



**BRITISH BASEBALL  
FEDERATION**

**2008**

**YOUTH HANDBOOK**

Dear youth coaches, players and parents,

The following pages of guidance on behaviour for players, youth coaches and parents are a code by which we expect all athletes and those who aid them to follow.

As you are aware, each club, regardless of having a youth section, must appoint a club welfare officer. There are guidance documents in the download section of the website. The appointed CWO must be made known to BSUK, including their contact details. It is preferable that the CWO has undergone a basic awareness course, though BSUK will be providing three regional training courses called Time To Listen. This course is mandatory for CWOs to attend.

Whilst the instructions that follow this letter are guidelines, I feel it is important they are used properly and followed as if they are rules. The principles of fair play, courtesy and good manners are essential to the youth game and provide a template for good conduct by all who enjoy this sport.

The main purpose of the youth game, at all levels is the participation of kids in the sport and their enjoyment, let's keep that in mind in even the most competitive of situations.

Have fun!



Keith Sherman  
BBF Youth Commissioner

# **BILL OF RIGHTS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES**

Right to participate in sports

Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability

Right to have qualified adult leadership

Right to play as a child not as an adult

Right of children to share in the leadership and decision making of their sport

Right to participate in safe and healthy environments

Right to proper preparation for participation in sport

Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success

Right to be treated with dignity

Right to have fun in sport

# PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Never argue with an umpire, or protest an umpires call.

Never throw equipment.

Always show respect for team mates, coaches, opponents,  
parents and spectators.

Do not use bad language.

Do not insult because of colour, sex, race, religion, sexual  
orientation or anything that makes them different.

Do not shout at, abuse or try to make opponents lose  
concentration.

Do cheer for and encourage your own players.

Play fairly and honestly at all times.

Be modest in victory and dignified in defeat.

After the game always have a cheer for the opposition.

After the game shake hands with the opposition.

Always thank the umpires.

Remember to thank your coach.

Play to the best of your ability.

Enjoy your baseball.

# CODE OF ETHICS FOR YOUTH COACHES

To place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

To treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within the same age group.

To provide a safe playing environment for my players.

To organise practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

To lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

To provide an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

To be knowledgeable in the rules of baseball, and to teach these rules to my players.

To use the appropriate coaching techniques for the skills that I teach.

To remember that I am a youth baseball coach, and that the game is for children, not adults.

# CODE OF ETHICS FOR PARENTS

To provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in baseball.

To be supportive of other adults, including officials, opposition coaches, and parents of the opposition players involved in the game.

To encourage and recognise good sportsmanship from all players.

To place the emotional and physical well being of my child and other children ahead of a personal desire to win.

To insist that my child plays in as safe and healthy an environment as possible.

To support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive experience for all.

To demand an environment for baseball which is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

To remember that the game is for youth, not adults.

To do my best to make baseball fun for my child.

To ask my child to treat other players, coaches and officials with respect.

To promise to help my child enjoy their baseball experience by doing whatever I can to help the baseball programme.

To require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of a youth baseball coach, and that the coach upholds the code of ethics for coaches.

# GOOD PRACTICE IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN

## PRINCIPLES

The guidance is based on the following principles:

1. The child's welfare is paramount
2. All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
3. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

## GOOD PRACTICE

- Always be publicly open when working with children. Avoid situations where a coach and individual child are completely unobserved.
- Where possible parents should take on the responsibility for their children in the changing rooms. If groups have to be supervised in the changing rooms, always ensure coaches work in pairs.
- Where there are mixed teams away from home, they should always be accompanied by a male and female member of staff.

## IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO:

- Spend excessive amounts of time alone with children away from others.
- Take children alone on car journeys, however short.
- Take children to your home where they will be alone with you.

If cases arise where these situations are unavoidable, they should occur with the full knowledge and consent of someone in charge of the organisation, or the child's parents.

## **YOU SHOULD NEVER**

- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Share a room with a child.
- Allow or engage any form of inappropriate touching.
- Allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged.
- Allow allegations made by a child go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon.
- Do things of a personal nature for a child they can do for themselves.
- Invite or allow children to stay with you at your home unsupervised.

It may sometimes be necessary for coaches to do things of a personal nature for children, particularly if they are young or have disabilities. These tasks should only be carried out with the full understanding and consent of the parents and children involved. There is a need to be responsive to children's reactions. If a child is fully dependent upon you, talk with him/her about what you are doing and give choices where possible. This is particularly so if you are involved in any dressing or undressing of outer clothing, or where there is physical contact or lifting or assisting a child to carry out certain activities.

If you accidentally hurt a child, he/she seems distressed in any manner, appears to be sexually aroused by your actions, or misunderstands or misinterprets something you have done, report any such incident as soon as possible to another colleague and make a brief written note of it. Parents or carers should be informed of the incident.

Further information on BaseballSoftballUK Child Protection Procedures can be obtained from:

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# Baseball Rules 2008

It is the intention of the British Baseball Federation (BBF) to encourage clubs offering youth programmes to play a number of different formats of the game, including baseball and softball, single sex and mixed.

## Rules & Regulations

All the rules and regulations pertaining to BBF youth baseball competition are governed by the Official Baseball Rules, "The Sporting News" edition, unless superseded by the BBF Byelaws, or the specific rules for BBF Youth baseball.

All clubs, players and officials participating in this programme must be affiliated and registered as directed by BaseballSoftballUK, and in accordance with BBF byelaws.

All clubs, coaches and administrators must ensure that players are provided with an environment free of alcohol and drugs.

No sponsorship shall be allowed for any youth team or group under the care of BBF that involves the promotion of alcohol, tobacco products, drugs or other materials which can be considered injurious to health.

The BBF Youth baseball leagues are managed by the BBF. The main contact for any issues or problems is Keith Sherman, the Youth Commissioner.

## Age Groups & Field Dimensions

Age on 31 August 2006	Year Group	Division Name	Modified Pitch			Baseball		
			Pitching	Diamond	Home Run	Pitching	Diamond	Home Run
7-10	2-5	Rookie*	35 ft	55 ft	175 ft	Tee	60 ft	200 ft
10-13	5-8	Bronco	40 ft	60 ft	200 ft	46 ft	70 ft	200 FL 250 CF*
13-16	8-11	Pony	46 ft	60 ft	225 ft	60 ft 6 inches	90 ft	250 FL 300 CF*

\*FL = Foul Line distance, CF = Centre Field distance

Year 8 players can play either Pony or Bronco level. Year 5 players can play Rookie or Bronco level. Year 8 players are covered by Bronco pitching restrictions whether they pitch in a Pony or Bronco game.

Players may play in an older age group at the discretion of the Youth Commissioner. Teams can apply for a player to play up by writing to the Youth Commissioner and the letter must be supported by a letter from the parents/guardians.

In extra-ordinary circumstances a player may request to play down an age group. Such circumstances may involve a child with physical disabilities or learning difficulties, or any other such situation that the Youth Commissioner deems suitable. All requests must be made in writing and dispensations will be made at the discretion of the Youth Commissioner.

## Eligibility for 2008 Shown by an Individual's Month of Birth

Month of Birth												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2001	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie				
2000	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie
1999	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie
1998	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie	Rookie
1997	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>	<i>Rookie</i>
1996	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco
1995	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco	Bronco
1994	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>	<i>Bronco</i>
1993	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony
1992	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony
1991									Pony	Pony	Pony	Pony

Italics indicate that a player may play in either the age group specified or in the age group above.

## **Equipment**

Catchers are required to wear a mask with a throat protector, chest protector, a box/cup, leg guards and a catcher's helmet.

The batter, players in the on deck circle, base runners and players coaching in the coaching boxes must wear double ear batting helmets.

Managers and/or coaches should make every effort to encourage the wearing of a box/cup by all players.

Footwear should be of a moulded type. Metal cleats and studs are not allowed in BBF Youth competitions.

No jewellery shall be worn by any player, except for medical identification.

## **Start Times**

All BBF Youth League baseball games are scheduled to be played on Saturdays. The following start times are for guidance:

Single games will start at 2.00pm. Double Headers will start at 12pm.

Bronco games to be played on the same day will start at Game One: 11:00, Game Two 13:00 and Game Three: 15:00.

Rookie games can run alongside either of the above.

Team managers can liaise to alter the start times where convenient. However, if there is a dispute, then the start times listed shall prevail.

Any changes to the schedule must be agreed by the Youth Commissioner.

## **Registration & Transfers**

All players must be on a team's official roster.

Clubs may register new players (i.e. previously unregistered that season) throughout the year. They must be registered before they play. A player will be eligible to play as soon as their name appears on the web-site roster.

Players registered after July 1st will not be eligible to play in the post season playoffs. However they will be eligible to play in all other games or tournaments.

To qualify to play in the play-offs and Final Four a player must play in a minimum of 20% of the regular season games that were scheduled for his team. Special dispensation can be requested in extenuating circumstances (i.e. injury or game cancellations) in writing to the Youth Commissioner.

The closing date for the transfer of a player is July 1st each year. The transfer process is described in the BBF By-laws.

If a team uses an ineligible player then the game in which that player played will be forfeit to the other team on completion of a successful appeal. An ineligible player is one who:

1. Is not registered on that team's roster
  - Which includes not falling within the specified age group without permission
2. Has not met the eligibility criteria for the play-offs

A formal protest must be lodged with the Youth Commissioner as per the rules of baseball and BBF Rules and By-Laws. The playing of an ineligible player is considered to be a game-ending play.

The league will request evidence from the player's team proving the eligibility of the player. If it cannot or does not then the protest will be upheld.

The league reserves the right to take further action against the coach and club concerned.

It is entirely incumbent on coaches to ensure they follow the rules and identify and report rule infractions to the league following the procedures for protesting games contained in the rules of baseball and the BBF by-laws.

Any protest must be submitted in accordance with BBF by-law 2.19. The fee which must accompany a protest is £20.

## **Playing Rules**

### **Rookie League**

The Rookie league focuses on the instruction of beginners, and the teaching of the fundamentals of baseball and softball. Teeball will form the main part of this programme. However different options have been included to allow coach pitch and player pitch (e.g. modified pitch) to be included.

This programme is to be run on a local basis, with no formalised league structure. Practice, friendly matches and tournaments will form the core of this programme.

### **Bronco League**

This stage begins the players' training in the complete game of baseball.

The programme is designed for the purposes of instruction. The rules are intended to be as simplistic as possible, therefore enabling both children and coaches/parents etc, to understand, play and enjoy the game. The emphasis is on safety, fun and instruction.

This programme will be run in regional and local leagues, with the respective winners eligible to participate in the national playoffs.

### **Pony League**

At this level, the players are essentially playing the full game of baseball. This programme will be run in regional leagues with the respective winners participating in national playoffs.

There will also be a separate competition for regional/league all-star teams run on a national basis.

## Rookie League Rules

- a) Games will consist of 3 innings.
- b) The whole team bats each inning.
- c) Base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
- d) Stealing is not allowed, runners can only advance on a ball hit into fair territory.
- e) The pitcher must be the nearest fielder in front of the batter. (nb: the player fields the pitcher position, they do not pitch, unless you play the pitcher option).
- f) The ball must travel at least 10 feet from the tee into fair territory. If it does not a foul ball is called.
- g) Batters and runners must wear batting helmets.
- h) When the last batter is at bat, the fielding team must return the ball to home plate. As soon as the ball reaches home plate in the possession of a fielder the inning is over. Any runners that cross home plate before the ball arrives score. Any runners left on base are out.
- i) One coach is allowed on the field during the game.
- j) There is no striking out in teeball. In coach pitch and player pitch options, normal balls and strikes apply.
- k) Incrediballs are to be used at this level.

Options are available to allow both coach pitch, and player pitch. In coach pitch the coach pitches to their **own** team. In player pitch, the third inning of the game players can pitch. In these instances full catching equipment, **MUST** be worn

## General Rules

- a) Any player in the starting line up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game one time.
  - i. Players shall return to the line up in their original place in the batting order. No substitutions shall be made that alters the original batting rotation of any of the starting or substitute players. i.e., when a starter re-enters the game, the player who initially substituted for him/her must be removed.
  - ii. Once removed from the line up, a pitcher may return to the line up, but shall not pitch again in the same game.
- b) Double Headers will consist of 2 six (6) inning games.
- c) **Must Slide**: The must slide rule has been advisory for several years and it is now time for us to adopt this ruling as follows;

If there is a play at any base (except first base) a base-runner must slide into the base.

If the runner does not slide and contact occurs the runner will be called out.

This rule is there to avoid injury and to encourage good technique.

In all half-innings except the last the batting team can score a maximum of 5 runs. Once a team has scored five runs, it is automatically side out. Each team's last half-inning is completed only when three outs are made.

- d) The following slaughter rule will be applied in both single games and double headers:

Run difference	After this inning (or middle of inning, if home team winning)	
	Pony	Bronco
10 or more	6	-
15 or more	5	5
20 or more	4	4

*Note: This will mean that all but the most one-sided of games (ie 20-0 after four innings) will go to at least five (or possibly 4 ½) innings.*

### Suggestions:

- That the losing team be given the option to continue or not
- That Coaches discuss options and perhaps field a developing pitcher against weaker teams
- That Coaches make adjustments if they take a big lead and it become obvious they would win easily

### Bronco & Pony (Baseball and Fastpitch)

- e) For the purposes of pitching restrictions if a pitcher throws one pitch in an inning they will be considered to have thrown an inning. The intent of pitching restrictions is to protect young pitchers from overuse. Explanation: This is for pitch restriction purposes. Please note that this rule cannot be used to circumvent rule g, that British players must pitch three complete innings, or 9 outs in a game.
- f) Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and line up, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.

### Bronco & Pony (Baseball)

- g) British players must pitch three complete innings, or 9 outs per game. However, dispensation may be granted to those teams without a British pitcher. Teams must apply in writing to the Youth Commissioner to gain dispensation.

### Pony (Baseball)

- h) A scheduled Single Game will consist of 7 innings. A scheduled Double Header shall consist of two six inning games.
- i) A pitcher is allowed to pitch a maximum of 5 innings in a Single Game. In a Double Header a pitcher may pitch as many innings as he or she is capable in one game. Remember that the coach must be satisfied that the pitcher is not at risk by being over-used; this is a maximum allowance. The table below indicates how many innings a pitcher can pitch in game 2 having pitched a certain number of innings in game one; a break increases slightly the risk of injury and so a break reduces the amount of pitching allowed in game two. Again coaches must be mindful of their players' individual capacities; these are maximum allowances. Year 8 players must adhere to the Bronco pitching restrictions whether they pitch in Bronco or Pony games.

Innings pitched in Game 1	Innings allowed in Game 2
5+	0
3, 4	2
2	4
1	5

## j) Pitch Counts

Pitch count will only be used in the Southern League and the Final 4. The Northern League will use Innings pitched for 2008.

The pitch count rules are thus:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Pitch Count</b>
14-16	95 pitches per day
11-13	85 pitches per day
9-10	75 pitches per day

A player may not pitch in more than one game a day.

Exception - A player may pitch in consecutive games if less than 21 pitches were pitched in the previous game.

### Notes

- Each pitcher's pitch count is computed by adding the number of balls and strikes, the number of foul balls hit with two strikes, and the number of fair batted balls.
- Warm-up pitches do not count towards this total.
- Both teams must designate the scorekeeper or another game official, parent or volunteer as the official pitch count recorder before the start of a game. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire, and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
- If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out.
- Intentional Walk: Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional base-on-balls. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.
- Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:
  - If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 41 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 21 - 40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must be observed.

### Additional implications:

The present rule that British players must pitch three complete innings, or 9 outs per game remains in place.

- k) The balk rule should be used to educate, not penalise. Balks generally will fall into two categories. The first is an obvious and deliberate attempt to deceive by a more experienced pitcher. The umpire should first warn the pitcher and coach that the pitcher is balking and only take further action if the balking is continued. The second category is a natural movement by an inexperienced pitcher. In this situation the umpire should advise the pitcher of his errors and work with the player's coach to correct them. Under no circumstances should a hitting team be penalised if a pitcher balks, whether it is deliberate or unintentional. No outs shall be allowed to result from a balk but bases gained by runners should stand.
- l) Baseball rule 8.06, "Visits to the Mound", shall be implemented but a coach is entitled to go to the mound if an umpire calls time to explain something to a pitcher in order to assist the player to understand the umpire's explanation.

### Bronco (Baseball)

- m) A Single Game will consist of 6 innings. A scheduled Double Header will consist of two six inning games.
- n) Baseball Rule 8.06, "Visits to the Mound", shall not be implemented. A coach can visit his pitcher more than twice an inning without needing to remove the pitcher. A coach should bear in mind however, that a pitcher requiring several visits is likely to be suffering from issues which may mean his well-being is better served by allowing him or her to play in another position. Additionally an umpire should not permit time-wasting through visits to the mound.
- o) A base runner will be out if they fail to stay in contact with their occupied base until the ball crosses the plate.
- p) In Bronco a third strike will count as a strike out even if dropped by the catcher and the batter will be out.
- q) In Pony a third strike will count as a strike out unless dropped by the catcher and the batter will only be out if put-out. The runner advances at their peril.

### Bronco & Pony (Modified pitch)

- r) The number of runs allowed per inning will be based on the gender difference of each team (defined as boys in line-up - girls in line-up). Any number of extra batters are allowed in the line-up, but the number of female extra batters may not exceed the number of male extra batters. Male and female batters should alternate in the line-up (as far as possible).

Gender difference	2 or less	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or more
Maximum runs per inning	5	4	3	2

## Playoff Tournaments

The 2008 playoff structure is as follows:

The BBF have decided to encourage clubs that have their own Pony/Bronco league structure to be part of the BBF Leagues. They will get an automatic entry into the Wild Card Playoffs, the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Northern team will also gain an automatic entry into the Wild Card Playoffs.

**PONY SOUTH** - The top two teams in the final standings at the end of the season qualify for the Youth Final 4.

**PONY NORTH** - The top team in the final standings at the end of the season qualifies for the Youth Final 4.

**WILD CARD WINNER** - The top team at the Wild Card Playoffs qualifies for the Final 4.

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### **Youth Final 4**

A Youth Final 4 will be held at the end of the season to decide the national champions for Bronco and Pony age group in baseball.

The Wild Card Playoffs will be held the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The Youth Final 4 will be held the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September.

The Final 4 will be a two day tournament, the structure for baseball will be as follows for both Pony and Bronco:

	Home	Away
Game 1 – Semi Final One	South (Seed # 1)	Wild Card Winner
Game 2 – Semi Final Two	North (Seed # 1)	South (Seed # 2)
Game 3 – for 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Loser Game 1 *	Loser Game 2 *
Game 4 – Championship Game	Winner Game 1 *	Winner Game 2 *

\* Coin toss to decide home team

\*\* All games are 7 inning games for Pony, 6 inning games for Bronco

All rules included in this handbook shall apply to the Youth Final Four unless otherwise modified here.

If inclement weather reduces the amount of time available then the Youth Commissioner and Technical Commissioner shall decide on a course of action which might include reducing the length of games. If it proves impossible to play Game 1 and Game 2 as above then the Final will be played between the North and South #1 seeds.

### **Pitching Restrictions (baseball only)**

For pitching purposes, the Final 4 will be classed as a double header.

## **Technical Commissioner**

A Technical Commissioner will be appointed by the British Baseball Federation for the Final Four.

To protest an umpire's decision at the Final Four the protest rules of baseball must be followed. The appropriate protest fee must be presented to the Technical Commissioner within ten minutes of the umpire's ruling along with a written statement indicating the situation and the rule which has been misinterpreted. The Technical Commissioner will then take whatever action he deems necessary (including, perhaps, interviewing the umpires) to establish a ruling.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### BaseballSoftballUK

John Boyd: please contact via [www.baseballsoftballuk.com](http://www.baseballsoftballuk.com)

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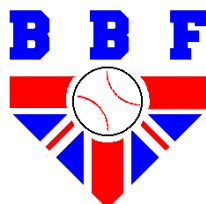
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## Application for a Player to Play Up an Age Group



Club Name	
Player's Name	
Player's Date of Birth	
Player's School Year	
Coach's Name	
Age Group which Coach recommends Player can Play (Rookie, Bronco, Pony)	

I, the above named coach, recommend that the player named above is capable of participating in the game of baseball at the age-group shown above. I have spoken to the child's parents and have made them aware of the issues around "playing up". I am aware of my responsibilities toward this child's welfare and if I become at all concerned for the welfare of the child because of them "playing up" I will review this issue.

Signature	
Date	

We, the parent / parents / guardian with parental consent for the child named above, have been made aware of the issues around "playing up", including that our child is likely to be

playing with and against older, stronger and more experienced players, and do not object to our child playing in the age-group specified above.

Signature (i)	Date
Signature (ii)	Date