation team, will determine how many teams and which players should be in each division.
- B. Each year, the number of player registrations and players at each division level change and thus there may not be the same number of teams in the league or in each division as prior years.
- C. Each year, based on the number of divisions, teams, and player registrations resulting from tryouts and evaluations, the Board of Directors will determine whether to have a standard draft or reshuffling of the league in the best interest of competition.
- D. Players may change teams from year to year, even in the same division.
- E. Placement on a team or in a division will be decided by the Board of Directors. The board will take into consideration any concerns of the parents. The ultimate decision is that of the Board of Directors.
- F. Any returning AAA player not selected for the Majors will remain in the AAA division.
- G. All twelve (12) year old players will be given the opportunity to be assigned to the Majors Division.



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IV. Tournament Policies

- A. The GMLB tournament teams, aka "Greenfield Ducks" are competitive teams. No playing time is guaranteed.
- B. Possible tournament teams normally include 12U, 11U, 10U, 9U and 8U. Whether there will be a tournament team for any group will depend on volunteers to run them, and qualified player participation.
- C. The GMLB president will act as the Tournament Committee chairman and appoint up to five (5) committee members.
- D. The GMLB Treasurer oversees the finances of all the tournament and tournament teams.
- E. Anyone wishing to manage a tournament team must submit their name at least one week prior to the posted Board Vote for Tournament Managers.
- F. The Board of Directors will vote by majority to determine tournament manager for each team.
- G. The selection of the tournament teams will be done in a manner that promotes fairness to all players involved. Managers will select their tournament team, with approval by the Board of Directors.
- H. The selection of a player for a team will be made in consideration of several factors, including but not limited to: performance at a league-sanctioned tryout; performance during the regular season; and an objective and open analysis about a player's level of physical and emotional maturity and readiness for tournament-level play.
- I. Tryouts must be publicly posted a minimum of seven (7) days prior to their scheduled date and freely open to any eligible players. Initial tryouts for each team will be age appropriate GMLB rostered players including returning players for that team. If needed, a second tryout may be added for any of the teams for players outside of our league or for GMLB players whose tournament team could not form a team this year. The second try can include players who tried out in the 1st Tryout, or other GMLB rostered players as well.
- J. There is no minimum requirement on the team roster. GMLB suggested team roster is a minimum of 12, but the maximum is 15 as designated by Cal Ripken.
- K. League Age Requirements: Tournament teams are required to adhere to the same Cal Ripken age requirements as during the spring rec season. What does a player's "League Age" mean? A player's League Age is determined by his/her age on April 30th of the current year.
- L. GMLB has a longstanding philosophy that players should play with their own age groups. It is usually best for the player and the league as a whole and for long-term success in the tournament programs. This philosophy helps build from the bottom up and develop strong teams in every age group (i.e. 9-year-olds staying with 9-year-old, 10's with 10's, etc).
- M. For most, it is deemed that by the 10U team, that players are playing with their age group. Further, due to 50/70 field and other factors, players 10 and below should not play on 11U or above teams.



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- N. Player may be allowed to try out for an older age group should their age group not be able to field a team (usually this would occur in the 2nd Tryout of that team) or as approved by the Board of Directors.
- O. The duration of the tournament team commitment extends from selection to the end of tournament play.
- P. A player may be removed from the tournament team by that team's manager in consultation with, and with the approval of, the Board of Directors and player agent for any reason. Reasons for removal include but are not limited to: failure to adhere to the sportsmanship and safety regulations in the GMLB League Rules; tardiness/missing practices or games (except for medical reasons with a doctor's certification); or unsportsmanlike conduct or fighting/bullying. Parent/guardian behavior including but not limited to failure to adhere to the sportsmanship and safety regulations in the GMLB League Rules, may also serve as adequate reason to remove a player from the team.
- Q. Managers and coaches do not have the authority to override tournament policy.
- R. A player that quits or is removed from a tournament team may not be eligible to participate on a tournament team during the next season as determined by the Board of Directors (except if reason is for medical reasons with a doctor's certification).
- S. Parents will be expected to participate in tournament activities including but not limited to concessions, field maintenance, chaperoning, and fundraising.
- T. Any fundraising done for the tournament team must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.
- U. Additional expenses may be incurred by the player/parent during the tournaments such as travel expenses, food and accommodations.