



Eligibility Rules 2012

1.
 - a) When in doubt about the ELIGIBILITY of any boy or girl to participate in the SFPSBL, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that Athletic Directors submit all pertinent facts to the SFPSBL office BEFORE the start of League Play
 - b) SPECIAL RESTRICTION - Any boy or girl who has dual Eligibility must obtain a waiver or release from the program in which he/she has first participated (if he/she is still eligible in that program) before he/she may participate in another program.
 - c) CAUTION to all Athletic Directors: Whenever there are new participants in your program, verify they have never participated in another SFPSBL program, or, if they have participated in another SFPSBL program, they are no longer generally eligible to play in it.
 - d) Whenever a waiver or release is required, it must be in writing from the Athletic Director of the other program (unless exception is made by the Executive Board) and submitted to the Executive Board.

2. A boy or girl may play with only one SFPSBL team and in only one SFPSBL League during the SFPSBL Baseball season.

3. Any boy or girl may participate in a league one grade higher than the actual grade in which he/she is registered.

4. A boy or girl cannot participate for any team whose classification is more than (1) grade higher than the grade in which he/she is registered on the ROSTER DUE DATE.

5. Whenever a boy or girl is promoted in school, he/she remains eligible for the team he/she is playing for, or, at the Athletic Director's immediate discretion, he/she may be placed on a team playing at the higher grade level. The Executive board shall be notified whenever such promotion takes place.

6. Except as stated in part 5 herein, a boy or girl may not participate in a league lower than the actual grade in which he/she is registered.

7. SFPSBL leagues WILL NOT be organized below the THIRD GRADE level.
 - a) At NO TIME will a boy or girl below the third (3rd) grade level be allowed to participate in any SFPSBL league or activity!
 - b) SECOND GRADE BOYS OR GIRLS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
 - c) 3rd grade teams must consist of 3rd grade players only!

8. In each Grade Division a boy or girl must be an actual resident of the Parish, a student of the Parochial Grammar School of the Parish which his/her team represents, or a student of any public or private elementary or secondary school located within the boundaries of said Parish.
 NOTE: (1) A Person's residence is where he/she actually lives. No other address he/she or his/her family may use for any other purpose, and no other address that may

be listed for him/her on any legal document shall have any significance or validity in determining his/her residential Eligibility for SFPSBL Baseball.

9. Any boy or girl not in compliance with provisions of rule 8 herein is generally eligible if he or she is a bona fide “member of the parish” provided such membership is certified to the Executive Board by the Pastor, either orally or in writing.

NOTE: Attendance at CCD school does not qualify a boy or girl as a “student of the Parochial Grammar School”, as stated in rule 8 herein, and such attendance does NOT qualify a boy or girl as a “member of the parish” unless so stated by the Pastor.

10. A boy or girl moving from one Parish to another during the season of a particular sport will remain on the team on whose Roster his/her name originally (and legally) appeared.

11. Boys and girls who participate in either Junior High School or Middle School Interscholastic Athletics REMAIN ELIGIBLE for SFPSBL play.

12. The following are limitations imposed on boys and girls in ALL GRADE DIVISIONS: To be eligible for the Grade Division as listed herein, a boy or girl must be born on or after the following:

GRADE DIVISION BOY’S OR GIRL’S BIRTHDATE

THIRD January 1, 2002

FOURTH January 1, 2001

FIFTH January 1, 2000

SIXTH January 1, 1999

SEVENTH January 1, 1998

EIGHTH January 1, 1997

NOTE: This is in addition to the boy or girl being in the same grade or one grade lower than the Grade Division of Play.

13. SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTIONS

- a)** The granting of SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO SFPSBL Eligibility Rules is at the discretion of the Executive Board. Such SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, if granted, are for the current season only.
- b)** Procedures for submitting eligibility requests:
 - i.** All requests for Eligibility exceptions must be submitted in writing to the SFPSBL Executive Board prior to the deadline dates established by the Executive Board.
 - ii.** All requests must be signed by the Athletic Director. Letters from coaches and/or parents may accompany the request, but the Executive Board cannot act on a request that is not signed by the Athletic Director.
 - iii.** Requests must include all pertinent information, including any letters, certifications, and releases required by the Guidelines, per (c) herein, and/or by the Executive Board.
- c)** Guidelines for considering Eligibility requests:

Preface: It is the position of the Executive Board that all youngsters, grades 3rd-8th, should be provided with an opportunity to participate in SFPSBL Baseball. To this end the Executive Board will permit all youngsters to have access to a functioning baseball program. Parishes are encouraged to make every effort to accommodate all youngsters in their Parish who wish to participate in SFPSBL Baseball.

Grade Exceptions: WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Age Exceptions: CAN ONLY BE GRANTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Residence Exceptions:

1. Exceptions will not be considered in cases where youngsters living in one Parish or attending a particular school with a SFPSBL program wish to play in a another Parish or School program that they are not eligible for when the Parish or school for which they are eligible desires to have the youngster participate in their program.

2. Exceptions will not be considered because the requesting program is “better”.

3. Exceptions will be considered when the Parish in which the youngster resides accepts in writing from the other AD specific acceptable reasons why it is in the best interests of the youngster to participate in another program for which he/she would not ordinarily be eligible.

4. Exceptions will be considered in cases where the Pastor of a Parish certifies in writing that a family is registered in the Parish and is actively involved in the Parish community even though they do not reside within the Parish boundaries. Specific examples of active Parish participation (e.g. CCD attendance, Church attendance, involvement in Parish organizations, etc.) must be cited.

Changes: Any additions and/or changes to these Guidelines that are adopted by the Executive Board will be made available to all Athletic Directors.

14. Total Parish Eligibility:

When a parish athletic program is not participating in SFPSBL and/or when a parish does not have a program, the Executive Board may assign the eligibility of that parish to a parish that is participating in the SFPSBL.

15.:

Rosters should be filed on or before, the ROSTER DUE DATE, or as soon thereafter as all required information can be complete and accurate. No team can participate in SFPSBL PLAYOFFS unless their roster has been filed with the League office.