

Softball Napanee Policy: 'Playing-Up'

It is the position of Softball Napanee that athletes are best able to develop their softball skills by playing on an age-appropriate team. This allows our organization to have competitive teams across all age groups and ensures we have the appropriate roster numbers to field teams in all age categories. The following is additional information on the Playing Up Policy:

- Softball Napanee does not allow the movement of players up an age division. You are required to be registered in the appropriate age category as structured by the OASA and PWSA.
- Softball Napanee does not allow players who were not offered a position during tryouts to play for a Softball Napanee team in the older age division.
- Athletes may be asked to play up when a team in the next higher category is short players for a specific game or tournament. The player must have permission from the player's own coach and must not interfere with their own team. The player should not displace the playing time of a rostered player.
- A major (last year) U7 development athlete may receive permission from the Softball Napanee Executive to play in U9 if that athlete's skill level is appropriate for the U9 age group and it does not displace a U9 aged player from the roster.
- A major (last year) U9 development athlete may receive permission from the Softball Napanee Executive to play in U11 if that athlete's skill level is appropriate for the U11 age group and it does not displace a U11 aged player from the roster.
- Elite Softball Napanee athletes in the U15 and up age categories may be considered a "pick-up" for the older aged Express team who is competing at an elimination tournament to qualify for a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship. This is also the case for Express teams who have qualified for a Canadian or Eastern Canadian Championship. Permission from the Softball Napanee Executive is required.