



Spring 2026 Bulletin

Dates, hosting consideration,
divisional splits



Key Changes

- Platform – while we will continue to use Sports Connect as our primary website and registration tool; however, we will be moving to Game Changer as our roster, schedule, game and standings management tool. Nearly everyone is familiar with the tool and should eliminate the one-off access issues
- Hosting – thanks to so many of you for rallying to be potential Spring hosts after the challenges we experienced in the Fall. Having visibility early coupled with the divisional split structure should work in tandem to further enhance the experience. A separate hosting guide is being posted to the website.
- Divisional Structure – by just over a 2-1 margin you decided to try splitting the divisions to start the season vice letting the records draw a cut line. In the slides to follow you will see additional information on the division structure and mechanism for correcting poor decisions



Divisional Splits



General Information (Divisions)

- Divisions are self-selected by the registering coach.
- Skill descriptions are provided in the slides to come and in the division descriptions to help you determine where to register your team.
- 8U and 13U typically do not have sufficient entrants to support multiple divisions therefore only one division is available for those ages. If it turns out we have significant numbers for those groups, we'll adjust as needed.
- Since we will be using Game Changer, you can (and should) schedule games with teams outside of your selected division (i.e. 9U Prospects team challenging themselves by playing against a 9U Premier team). It's recommended that you play at least one or two games to create some sense of certainty of your placement when tournament registrations open.
- Cross division games will count towards the 5-game requirement but will not count within your divisional standings. This should provide the flexibility and reward of playing different skill levels without the punishment of challenging your kids and possibly losing a game. (note you still need to play the majority of your games in-division)
- Changing Divisions – if it becomes evident that you registered for the wrong division (i.e. winning large repeatedly or losing large repeatedly) attempt to adjust your mid to late season schedule to play teams from the other division within your age group. This comparative assessment will be needed to support any upward or downward movement at tournament time.
- Tournament divisions – in general, when tournament registration opens, you will be required to register in the division for which you played during the season (>90% of the teams will fall into this category). Potential exceptions are:
 - Sandlot Division – as certain registration thresholds are hit, it may make sense to have a third tournament division (think old school Gold, Silver, Bronze). In the event we open a third tournament grouping, some movement may occur to balance tournament division sizing
 - Mid-season recognition of wrong placement – if it becomes evident you are either over-skilled or under-skilled in your division and you follow the protocol of readjusting your 2nd half schedule to attain the true litmus of where you should be placed, then consideration will be given to changing divisions come tournament time
 - Again – these changes will be exception based and aside from a third division should not impact most teams



Premier Division

- A history of playing together or a roster built from experienced players.
- Consistent ability to execute fundamental team concepts (defensive rotations, cutoffs, baserunning awareness).
- Reliable pitching and catching options appropriate for the age level.
- A competitive mindset with an interest in playing stronger opponents.
- Practices that focus on both fundamentals and game strategy.
- A track record of success or competitiveness in previous seasons or tournaments.
- Coaches who are comfortable teaching advanced concepts and managing faster-paced games.





Prospects Division

- A roster with many newer or less experienced players.
- Team defense and game awareness still developing (e.g., knowing where to make plays, backing up bases, all 9 players moving on contact).
- Pitching and catching roles still being stabilized.
- Practices focused heavily on fundamentals, repetition, and confidence-building.
- A desire for fun balanced games rather than high-intensity competition.
- A team that benefits from playing opponents at a similar developmental stage.
- Coaches prioritizing teaching and growth over results.

Prime Division

- Age groups where the number of registrants does not typically support running two divisions
- The teams represent a mix of experiences with premier and prospect level quality
- Competitive balance achieved through scheduling



Important Dates

- January 9th – Registration for Spring League Opens
- February 22nd – Host volunteer and Divisional Commissioner requests due
- March 8th – Spring Registration Closes
- March 13th – Spring season opens for play
- March 27th – Host sites announced and tournament registration open
- May 3rd – Tournament Registration Closes
- May 10th – Special time slot requests for tournament games due
- May 17th – Final day of season play
- May 18th – Pool pairings/seeds/gametimes released
- Memorial Day Weekend – TCP Spring Tournament
- Future Dates:
 - August 21st – October 25th – Fall TCP season
 - Halloween Weekend – TCP Fall Tournament (consider hosting now)

