

## Bronco-American Baseball versus Bronco-National Baseball

The Bronco baseball league (age 11-12) is broken down into two divisions, Bronco-American and Bronco-National. It is very important that participants are registered in the correct division

**Note that most 11-12 year-old players should be playing in the Bronco-American league and not the Bronco-National league.**

If necessary, participants may be required to move from Bronco-American to Bronco-National or from Bronco-National to Bronco-American league after skills evaluation at team placements.

Please see the description of the Bronco-National and Bronco-American leagues that follows. If you still have questions regarding the most appropriate league for your child please contact [Aubrey.Clayton@townofcary.org](mailto:Aubrey.Clayton@townofcary.org).

- If you are unsure of which league your child should be in, he should be placed in the Bronco-American league.
- Most Bronco-National players should be league age 12. Bronco-American league should include league age 11 and league age 12 year-old players.
- 66% - 75% of all 11-12 year-old players should be in the Bronco-American league. Only 25% - 33% of 11-12 year-old players should be in the Bronco-National league.

### Bronco-American and Bronco-National Baseball League Descriptions

#### **Participants that meet the following criteria should play in the Bronco-National league:**

- High skill level for their age in throwing, catching, hitting and fielding. ***If lacking in any of these areas, the player should probably be in the Bronco-American league.***
  - Infielders should be able to throw from 3b and SS to 1b easily. Throw to 1b is parallel to the ground.
  - Infielder fields ground balls correctly, in front of the ball without fear.
  - Infielder can catch hard hit line drives.
  - Player almost always makes contact when hitting with fundamentally correct swing. Player often hits ball to the outfield. Player can hit pitching at higher speeds. Player isn't afraid of being hit by pitched ball.
  - Player can catch routine fly balls easily in the outfield. Makes strong throws to the infield.
  - Player has understanding and appreciation of the rules of the game.
  - Player is ready for advanced individual and team instruction.
  - Pitchers have experience pitching and are ready to learn how to pitch from the windup and the stretch.
  - Catchers ready to catch for highly skilled pitchers. Catchers can throw to 2b and 3b to make put outs on base runners stealing.
- Bronco-National players (11 year olds – spring 2018)
- Bronco-American all-star players (spring/summer 2018)
- Bronco-American (spring 2018) and "A" (fall 2018) players that were top 1 or 2 players on their team.
- Mustang (spring 2018) players that were top 1-2 players on their team.
- Most Bronco-National players should be league age 12.

**The following apply to both Bronco-American and Bronco-National Leagues:**

- Both leagues will use same fields: Lions-Franklin, Bond #7 and Ritter #2
- Teams in both leagues will have the same number of regular season games and the same number of practices.
- Both leagues have the same philosophy of skill development, sportsmanship, participation and fun. The Bronco-National League is not intended to be “more competitive”.
- Practices begin in late March, games begin late April.
- Base distance: 70'; Pitching distance: 48'; Player pitch

**Differences between the Bronco-American and Bronco-National Leagues:**

- Bronco-National league is intended for the highest skill level players. All others should be in the Bronco-American league.
- Bronco-National league will include base runners getting leads and pitchers pitching from windup and the stretch. Bronco-American league base runners must stay on base until the ball crosses home plate.