

## **Burlingame Youth Baseball Announces a Change to the Cut-off, or Age Determination Date, for Youth Baseball**

### **Description of the Change:**

For a number of years, BYBA has used April 30<sup>th</sup> as the 'cut-off date', or Age Determination Date, to determine which league a player belongs in. BYBA will begin using August 31<sup>st</sup> as the primary Age Determination Date during the 2017 Spring Season. Here's how this change will impact you and your player/s:

Rookie (5 & 6 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2012 will be eligible to play Rookie league during the 2017 Spring Season.

Sandlot (7 & 8 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2010 will be eligible to play Sandlot league during the 2017 Spring Season.

Mudville (9 & 10 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2008 will be eligible to play Mudville league during the 2017 Spring Season.

The Sauer league (13, 14, & 15 year olds) will continue to use April 30<sup>th</sup> as the Age Determination Date.

The Reyna league (11 and 12 year olds) will be a blend, using both the April 30<sup>th</sup> date and the August 31<sup>st</sup> date. The result is that Reyna will have 28 months' worth of eligibility - players born between May 1, 2004 and August 31, 2006 will be eligible to play Reyna league during the 2017 Spring Season. "

### **Why the Change is Taking Place:**

At the national level, all of the major youth baseball organizations/leagues are shifting to this August 31<sup>st</sup> Age Determination Date. This change has been based on extensive and detailed participation research. The shift will align the youth baseball age cutoff date more closely with school cutoff dates, thereby allowing classmates a greater chance of playing with each other. It will also ensure tighter grouping of age ranges in each league, leading to greater parity among teams, and an improved coaching and learning environment. Grandfathering some 11 year old players in this manner will ensure that no player has to miss out on their "12 year old season" of BYBA.

In addition to these benefits, aligning with the national standard will ensure that BYBA teams will be eligible and able to play other teams from neighboring towns (for example, during tournaments).

### **Details and Age Chart:**

**For players born on or before April 30, 2005:** For the 2017 season, these players will use the April 30 age determination date. The new age determination date of August 31 will be effective starting with the BYBA Spring Season for players born on or before April 30, 2005.

**For players born between May 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005:** For the 2017 and 2018 season, these players will use the April 30 age determination date. The new age determination date of August 31 will be effective starting with the 2019 BYBA Spring Season for players born between May 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005.

**For players born on or after September 1, 2005:** The August 31 age determination date will be effective immediately, starting with the 2017 season.

Age Chart for BYBA 2017 Spring Season													
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE	LEAGUE
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	5	Rookie
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	6	Rookie
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	7	Sandlot
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	8	Sandlot
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	9	Mudville
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	10	Mudville
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	11	Reyna
				2005	2005	2005	2005					11	Reyna
2005	2005	2005	2005	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	12	Reyna
2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	13	Sauer
2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	14	Sauer
2002	2002	2002	2002	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	15	Sauer