

# Carlsbad Youth Baseball

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## “And Under” Program Policy and Application

### Introduction

In October of 2008, PONY Baseball and Softball announced a new policy called “And Under.” This policy results in the creation of a new “And Under” PONY Age Grid, in which the ages of eligibility for each division are expanded by reducing the minimum age for each division by 2 full years.

PONY’s creation of the *And Under* Age Grid does not eliminate the *Traditional* PONY Age Grid. Instead, PONY is maintaining both Age Grids, and is providing local leagues with the option of which Age Grid to use for its programs.

The league’s selection of an Age Grid affects the eligibility of its players for each specific age Division, both for regular season and All Star Tournament play.

The selection of the *Traditional* or *And Under* Age Grid does not affect the age cutoff date, which remains on April 30<sup>th</sup> for both age grids.

The purpose of this document is to describe CYB’s policy and implementation details regarding the *And Under* program. As discussed below, these policies primarily impact players of league age 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14.

### Policy

Effective in the Spring Season of 2009, CYB will register all of our recreation league programs in the PONY *And Under* age divisions.

CYB’s *And Under* age divisions will be expanded by only ONE (1) year relative to the traditional Age Grid divisions. To illustrate:

- Pinto Age Eligibility will be league ages 6 to 8
- Mustang Age Eligibility will be league ages 8 to 10
- Bronco Age Eligibility will be league ages 10 to 12
- Pony Eligibility will be league ages 12 to 14
- Colt/Palomino Eligibility will be league ages 14 to 18

In addition to registering, players of league ages 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14, and who wish to participate in the “older division” must submit the attached application and attend tryouts for placement in that older division. The Player and Coach Agent, in consultation with the older division Commissioner and Managers, will determine whether to approve placement in the

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older division based on whether the applicant demonstrates the ability to play at a skill level in the top 67% of the older division's players, and whether the older division has capacity to absorb the additional player(s). The decision of the Player and Coach Agent shall be final and not subject to appeal.

Registered league age 8, 10, 12, and 14 players who are not approved for placement in the older division will be placed in the applicable younger division. (Example: a league-age 10 player who applies for the Bronco division but is not approved for placement will be placed in the Mustang division). Registered league age 6 applicants who are not approved for placement in the Pinto division will be issued a refund. Players who do not properly complete and submit the required application, and/or do not participate in the required tryout process, shall not be eligible for placement in the older division under any circumstances.

Applicants approved for placement in the older division may decline such placement by submitting written (or email) notice to the Player and Coach Agent at least 72 hours before the first division draft meeting of the season. In the case of league age 8, 10, 12, or 14 applicants, they will be placed in the appropriate younger division. Approved league 6 applicants who decline placement in the Pinto division will be issued a refund.

No player will be allowed to play in more than one division in the same season. Players shall be eligible for All Star participation only in the division in which they play.

### **Registration Procedures for Older Division Applicants**

(Note: Because the *And Under* program was adopted after the beginning of the Spring 2009 registration process, the following procedures shall apply for the Spring 2009 season. Registration procedures will be updated in the Fall of 2009 to streamline this process.)

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- 1) League Age 6 players must register by downloading and mailing (with payment) the "Spring Player Registration Form" on the *Forms* page of the website. On this form, they should select the Pinto Division, and write "And Under" on the Form. These players (as with all new players to the league), must also submit a birth certificate copy.
  - 2) League Age 8, 10, and 12 players must register, either by doing so online (in their *Traditional* Age Division; eg 10 year old in Mustang), or by downloading and mailing (with payment) the "Spring Player Registration Form" on the *Forms* page of the website. On this form, they should select the *Older* Age Division, and write "And Under" on the Form.
  - 3) League Age 14 players must register, either by doing so online (in their *Traditional* Age Division; eg Pony), or by downloading and mailing (with payment) the "Spring Colt Player Registration Form" on the *Forms* page of the website. On this form, they should select the *Colt* Age Division, and write "And Under" on the Form.
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- 4) All Players of league age 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 must provide a signed copy of the attached application, either by mailing this form with their registration paperwork, or by submitting it to the check-in table at the applied-for Older Division Tryouts.
  - 5) Applications received after the completion of tryouts will be automatically rejected.
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### **Tryouts and Application Disposition**

In addition to the above registration/application procedures, Players of league age 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 who desire to play in their respective older divisions, must also participate in a tryout for the older division. (E.g., a league age 12 applicant for Pony attends the Pony tryout).

(Note: applicants must notify check-in table personnel at the tryouts that they are applying for “Older Division” play, to ensure that the Commissioner has the application form. If a form has not already been submitted, forms will be available at the check-in table.)

The Commissioner and Managers for this older division, and the Player and Coach Agent, will evaluate whether the applicant meets the skill requirement for play in the applied for division.

(Note: since Colt division does not schedule tryouts, Older Division Colt applicants must contact the Colt Commissioner [[colt@carlsbadyouthbaseball.org](mailto:colt@carlsbadyouthbaseball.org)] to arrange a tryout schedule that is mutually convenient).

The Player and Coach Agent, following consultation with the older division Commissioner, will approve or disapprove the application. The Player and Coach Agent will then notify the player’s family, the League Registrar, the older division Commissioner, and the younger division Commissioner.

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## Application for Older Division Play

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### Player Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's First Name                      Last Name                      Initial                      Birthdate                      Division Applying For

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### Parent or Guardian Authorization & Waiver of Liability

I, the parent or guardian of this player, hereby request that the player named above be assigned to the division I have specified above, which is the older of the two divisions for which he is eligible. I understand that CYB will evaluate this application, and will render a decision on the application, and that this decision will be final without opportunity for appeal. Furthermore, if the application is approved and the player is placed in the older division, I acknowledge that CYB's maximum liability shall not be altered by player's placement in this division. Lastly, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree with the terms of the league's *And Under* program policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### BOARD DISPOSITION

Approved: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

If not approved, reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player and Coach Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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