

**U.S.A. SOFTBALL
DISTRICT 31
YOUTH DIVISION GUIDELINES
FALL BALL**

All Fall Ball rules will coincide with the current District rules, with the exception of the following:

- Fall Ball Fields:** At the present time the following fields will be used for all Fall Ball Games: Dickinson, Galveston, Santa Fe, Texas City
- Fees & Rosters:** All fees and rosters are to be turned in by a date set by the District Office.
- League Deadline:** Deadline for teams to enter the Fall Ball season will be August TBD. After this deadline, NO TEAMS will be allowed to play in fall ball.
- Registration Fees
League Play:** Players that did not play in the current season must be registered with the District. A fee of \$14.00 will be charged per player. **(Please denote the new players by putting an asterisks (*) before their name on the roster.)** Teams will pay a fee of \$20.00 per team.
- Forfeit Fees:** \$60.00 for Pixie Teams; \$120.00 for all other age divisions. All fees are to be paid to SFGSL; money will be held and refunded at the end of the season if not used. In the event a team forfeits it will be their responsibility to pay both theirs and the opposing teams umpire fees.
- Game Cancellation:** If a team cannot play their scheduled games, they must give a 24 hour notice or games will be considered a forfeit.
- Umpire Fees:** Umpire fees will be set once all the umpire associations are contacted and will be set at the Fall Ball Meeting. Umpire fees are "pay at the plate" cash. Please use correct change.
- Rosters:** All teams will fill out an official District roster - 20 players max. All rosters must be **TYPED & NO NICK NAMES** (Legal First and Last name).
- Pick Up Players:** To keep teams from having to forfeit games, teams will be allowed to pick up players from other teams to keep from forfeiting. **(Limit 4 players max. – must be from current age group or younger. ex: 14U cannot play 12U.)**
- A or Div. 1 Teams:** May not play in Fall Ball.
- A or Div. 1 Players:** Any Div. 1 or A players that are playing Fall Ball must play up in the next age division and may not Pitch or Catch. **(Limit 3 players per team)**

Game Schedules: Sept. - Nov. Dates to be TBA (2 Games every other Sunday)

Rain-Out Dates: Pixie & 10U will play the very next weekend, which would be their off weekend.

12U & 14U would add the missing games to their already scheduled games for the next scheduled weekend (4 games instead of 2).

Rules: Due to all of our leagues having different sets of rules, the following rules will now be used for all Fall Ball Games:

A. No Steal Cleats will be allowed in Fall Ball.

B. Teams bat their full line up; free substitutions.

C. 10U - Coach Pitch after 2 walks per 1/2 inning, (coach pitches from the rubber), no stealing or dropped 3rd strike while coach is pitching. Teams may play 10 in the field (4 outfielders).

D. All divisions games will have a 6 run limit per 1/2 inning.

E. Game times: Pixie – 55 min finish the batter
10, 12, & 14U – 75 min finish the batter

***in regards to C and D - if both coaches agree to different playing rules and notify the umpire they may play by the agreed to guidelines for that game.