



Team Formation Policy - AA-League Teams

For players in 11U - 18U age groups, 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. We typically host only one team per age division in the AA Leagues, though some years we may host two AA teams in some age divisions.

AA Tryouts: Charleswood, Tuxedo, and Corydon (CTC) jointly host one set of tryouts for the AA teams. There is an additional cost to participate in the AA tryouts, payable to your home community club at the time of registration.

**** Players who want to be considered for our AA teams MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS OF THE AA TRYOUTS. ****

In rare cases where players let their club convenor know well ahead of time they will miss a tryout session (out of town on a school band trip, for example), we will work with that player and their family to assess them at an alternate date and place. Any exceptions like this are made after discussion among the CTC team formation group.

The CTC Tryouts Coordinators design the evaluation stations, and create a detailed rubric describing precisely what to look for to give each player a score of 1-5 at each evaluation station. **Experienced coaches who have no players at that age level will serve as evaluators for each age group at the tryouts.**

All stations are not weighted equally when creating the total score from the tryouts, and not all age groups are weighted the same. Neither the CTC Tryouts Coordinators, nor any of the tryouts evaluators, nor any team coaches, see the score totals for any player. **Only the members of the CTC team formation group see the spreadsheet of the score totals from tryouts.**

We believe all spaces on the AA-League teams should be filled with players of the standard ages for that age division, so all age-advancing players will be assigned to an A-League team, no matter what score they earn in tryouts. **Age-advancing players are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the AA tryouts.** This lets us make an objective assessment that their ability level indicates it will be safe for them to age-advance.

AA Team Formation: We almost always have one AA team at each age level, but occasionally may host two AA teams in age levels with large player numbers and enough skilled players. After tryouts are complete, the CTC team formation group decides if any age levels will have 2 AA teams that year.

The CTC team formation group selects the head coach for each AA team, based on our assessment of the relative coaching abilities of the possible candidates, and our past experiences working with that coach. Our AA head coaches should have completed all their basic Community Sport Coach Certification courses, and have or be working on their Regional Coach Certification.

The CTC team formation group also decides which players will make the AA team at each age level. At 11U, 13U, and 15U, the players of the correct age for that league who earn the highest scores in tryouts are selected for the AA team. The only exception, as noted on the AA Commitment Expectations signed each year by every AA player and their parents, is that lack of commitment to the AA team the previous year, indicated by the number of absences from games and practices the previous year, will be a factor included in making decisions about player selection for the next year's AA team.

The 18U-AA team does not have player re-entry or a continuous batting order, and does use a designated hitter for the pitcher. At this age group only, ONE strong pitcher may be considered as a candidate for the AA team, even if they would not make the AA team based solely on total tryouts score. This exception is not used every year, and the decision is made by the CTC team formation group.