



Firstly, we want to express our gratitude for registering your player for the Clawson Youth Baseball and Softball League. Our volunteers have been working hard to ensure a safe and enjoyable season for all players, coaches, and parents involved. We are excited to announce that team selections will occur in the coming weeks. We wanted to provide some important information to align expectations and help make the process as smooth as possible.

Our coaches and Vice-Presidents will review the roster of registered players for each division and assign teams:

T-ball: Nearly all of these players are new to CYBSL. We aim to pair coaches with players & families they may know and accommodate special requests as best we can. Our goal is to keep teams small for maximum playing time.

Control-Pitch Softball, Machine Pitch Instructional, and Machine Pitch Competitive: Often, we see a mix of new and returning players. If we are familiar with the player and their skill level, we aim to balance teams and to pair coaches with players & families they may know and accommodate special requests as best we can.

Upper Divisions:

Coaches and CYBSL board members assess various factors, including pitching, throwing, fielding, hitting, and teamwork. While we understand that each player may have different strengths and areas for improvement, we are committed to creating balanced teams that allow every player to contribute and develop.

Freshmen, Pee-Wee & Farm: Competition ramps up with these divisions, and Pee-Wee introduces kid-pitch play. Coaches often have a functional knowledge of the skill level of many players, and we aim to divide critical positions across the team. Pitchers are the first rostered, followed by other key positions, balancing player skill sets & lastly, special requests.

Junior, Senior, Mustang & Pony: Upper divisions build off high familiarity and understanding of players and skill levels; often, players and coaches have worked together for multiple seasons. Teams are assessed comprehensively for key positions, balancing all positions, and lastly, special requests.

Teams at the upper division levels may be slightly larger to accommodate pitch count rules and not overtax any pitcher.

Upper divisions naturally involve a higher level of competition, with faster pitching, stronger hits, and a generally quicker pace of play. These conditions increase field risks, including the likelihood of hard-hit balls and fast throws coming at players with little reaction time. With these elevated challenges, safety is paramount. If a player is unable to function safely under these conditions, it is in their best interest—and in the interest of all participants—that they seek alternative options better suited to their current abilities.

What is the waitlist process?

Once a division/teams are full we may offer a waitlist. Waitlists are dependent on available coaches. If enough players register to form an additional team, and we have a coach we will pull players off the waitlist and complete their registration.

Players are pulled off the waitlist based on the date/time of their registration.

Can my player play up or down a division?

Players are placed in a division based on their birthday. Players cannot be moved down. In select instances, players may be moved up based on the needs of the league as approved by the board. Very few players are moved up, ~5% of registered players.

If it is found a player was registered with a fraudulent birthday (to manipulate placement) the player will be removed, forfeiting their spot and will not be refunded. If there is suspicion a birthday is fraudulent the board will ask for the birth certificate to verify. It is at the board's discretion if the player will be allowed to register in future seasons.

Why are there no tryouts?

Like our greater community, CYBSL prides itself on being a small, family-oriented league. Many of our families, coaches, and players know each other. Often CYBSL players play in other Clawson Youth Sports, from Mavericks to Junior Trojan Basketball, or for upper divisions, Clawson School sports. We benefit from seeing youth athletes in various team settings and their growth over the years.

CYBSL may host an evaluation event to see the skills of the players to balance the teams, this is not a tryout.

We understand that not every player will be on the team they were hoping for, but we want to emphasize that each player is valuable to us and will have a place in our program.

Lastly, we want to remind parents that sportsmanship and positive attitudes are essential for a successful season. We expect all parents and players to promote respect for coaches, players, and officials and foster a positive and supportive environment for all involved.

As always, communication is key to a successful season. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns that you may have. We are committed to ensuring a positive and fun experience for all involved.