**Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association Updated: Oct. 2014**

**PARTICIPANT PLAY-UP POLICY**

The Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association (SPWAA) Board recognizes that in rare and specific cases, it can be appropriate and beneficial to a player’s development for him or her to play-up to the next age classification or division. However, a balance needs to be struck to avoid placing the desire of a player above the legitimate opportunity for that individual to be successful in an older age classification or division.

There is an increased risk of injury for players participating outside of their designated age classification. SPWAA (Basketball) and Silverdale Baseball\* allow the movement in certain situations, if specific criteria are met and guidelines are followed. Parents should carefully consider the increased risks involved and follow the guidelines below when making a request to move a player into an older age classification. SPWAA Football does not allow any play-ups at any level at this time.

**In order to request a move-up to the next age classification, a player must first meet ALL of these three following criteria:**

1) A parent may request for their player to move up to the next age classification **IF** the player’s date of birth is within **6 months** of the normal age cut-off date for that sport. (Example #1: the SPWAA Basketball season cut-off date is July 31; players requesting to move up to the next age classification must have their birthday within 6 months after this date: January 31. Example #2: the Silverdale Baseball season cut-off date is May 1; any player requesting to move up to the next age classification must have their birthday within 6 months after this date: November 1; thereafter, players are not eligible to request a play-up evaluation.)

2) A player will not be permitted to move up more than one age/year classification/division. (Example: a first-year/9-year-old Mustang [baseball] player cannot be considered to move to the Bronco [baseball] 11- and 12-year-old division, as each Baseball division consists of two age group classifications.)

3) A player must have previously played one full SPWAA or Silverdale Baseball sport season\* in a division if that sport carries two age classifications in a division (i.e Silverdale Baseball. (**Example** **#1**: Player must have previously played one season of Pinto (Coach-pitch) baseball before being allowed to evaluate for a move up to the next level (Mustang; player-pitch) age classification. **Example #2:** An 8-year-old Pinto player that played in the Pinto division as a 7-year-old for one full Silverdale Baseball sport season would be allowed to request a move up to a first-year Mustang division age classification.) SPWAA Basketball, specifically levels D – AA are exempt from this rule, as each division carries only one age classification. In this regard, **EXAMPLE**: a player must have played one full sport season of D-level SPWAA basketball before being eligible for C-level and requesting to move to the B-level the following year.)

\***NOTE**: A transfer athlete (i.e. military family or otherwise newly moved to the area) may submit a request to include the organization previously played in and the contact information for that organization to confirm previous play level status.

**After meeting these criteria:**

• A **written request** must be submitted to the Registrar and [that sport] Athletic Director by the player’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to be considered and must be received 14 days **prior to the first day of play or the evaluation date** for that sport, whichever date comes first. This written request can be made via email and must include the following:

* Player’s date of birth
* Previous SPWAA sport and division played
* Reason for requesting the move to the next age classification

• Criteria for allowing players to play up in baseball will be based on the evaluation of the player’s skill and ability to contribute to the older team as well as the player’s coachability at that level of play compared to the older team’s players. The evaluation committee will not include a parent, sibling or other person, legally or otherwise, related to the player, or the potential coach of that player. The evaluation committee will not include coaches of the team losing or gaining the player, though they may be consulted. The player, requesting to move up, should be projected to be among and evaluated as an average or above-rated player on the move-up team/division. The evaluation committee will consist of four (4) to five (5) people, including the Vice President, Athletic Director and three coaches or selected personnel.

* Criteria for allowing players to play up in basketball will be based on meeting the 3 criteria stated above and the play-up coach willing to accept a player playing up on his team.

NOTE: A previous year’s evaluation rating will be included in the Move-Up evaluation.

• The Vice President, Athletic Director, and the Evaluation Committee will make the final decision on allowing a player to play-up based on the recommendations of that committee after the evaluation of the player.

• A player requesting to move up to the next age classification or division may NOT take a roster spot from a player of proper age for that age classification or division. (**Example**: if the placement of a 10-year-old Mustang player to the Bronco division bumps or displaces a player of true age for that [Bronco] division, the requesting player will be moved back to his proper age classification or division after all efforts have been made to place both players in the Bronco division.)

• Requests to move up will not carry over into any other season or sport, including All-Stars or Select teams. Players that have previously moved-up to a higher division or age classification will be required to try-out for their proper age classification and division for all Select and/or All-Star teams within SPWAA or Silverdale Baseball. Player’s receiving approval to move-up one season must repeat the request process in every sport and/or season thereafter.

• The SPWAA Board specifically reserves the right to reverse any decision allowing a player to play-up at any time. If a player that has moved up is experiencing difficulty, as determined by the SPWAA Board and/or Athletic Director, the board may reverse the decision that allowed the player to play up. In this case, the player will be placed on a similar level team within the player’s proper age classification.

• The player’s parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign a specific Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver acknowledging the risks associated with playing outside of a player’s proper age classification.

• Parent/legal guardian may not request a move-up for the purpose of siblings/friends to be on the same team or carpool purposes.

**NOTE:** Silverdale Baseball is not included in Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association Rules and regulations, nor is it governed by an outside entity, but is hosted by SPWAA as its own entity and league.

Silverdale Sluggers Select is also a separate entity that is not covered by this document, but carries its own policies, rules, and regulations.

**Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association**

**RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER**

**For Players Requesting to Play-Up**

Print Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proper Age Classification / Division: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Desired Play–Up Age Classification / Division: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I/We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ request that he/she be permitted to Play-Up to the next age division as defined by this document. I have read and understand the Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association Participant Play-Up Policy and agree to all the terms, conditions, and eligibility requirements that apply.

I understand that requesting to move up to the next age classification or division does not guarantee the ability to make a team and understand that even if a player makes an older age classification/team, SPWAA or Silverdale Baseball reserves the right to reverse that decision for any reason at any time.

I understand that the SPWAA and Silverdale Baseball recommends that players stay in the proper age classifications and divisions as defined by SPWAA, Silverdale Baseball, and the league they are participating in as appropriate for their birth year and date. I understand and appreciate that in moving up, the risk of injury will be greater and that the risk of injury from youth sports is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk; the risk of serious injury does exist.

By my child’s participating, **I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold Silverdale Pee Wee Adult Association, its officers, coaches, managers, league organizers, athletic directors, and members harmless from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney’s fees, or claims for injury or damages caused as a result of my request.

I understand and agree to accept these conditions of participation.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_