

# NATIONAL ADULT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2025 Father-Son-Daughter Tournament Entry and Eligibility Rules

**Age Requirement: Approved Player Combinations:** Each player must meet the criteria of the "Approved Player Combination" chart shown above. This is an open division, meaning anyone is allowed to participate in the Father/Son division.

### Father Designation

Father

Grandfather

Uncle (50 yrs or older)

Son (50 yrs or older)

### Son Designation

Son/Step Son/Son-in-law

Grandson

Nephew

Uncle (49 yrs or younger)

**Concept:** All NABA tournaments use the mix'n match concept. NABA tournaments are open to all players and teams, both NABA-affiliated and non-NABA-affiliated. A simple majority will determine eligibility for division. For example, if a roster has eight open players and seven minor players, that team must play in the Open division. **No player can play on two different teams within the same age division. For example, a player cannot participate in both the Open and Rookie divisions in the same tournament unless stated otherwise by the tournament rules committee.**

**Division Selection Requirements:** All division determinations are subject to final approval and/or the decision of the Tournament Rules Committee. While most teams can determine what division they will play in, an over-ruling can and will be made by the National NABA Tournament Rules Committee if one or more of the following applies to the team: 1) You must move up a division if you won a World Championship Tournament in the NABA the year before; 2) Previously played in the past 2 years any NABA tournament and made the playoffs in a respective division; 3) Previously played in the past 2 years in any NABA tournament Championship game in a respective division; 4) Previously played in the past 2 years any NABA tournament and had a record of .500 or better in a respective division; 5) Does not meet the ex-professional player requirement rules stated below; 6) Your team is represented with four or more players from a team that won the World Championship the prior year, and 7) If your team deposit is received after a division has filled you may be moved to another division. Again, the National NABA Tournament Rules Committee reserves the sole right to determine division alignments, as well as player and team participation and eligibility. If a team drops out of a division after check-in, the NABA will do everything possible to fill the void. However, the NABA reserves the right to begin the tournament without said team and issue a forfeit win to the opposing teams when necessary and/or to delete a division and add it to another division.

PLEASE NOTE: NABA may choose to combine two divisions for pool play only and designate it as an Open Division for pool play. If that happens, NABA will notify all teams as soon as possible, allowing you to adjust your roster to add players as needed. After pool play is complete, NABA may re-seed each team in the combined division based on their record, placing them into higher or lower divisions for playoffs and championship games. For example, if a 6-team pool is needed, and 12 teams sign up for the Rookie division and four teams sign up for the Minor division, the NABA cannot create a Minor division. We may, therefore, combine the 12 teams in the Rookie Division with the four teams in Minor for purposes of pool play only. After pool play is complete, each team will be reseeded for the playoffs and championship games. We will then create separate championship brackets for the upper and lower divisions.

**Ex-Professional Player/College and Independent Player Requirements: Players who are currently playing on an MLB team or an affiliated team at the time of the tournament are ineligible to participate.** A player must not be playing any level of professional baseball (Major League, AAA, AA, A, Fall League, Instructional, Rookie Leagues, or any other leagues affiliated with MLB) upon the start of a World Series or National Championship Tournament to be eligible to participate. **NABA does not consider any Independent players or leagues, such as the Liga Mexicana de Beisbol (LMB) League, which is unaffiliated with MLB, to be professional baseball under NABA requirements. Any players from the Mexican League of Professional Baseball (LMB) or the Mexicana de Beisbol league will be considered Independent Baseball Players for tournament eligibility in the NABA.**

**YOU ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN EX-PRO BALLPLAYER, INDEPENDENT BALLPLAYER, OR COLLEGE BALLPLAYER IF YOU MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THREE CONDITIONS BELOW:**

1. **A participant in the NABA tournament is NOT considered an ex-professional ballplayer if:** 1) The player has been out of a contract of any level of professional baseball for 12 complete seasons, and/or 2) The player is 45 years old and has been out of professional baseball for three seasons. The final resolution in such a situation is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee.
2. **A participant in the NABA tournament is NOT considered an independent ballplayer if:** 1) The player has been out of playing independent unaffiliated baseball for five complete seasons.
3. **A participant in the NABA tournament is NOT considered a college ballplayer if:** 1) the player has been out from playing college baseball for 10 complete seasons. The final resolution in such a situation is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee. Players who have played or are currently playing on a college team or college practice squad, including a club college team, are eligible to play only in those divisions, as specified in the NABA rules below. Any player who has played or is currently playing with a college team, practice squad, or club team in NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA, or Junior/Community College must play in the corresponding division as outlined below. The National NABA Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to alter these requirements or make special considerations to these rules.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR EACH DIVISION, AS WELL AS THE EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYER, INDEPENDENT PLAYER AND COLLEGE PLAYER REQUIREMENTS. THESE RULES MUST BE ADHERED TO:**

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**In the Father/Son/Daughter - Open** division, anyone is allowed to play, and it is considered an open division.

**In the Father/Son/Daughter – Minor** division, a team may have up to three ex-pros on their roster, with no more than one being a pitcher and an unlimited number of independent and college players.

**In the Father/Son/Daughter - Rookie** division, no team may have ex-pros on their roster and may have up to (6) players who have played college baseball on their roster, with no more than (2) being a pitcher. Furthermore, a team may have up to three players who have played independent, unaffiliated baseball within the past five years, with none of those players allowed to pitch. **ALL PITCHERS IN A ROOKIE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE CHECKED FOR MEETING THE AGE AND EX-PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY RULES BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.**