

# **Brandon Valley Baseball Association**

## **9U – 12U Travel Proposal**

The Brandon Valley Baseball Association currently uses the following criteria for determining player eligibility for travel baseball within the organization:

- 9U – 12U: Players age on January 1
- 13U: Players currently in grade 7
- 14U: Players currently in grade 8

With an increased desire of Brandon Valley Baseball Association travel teams to participate in USSSA tournaments in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska, the determination of player eligibility for 9U – 12U based solely on a players age on January 1 with no consideration of grade has and will continue to make teams and players ineligible to compete in these events.

For the 2023 season and beyond, the following recommendation is proposed for 9U – 12U player eligibility:

- 12U: Players currently in grade 6 (unless age 13 on January 1)
- 11U: Players currently in grade 5 (unless age 12 on January 1)
- 10U: Players currently in grade 4 (unless age 11 on January 1)
- 9U: Players currently in grade 3 (unless age 10 on January 1)
- All players retain the option to “play up” one grade if deemed appropriate through the tryout process

This proposal allows Brandon Valley Baseball Association travel teams the opportunity to compete in USSSA events in neighboring states as well as creates uniformity from 9U – 14U in determining player eligibility. This proposal also removes the potential jump from 11U to 13U for players moving into grade 7.

Within Sports Engine, it should be noted that players must register for travel baseball based on the grade they are currently in. A school drop down box should be included and a required field box for current teacher should be included.