



Team Formation Policy - A-League Teams, Rally Cap, and Grand Slam

11U - 18U A-League Teams: Charleswood Minor Baseball Association (CMBA) combines with the baseball programs at Corydon and Tuxedo Community Centres to form teams in both the A-Leagues and the AA-Leagues. Most years, registration numbers require some A-League teams to be composed of players from more than one of our clubs.

The CTC team formation group (the convenors from Charleswood, Tuxedo, and Cordon) decide together which players will make the AA team at each age level, how many A teams will be made at each age level, and how many of those A teams will need to have players from 2 or more of our clubs. The CMBA 11U-18U Convenor and the CMBA President are the Charleswood members of the CTC team formation group. **We try to keep players on teams based in their home community clubs whenever possible.**

For teams that will contain players from 2 or more clubs, the CTC team formation group decides who will be the head coach, and which players from the non-host club will be assigned to that team. For teams with all players from one club, that club convenor selects the head coach, and assigns players to that team.

Within Charleswood, the 11U-18U Convenor and the President jointly decide who to ask to be the Head Coach for every Charleswood-based A-League Team. They also assign players to teams, trying to accommodate Play With requests whenever possible, but also trying to create ability-balanced teams in age divisions with more than one A-League team. **Charleswood A-League players who are placed on a team based in Tuxedo or Corydon will be placed on a team based in Charleswood the following year**, unless they request differently or there is no Charleswood-based team at their age level the following year.

Play With Requests: For all age divisions, each player may request 2 people they would like to be on the same team with. The requests can be to play with friends or a coach, from anywhere in Charleswood, Tuxedo, or Corydon. **We will try, but do not guarantee, to fulfill Play With requests.** Reciprocal Play With requests (*Player A requests Player B, AND Player B requests Player A*) will be given greater weight than one-sided Play With requests (*Player A requests Player B, but Player B does not request Player A*).

Grand Slam: Teams will be formed based largely on Play With requests, with most teams having at least one player new to Grand Slam who made no Play With request. If the Grand Slam convenor has a child playing at this age level, team formation will be done by the CMBA president, or another CMBA board member who has no child playing at this age division. **All Charleswood Grand Slam players will be placed on a Charleswood-based Grand Slam team**, unless they request to play on a team based in Tuxedo or Corydon.

Rally Cap: Rally Cap programs are offered on Tuesday/Thursday evenings in Charleswood, and Monday/Wednesday evenings at Corydon. Families from all 3 clubs can freely choose whether to play Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs, but every player must register with and pay fees to the club in the neighborhood where they live. They can indicate their preferred playing nights on the registration form.

In our Charleswood Rally Cap group (Tues/Thurs), the convenor divides the players into teams based on ability levels achieved the previous year. Teams of players new to baseball are formed based on Play-With requests. Some shuffling of team composition may occur early in the playing season, especially among players new to Rally Caps. Unlike every other age division, Rally Caps always meet at the same place and time all season long. Grouping children by ability level allows the coaches to tailor the teaching games to the ability level of each group.