



DT: September 26, 2022
TO: Mike Hanson & Jake Bruhnding
FR: Lance Klinkhammer, MYAS/Gopher State Baseball
Director
RE: **Player Eligibility - SAYB & IBL**

The Minnesota Youth Athletic Services/Gopher State Baseball would like to re-establish player eligibility guidelines per GSBL policy to clarify details of the 2019 agreement relative to realignment of boundaries established by Irondale Baseball League (IBL) & Shoreview Area Youth Baseball (SAYB) and confirm player eligibility requirements for the 2023 baseball season and beyond.

The specific clarification of the 2019 agreement establishes players eligible that reside or attend school within one of the Association's boundaries that were "grandfathered" to play with the other Association, based on their previous affiliation/participation with either respective program prior to the 2019 agreement. Following discussions with the leadership of both programs and the scope of GSBL jurisdiction, it has been determined that the "grandfather" exemption would apply to all players that were of a 9U age level or above as of the 2019 agreement (10U during the 2020 season).

Therefore, in effect for the 2023 season – per the above clarification – players participating at the 13U/7th Grade level or older in 2023 are eligible to participate with the association they participated with in previous years without a player waiver under the "grandfather" exemption of the 2019 agreement. A record of all players that meet the requirements for this exemption will be requested from both SAYB and IBL and kept on file for the necessary duration of time (until the player's participation ends with either respective program).

All players that do not qualify for an exemption under the 2019 agreement between SAYB & IBL are subject to Gopher State Baseball Eligibility Guidelines which requires players to register and participate with the Association within the community they reside or attend school. Players who reside within the Valentine Hills Elementary boundary, will still have the option to play with either Association, however once a player participates with their Association of choice, they are no longer eligible to participate with the other Association.

Furthermore, any program offerings by SAYB or IBL that do not fall within the scope of MYAS/Gopher State Baseball operations are not subject to MYAS/Gopher State Baseball player eligibility policies. This would include any in-house programs organized by either Association along with any additional youth baseball programs delivered through SAYB & IBL, that are not administered by MYAS/Gopher State Baseball.

MYAS/Gopher State Baseball, Shoreview Area Youth Baseball and Irondale Baseball League are all in alignment with the above determinations.

Sincerely,

Lance Klinkhammer - Baseball Director, MYAS/Gopher State Baseball

