



*Crescenta Sports Association  
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### **Petition for Exemption From Age-Specific Division Placement**

Crescenta Sports Association (“CSA”) is a member of PONY Baseball/Softball, Inc. (“PONY”), which provides organizational rules for its members. Each league who is a member of PONY is organized by age-specific Divisions. Specifically, for the 2017-18 baseball year, CSA division-specific age groups are as follows:

- (1) FOAL: Players of league age 3 & 4, born between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2015.
- (2) SHETLAND: Players of league age 5 & 6, born between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013.
- (3) PINTO: Players of league age 7 & 8, born between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2011.
- (4) MUSTANG: Players of league age 9 & 10, born between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2009.
- (5) BRONCO: Players of league age 11 & 12, born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007.
- (6) PONY: Players of league age 13 & 14, born between September 1, 2003 and August 31, 2005.

Allowing players to play outside of their age-specific division raises serious risk and liability issues for CSA. Accordingly, while we allow families to petition for waivers of the above age requirements, we do not encourage such petitions. **However, with the exception of a player entering the Shetland or Pinto Division early, a player must rate in the top 20% of the player’s division during tryouts in order to qualify to play in the higher division.** This policy is consistent with other PONY leagues. In order to be considered for this exemption, the player must be 1) registered in the proper division based on their age; 2) notify the Division Commissioner BEFORE tryouts; 3) tryout in the division they should be playing in based on their age and; 4) tryout in the division they want to play in. Families requesting their Foal players be permitted to play Shetland or their Shetland players be permitted to play Pinto must contact the Foal/Shetland Division Commissioner for an individual evaluation by the league. After tryouts or evaluations, the Pinto Division Commissioner will inform the petitioning family of CSA’s decision.

***By signing below, you consent to CSA’s assessment of your child’s abilities as they relate to the subject of your petition and agree to cooperate fully with such process. Should your petition be approved and should your child play in a division other than his league-mandated age-specific division, you hereby and forever release and discharge CSA, as well as any of its past and present agents, employees, representatives, officers, managers, coaches, commissioners, directors, assigns and attorneys, and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of each of them (collectively, the “CSA Released Parties”) with respect to any and all claims, causes of action, lawsuits, liabilities, damages, judgments, and demands of any nature whatsoever, in law and in equity, which you now have or ever had, or may ever have, whether currently known or unknown, against the CSA Released Parties, arising from or relating to approval of this petition.***

***You hereby waive any and all rights you may have under California Civil Code §1542, which reads as follows:***

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH A CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.”

***You also hereby acknowledge that you have been given the encouragement and opportunity to consult with legal counsel prior to signing this petition.***

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Player's Name

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Birth Date

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Date

