

## SPYBAS Player Eligibility and Expectations Policy

### League Play Eligibility

Athletes wishing to participate in League Baseball or Softball must adhere to the following:

- Athletes must register for the appropriate league as determined by their year in school or age.
- Athletes must be in good financial standing with respect to payment of all League fees.
- Athletes must, depending on their age, participate in an annual skills assessment hosted by a member(s) or designees(s) of the SPYBAS Board
- Athletes must communicate scheduling conflicts to their coaches as soon as is practical. By registering for League, Athletes are making a commitment to their teams and should make every effort to support their teammates via maximized attendance.
- Athletes must conduct themselves in accordance with the SPYBAS Player Code of Conduct when participating in SPYBAS affiliated activities.

### Travel Play Eligibility

Athletes wishing to participate in Travel Baseball or Softball must adhere to the following:

- Athletes must attend school within the boundaries of the Sun Prairie Area School District **OR** reside at a Sun Prairie address.
- Athletes must register for the appropriate league as determined by their year in school or age.
- Athletes must be in good financial standing with respect to payment of all Travel fees.
- Athletes must complete an annual tryout hosted by a member(s) or designee(s) of the SPYBAS Board.
- Athletes must participate in the corresponding SPYBAS Baseball or Softball League.
- Athletes must communicate scheduling conflicts to their coaches as soon as is practical. By registering for Travel, Athletes are making a commitment to their teams and should make every effort to support their teammates via maximized attendance. Further, because of the competitive nature of Travel and limited availability of roster spots, Athletes should acknowledge their participation is a privilege and that by accepting a roster spot, they are inherently denying other individuals of that same privilege.
- Athletes must conduct themselves in accordance with the SPYBAS Player Code of Conduct when participating in SPYBAS affiliated activities.
- Athletes who relocate into the Sun Prairie Area School District OR to a City of Sun Prairie address after tryouts have occurred are eligible to request a private, make-up evaluation and participate in the upcoming season as determined by their evaluation.

## Schedule Conflicts & Attendance Guidelines

Summer is a busy time for all of our families and we understand conflicts are a part of everyone's schedules. The priority list below should serve as a guide for navigating these conflicts while still adhering to the eligibility requirements and ensuring the best possible experience for all of our athletes.

- **Family Commitments** - Family should always come first. Please communicate any known absences as soon as practical.
- **Travel Games** - Travel games should be given the highest priority in the baseball or softball hierarchy and should be attended whenever they do not conflict with a family commitment or illness.
- **League Games** - League games should be attended whenever they do not conflict with a family commitment, a Travel game or illness.
- **Travel Practices** - Travel practices should be attended whenever family commitments, league games or illness do not conflict. Travel Coaches should refrain from scheduling Travel practices on days or times when League games are typically played.
- **League Practices** - League practices should be attended whenever they do not conflict with Travel games, Travel practices, family commitments or illness.
- **Other Commitments** - Baseball is a team sport and your attendance or absence impacts the experience of your teammates. By registering for SPYBAS, you are committing to consistent participation in all SPYBAS affiliated events.

## Failure to Maintain Eligibility

An athlete who becomes ineligible for failing to adhere to any of the standards above may be subject to disciplinary or consequential action as determined by the SPYBAS Executive Committee. Those actions may include:

- **Official Written Warning** – Athletes and their families will be made aware of possible ineligibility via written warning. A record of the warning will be kept by the Board and may be used to determine future eligibility.
- **Suspension** – Athletes that have established a pattern of behavior or committed a serious violation will be suspended for an amount of time to be determined by the Executive Committee. Athletes do not need to have received prior written warning(s) to be suspended. Suspension records will be kept by the Board and may be used to determine future volunteer eligibility.
- **Removal** – Athletes that have repeated violations of the Code of Conduct, or if the initial violation is found to be severe, can be removed from any SPYBAS event and/or banned from future events.