

Fall 2017/Spring 2018 Jefferson Softball Travel Tryout Procedures

This year's tryouts will determine teams for the upcoming 2017 Fall and 2018 Spring Seasons. Each player must commit to the fall and spring seasons. Travel Tryouts are an open tryout for a team, there are no reserved spots for any players. Players will be rated by an independent rating service and teams will be made based on their recommendations pending board approval. Players will be rated on all facets of the game of Softball.

Players should wear proper softball attire and should bring their own equipment (i.e. bat, glove and helmet). **IMPORTANT:** No branding of Jefferson Softball uniforms, All Star or any other club/travel softball program may be worn during the tryout (i.e. Shirts & Hats). Equipment bags and helmets are okay.

1. Each player must attend at least one tryout and no more than two total tryouts in a Division to be considered for placement on a team. The Appropriate Division is determined by the age of the player as of January 1st, 2018.

A. A player can have two tryouts in a single Division. The higher of the two overall scores will be utilized to determine placement.

B. A player can try out for the age required Division and an upper Division which would be a total of 4 tryouts.

C. If a Player tries out for an upper Division only and is not placed upon that team she will not be placed on the age required team without a tryout at the age appropriate Division.

2. A player may try out for one Division above their age required Division. Therefore, a 10U can try out for 12U, a 12U can try out for 14U. The players score must be in the top **6** of all players' ratings trying out for that age Division to be placed upon the upper team.

A. If a player was given Board approval to play up a Division for an entire season, the top 6 player rule does not apply. This does not give the approved player the ability to try out for a Division beyond what was Board approved.

3. Pitchers and Catchers:

A. Pitchers and Catchers will be rated separately and placed upon teams first.

B. The top 2-3 Pitchers and Catchers will take the first spots on a team.

C. It will be the Boards discretion to determine how many Pitchers and Catchers will be placed upon a team.

D. Once a Player has a try out as a Pitcher or Catcher they cannot invalidate that tryout to be placed upon a team.

E. A player must have a try out as a Pitcher or Catcher to Pitch or Catch during the Season. No Exceptions.

4. Team Selection is based upon the final ratings of the players and board approval.

A. Once teams are assembled, a Parent/Guardian will be notified by email and phone. The Parent/Guardian will be given 24 hours to accept the spot on the team for the Fall and Spring seasons.

B. If a spot is not accepted by a player, the next highest rated player will be called to accept the spot until the team is formed.

C. The Parent/Guardian will be required to register the player on the Jefferson Softball website and submit a non-refundable deposit to Jefferson Softball. Registration includes agreement to Character Counts, Parent/Player Contract, Participation Waiver and Photo Release. Until these conditions are met, no player shall be allowed to participate in any team event, this includes winter training, practices and/or games.

D. Payment will be for the Fall Season and an additional deposit towards the upcoming Spring Season will be required. All monies collected are non-refundable. Fees must be paid prior to the start of all activities in a season. Payment plans can be discussed with the Board President and/or Treasurer prior to the start of activities. In the event that payments are not made, the Parent/Player shall be prohibited from participating in any team event, this includes winter training, practices and/or games.

E. If a player is carrying a negative balance from a previous season, they will not be placed on a team until that balance is paid in full.

F. Placing Jefferson residents on a team will be the priority, however Non-Jefferson residents will be considered if they rate in the top 6 and are board approved. A maximum of 2 Non-Jefferson residents will be permitted.