

## Team Formation Process

The goal for team formation is to have similarly skilled players play together. Additionally, if feasible each team would have a pitcher and catcher (note: the higher the team level the more pitchers and catchers there tends to be).

### 8U

- OSA typically has A, B, and Rec level divisions in the Spring and Fall. C travel teams are sometimes formed depending on age/interest of players in the fall.
- A and B teams are travel level teams and compete in the Big West alongside several teams throughout the greater Twin Cities area. Rec teams compete alongside the PWYSA league facing competition from Plymouth, Wayzata, and Maple Grove.
- The number of teams formed depends on interest and may vary season to season and players are placed on A, B, or Rec based on a mandatory pre-season evaluation.
- Independent evaluators rate the players on a variety of skills (see OSA evaluation document for more details).
- We make every effort to ensure all players who register by the deadline make a team within OSA but reserve the right to place them on the team most appropriate for their skill level.
- "A" team player eligibility is open to all 8U travel eligible players and will be formed based on tryout evaluations. Top 7 players in evaluations will be automatically placed on the A team. The remaining players will be placed based on tryouts, past player evaluations, and team needs.
- The remaining B and Rec teams would be balanced amongst skill, grade, and experience.
- OSA intends to follow the league recommendation of team levels with the C level competing in Rec when available.

### 10U / 12U

- OSA offers A & B Levels at the travel level.
- OSA may form a C Travel Team and/or a 10U Rec level team if there is enough interest (10U Only)
- Player Evaluations are required for travel softball
- Independent evaluators rate the players on a variety of skills (see OSA evaluation document for more detail)
- The top 7 players from evals are locked into the top team which includes the top two pitchers and catchers.
- The remaining players including pitchers and catchers are placed based on tryouts, past player evaluations, and team needs.
- Pitchers and Catchers may choose to be placed on a team where they would have a greater chance of pitching and catching time
- OSA intends to follow the Big West league recommendation of team levels