

Burlingame Youth Baseball - Determining Your Child's "Playing Age" for the 2018 Spring Season

Description of the Change:

For a number of years, BYBA has used April 30th as the 'cut-off date', or Age Determination Date, to determine which league a player belongs in. BYBA began using August 31st as the primary Age Determination Date during the 2017 Spring Season, bringing BYBA in-line with major national programs including PONY and Little League. Here's how this change will impact you and your player/s during the 2018 BYBA Spring Season:

Rookie (5 & 6 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013 will be eligible to play Rookie league during the 2018 Spring Season.

Sandlot (7 & 8 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2011 will be eligible to play Sandlot league during the 2018 Spring Season.

Mudville (9 & 10 year olds) – Players born between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2009 will be eligible to play Mudville league during the 2018 Spring Season.

Reyna (11 & 12 year olds) will be a blend, using both the April 30th date and the August 31st date. The result is that Reyna will have 28 months' worth of eligibility - players born between May 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007 will be eligible to play Reyna league during the 2018 Spring Season. "

Sauer (13 & 14 year olds) will continue to use April 30th as the Age Determination Date. Players born between May 1, 2003 and April 30, 2005 will be eligible to play Sauer league during the 2018 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 31st 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 Reyna-age 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:

BYBA Age Chart - 2018 Season

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age indicated at right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AGE	BYBA LEAGUE
2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	5	ROOKIE
2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	6	ROOKIE
2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	7	SANDLOT
2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	8	SANDLOT
2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	9	MUDVILLE
2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	10	MUDVILLE
2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	11	REYNA
2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	2005	2005	2005	12	REYNA
				2005	2005	2005	2005					12	REYNA
2005	2005	2005	2005					2004	2004	2004	2004	13	SAUER
2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003	14	SAUER
				2003	2003	2003	2003					14	SAUER

