

Westerville Youth Baseball & Softball League

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Spring Call-Up Rules

****** A "Call-Up" player is one that is asked to play a game, in the next higher division, if a team may be short players on a given day (e.g. a 10-year-old Green Hat player filling in on a Red Hat team).

At a date, to be determined by the Program Directors, Head Coaches in these leagues will be asked to identify potential players on their current roster that are capable of being a Call-Up player and would have an interest in becoming a Call-Up player. These parents of Call-Up players then need to submit a signed copy of the "**Spring Call-Up Player Permission and Release Form.**"

Rules

1. Players on the approved Call-Ups list will be made up of players who are age eligible as follows (age determined as of 4/30 of the current year):
 - 10-year-old players, currently in Green Hat can play as a Call-Up player in Red Hat.
 - 12-year-old players, currently in Red Hat Baseball, can play as a Call-Up player in Blue Hat.
 - 12-year-old players, currently in Red Hat Softball, can play as a Call-Up player in Blue Hat.
 - 14-year-old players, currently in Blue Hat Baseball, can play as a Call-Up player in Black Hat.
2. The Program Director and their staff will try and secure Call-Up players when requested by teams in need as follows:
 - Coaches have determined their roster will only have 7 or 8 players for the game in question.
 - Call-Up player request(s) MUST be received by 12 Noon, the day before the game in question. ******(Deadline may not apply to make-up games)
 - Coaches must email the Program Director/Staff with the Call-Up player request(s).
 - The Program Director/Staff will try and secure a player from the Call-Up list for the request. Requests for specific players will NEVER be honored.
 - Teams will be supplied no more than two (2) Call-Up players per game.
3. Call-Up players are available to ensure that teams have enough players to field a team, not to improve the team and cannot play in a Call-Up game when their own team has a game scheduled at the same time.
4. Call-Up players must bat last in the line-up and may not pitch or catch, under any circumstance; there will be no exceptions to this rule and must be available to play the entire game.
5. Call-Up players will play the game wearing their normal teams uniform and must be identified to the opposing coaches and umpires.
6. A signed waiver must be on file with the league in order for the player to be Called-Up. Players without waivers are not eligible to play as a Call-Up.
7. Call-Up players must be used if they are called up. Call-Ups are not allowed to play more innings defensively than a regular rostered player. However, they must play at least six defensive outs.
8. If a Call-Up player shows up and the team unexpectedly has 10 of its own players available, the call-up must still play.
9. Call-Ups can be used in the playoffs, but cannot be used in the championship game. The only exception is with the Program Directors and Executive Board's approval. If a player is called up for a playoff game and the team has enough of their own players to field a team, as per the division rules, the call-up is not to be used.