

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF MIAMI LAKES**

**MOVE UP A DIVISION FORM**

**Moving a player outside of assigned age division**

Before making a request to move a child to another division, parents are urged to think about what is best for the child and not what they want for themselves. Age divisions are set to keep standard ages and abilities together. Baseball and softball are supposed to be fun; it is not fun to fail because you don’t have the ability to play in the division.

While the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes Baseball Committee would prefer zero players changing divisions, the Committee recognizes that there are a very small percentage of players whose abilities may warrant the player moving outside their appropriate age division.

The requirement for move ups is that the player must have played at least one year in the division from which they are requesting to be moved.

Standard Process for move ups

1) A written request (Move up form) to move the player to a different division must be made before the tryouts. The request must be submitted to the Club President, Director of Baseball/Softball, or Division Commissioner. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure the form has been received by one of the individuals above.

a. The request must be signed by the parents and all information on the form is required to be processed.

2) The parents and the player agree to accept the ruling of the Director of Baseball/Softball as the final decision. There will be no appeals.

3) The player must attend the division try-out and be evaluated by the Division Commissioner or the Director of Baseball/Softball.

a. If the player does not attend the tryout, the request will automatically be denied.

Evaluation Guidelines:

1) Be socially mature enough to play in the requested division

2) Have equal physical development to players in the requested division

3) Have equal skill to the average player in the requested division

4) The player not to be in any danger or cause any danger to another player in the requested

division.

NOTE: Players changing division may be at a disadvantage and in some cases may forfeit

eligibility for selection to an All-Star team.

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**Player Move-Up Evaluation Form**

The following form must be completed and sign by the parent. The form must be submitted to the Club President, Director of Baseball/Softball, or Division Commissioner prior to the Tryouts.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Player Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Division Requesting Move to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Did the player play at the Optimist Club of Miami Lakes last season? YES / NO

Reason for wanting to be evaluated for a move up: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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By signing this form, I understand that depending on the division, my child may need to attend a tryout for his/her age division. All decisions are final.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and send to [info@ocml.org](mailto:info@ocml.org) or hand deliver to the Club President, Director of Baseball/Softball, or Division Commissioner.

**INTERNAL USE ONLY**

**Division Commissioner Approval YES / NO Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Director of Baseball/Softball Approval: YES/NO Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**