



POLICY NO. 7	POLICY TITLE: Skill Assessment and Player Movement
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Policy 7- Skill Assessment Policy and Player Movement

Purpose

This policy ensures that a fun and safe environment is created for all HCSA players by ensuring that players are placed at the appropriate playing level.

Scope and Application of the Policy

This Policy applies to all coaches, volunteers, players and parents/guardians of players

Overview

There are currently five divisions in Hamilton Challenger Baseball. The divisions are;

Junior Recreational

Junior Semi-Competitive

Senior Recreational

Senior Semi-Competitive

Senior Competitive

New players will be placed in the Junior Recreational or Senior Recreational division depending on age and size. Coaches will observe the players and suggest an evaluation if it is felt that a player should be moved to a different division. Players may also request an evaluation. Players will be evaluated a maximum of twice per year.

This policy is in place due to consideration of the following;

- Player safety and enjoyment of the game are a top priority in all of our programs.
- Players with a broad range of skill levels playing in the same division can result in less skilled players feeling intimidated and not enjoying the game or feeling they don't belong in the league.
- Players with advanced skill levels may perceive the game to be boring and lose interest in playing if they are not challenged to the maximum of their ability.
- Players that have the ability to hit the ball well can pose a safety risk to players in the field that do not have advanced fielding skills.

The evaluation process follows the criteria in the Evaluation Form that will be completed, signed and stored with HCSA records. The results of the evaluation will be made available to the player and their guardian. The evaluation is based on the following criteria:

- Ability to hit from a pitch or from a tee.
- Ability to move around the bases
- Ability to track down and catch a ball that is hit or thrown.
- Ability to "make a play" in an attempt to get a base runner out.
- Knowledge of the game
 - Accept and follow rules of the game, coaching and team structures.
 - Use all safety equipment as specified by insurance guidelines.
 - Stay focused and protect themselves when a ball is hit in their direction.
 - Play or move independent of assistance (either ambulatory or in a wheelchair is acceptable).
 - To play and feel comfortable with their peers

The HCSA must act in the best interest of ALL of our players. It is important to understand that player assignments are intended only to place the player in a safe, comfortable and enjoyable environment.

Criteria for moving players from Junior to Senior division

At age 18, players have 2 options:

- a. Be assessed for Senior Semi Competitive division
- b. Move to Tuesday evening Senior Recreational division

In exceptional circumstances, the Baseball Committee may decide that an individual player is more compatible with the environment in the Junior Division and should not move. This decision will be reviewed annually.

NOTE: There are no exceptions to this policy, the only method of moving between divisions is to be evaluated and recommended to move to another division. It is not the policy of the HCSA to force players to move, however, in the interest of safety, players with advanced skills may not be permitted to stay in the Recreational Divisions.

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HCSA Skills Assessment

Date _____

Player Name _____

Skill	Score				
1. Hitting	1	2	3	4	5
2. Base Running	1	2	3	4	5
3. Throwing	1	2	3	4	5
4. Catching	1	2	3	4	5
5. Ability to 'Make Plays'	1	2	3	4	5
6. Knowledge of Baseball	1	2	3	4	5

Criteria

Senior Competitive Player must score 4 or higher in all categories

Senior Semi-Competitive Player must score 3 or higher in all categories

Recommended Placement _____

Evaluated by (signatures) _____

Evaluated by (print names) _____