

**U.S.A. SOFTBALL
DISTRICT 31
YOUTH DIVISION GUIDELINES
FALL BALL 2017**



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, League City, Galveston, Santa Fe, Texas City
- Fees & Rosters:** All fees and rosters are to be turned in by September 1, 2017.
- League Deadline:** Deadline for teams to enter the Fall Ball season will be September 1, 2017. 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. *No personal checks will be accepted for registration and insurance fees. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, money order, cashier's check or league check.*
- Forfeit Fees:** \$60.00 for Pixie Teams; \$120.00 for all other age divisions. All fees are to be paid to District 31 (personal checks are acceptable for the forfeit fees); 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 \$15 per team for Pixie games and \$30 per team for 10U, 12U, and 14U. 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: Pixie: Sept 10 - Nov 5 (2 Games every other Sunday)
10U, 12U, 14U: Sept 17 - Nov 12 (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 Steel 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. Teams are not mathematically eliminated and will play the full game time regardless of score.

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