

III. TEAM FORMATION & PLAYER PLACEMENT

GYAA offers multiple sports (baseball, softball, football, cheer and others as adopted). Each season, divisions may vary by sport.

Softball-

Non-Draft/Assigned Divisions

All divisions are assigned by the Commissioner, including:

- Sweetees (Ages 4-6)
- Darlings (Ages 7-8)
- Angels (Ages 9-10)
- Ponytails (Ages 11-12)
- Belles (Ages 13-14)
- Debs (Ages 15-19)

a. Parent Requests

Parent requests for teammates or coaches may be considered **only in non-drafted divisions**. GYAA cannot guarantee approvals.

The days of practices and games are subject to field availability, coaching availability, and other opposing leagues availability.

b. Play-Up Requests

Players may request to “play up” a division if:

- The Commissioner and Division Coach determine the player is developmentally ready and roster space allows.

Players may not “play up” and then move back down to their age division for all-stars. If they are not selected for the division that they played in, then they will not be eligible to play in their age based division.

c. Play-Down Requests

Players may not play down in accordance with Dixie Softball Rules.

IV. INJURED PLAYERS

An injured player may not participate until a doctor's note clearing full return is submitted to the Commissioner or GYAA President.

Injured players may be in the dugout but may not wear full uniform pants or coach bases.

V. FORFEITED & RESCHEDULED GAMES

Games cancelled due to insufficient players may be forfeited or rescheduled based on a decision by the commissioner.

VI. MANAGER/COACH ELIGIBILITY

All managers and coaches must:

- Apply annually as volunteers
- Be able to pass a background check
- Uphold Code of Conduct

Prior service **does not guarantee reappointment.**

VII. ALL-STAR / TOURNAMENT TEAMS (If Applicable by Sport)

a. Intent to Participate

Players must register via the GYAA All-Star Form and commit to attendance and practice expectations. Players must meet the required 9 regular season game minimum established by Dixie to be eligible for all-star selection.

b. Fees

Tournament and All-Star fees will be set annually by the softball commissioners and the GYAA Board.

c. Player Selection

Selection may occur through:

- Scorebooks to evaluate regular season statistics
- Coach's evaluations based on regular season game play

- Player availability (i.e. if Player A was selected, but is unable to come to practices and/or the tournament, then Player B may be selected instead)

d. Manager Selection

Interested coaches must apply and will be reviewed by the Commissioner. Applying to be a manager does not mean that request will be approved. Being a coach or manager does not give your child an automatic all-star roster spot.

e. Coach Selection

Tournament managers may select their assistant coaches from eligible, approved GYAA volunteer coaches from that current season. Being a coach or manager does not give your child an automatic all-star roster spot.