

## **Mars Girls Fastpitch Softball Play - Up Policy**

Mars Girls Fastpitch Softball's policy is that players should normally participate in the **age division that matches their birthdate**. While some players may demonstrate strong skills and parents may feel they are ready to compete with older players, most athletes benefit the most from playing within their own age group.

We understand that the **August 31 age cutoff used for Girls Fastpitch Softball** can sometimes place players in a different division than their classmates. To help address this situation, Mars Girls Fastpitch Softball will consider **play - up requests for players born between September 1 and November 1** so they may have the opportunity to play with their grade level.

If your player was born between **September 1 and November 1** and you would like them to be considered to play up:

1. **Register your player in the correct age division first.**
2. Then email **[marsbaseball@marsbaseball.org](mailto:marsbaseball@marsbaseball.org)** to request consideration for a play - up.

Please note that play - up requests are not guaranteed to be approved. All requests will be reviewed based on factors including roster balance, player safety, and overall league evaluation. Final decisions regarding play - up requests will be made by the Mars Girls Fastpitch Softball Vice President in consultation with the appropriate head coaches, approvals may also depend on available roster space and maintaining balanced teams within each division

Our goal is to ensure every player has a positive experience while developing their skills, building confidence, and enjoying the game.