

Hamilton Hurricanes Policy

“Playing Up” Divisions

Effective July 2021

It is the policy of HGSA that no players who are age appropriate in the 8U, 10U or 12U division are eligible to “play up” a division. All Hurricane players must play in their age appropriate division. The only exception to this policy is when a division within the players age group has no team offered at that age level. A player in this situation would be given the option to try-out for the next age division.

Example: No 10U team is offered for that season. The impacted players would be able to try out for the 12U team. Pending a tryout and being selected by the manager, the player would be able to be placed on the 12U team.

The above policy does not preclude a player from “guesting” for a division in a different division if the older team is short players. “Guesting” should be used in limited circumstances and the player guesting should be removed from the roster once the tournament they are guesting in is over.

The above policy also does not apply to players age appropriate in the 14U or 16U divisions. Players in these divisions are permitted to “play up” into a higher division.

Per USSSA, ASA and generally accepted softball rules a player can play up a division but can never “play down” into a lower age group.