Becker Youth Baseball Association

"Playing Up" Petition

Player Name _____

Birthdate _____

Age as of May 1st of 2026 _____

Team you are petitioning to play on: _____

The BYBA Board had a major turnover in the fall of 2021. After a great deal of feedback from coaches, players, and parents, it was voted on and approved to incorporate a "play with your age" policy in our bylaws. This was done for a few reasons – 1) Many and most other neighboring programs have this same policy putting their best players of each age group on the same team. 2) It is our belief that the program's success is best served having kids of the same age play together. The comradery and team building piece of the game comes together in greater fashion having these kids play together from year to year and not splitting them up. 3) When several the best players at a given age group "play up", as they have in previous seasons, Becker has struggled to compete. This happens because some of the best players at that age group are playing up stripping the age group of its best players.

With this being said, we also understand that occasionally there are extenuating circumstances where exceptions shall be made. As a board, we are open to hearing these exceptions and will meet and vote accordingly.

Why is the player petitioning to "play up"?

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I understand that this petition does not guarantee approval to "play up".

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Parent/Guardian Name ***Parent/Guardian Signature***

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