

## Lubbock Youth Softball Equipment Tips & Info

### Gloves – (supplied by player)

- **Do not purchase a T-Ball-Baseball glove!**
- Baseballs are 9” and a softball will not fit in a baseball glove.
- A softball glove should measure at least one inch larger than the age division ball size.
- **6U age division (fall-ball 7U):** 11” ball = 11” glove
- **8U & 10U age divisions (fall-ball 9U & 11U):** 11” ball = 12” glove
- **12U & 14U age divisions (fall ball 13U & 15U):** 12” ball = 13” glove
- When purchasing a glove, the size should be printed on the palm, or possibly on the thumb or pinky finger.

### Shoes/Cleats – (supplied by player)

- **From the USSSA Rule Book:**
- “In all divisions 12 and Under and younger, Metal cleats and metal toe plates are prohibited.”
- Cleats are not required by USSSA or LYS but are strongly suggested.
- The cleats should be “softball” cleats not soccer.
- A softball cleat will have a “front tooth”, soccer cleats do not have this tooth.

### Fielder’s Mask – (supplied by player)

- Fielder’s masks are not required by USSSA or LYS but are strongly suggested.
- Masks should fit snug.

### Batting Helmet – (supplied by player)

- Must have a NOCSAE stamp and cover both ears and temples.
- They must have a metal face mask and should also have a chin strap.

### Bats – (supplied by player)

- **From the USSSA Rule Book:**
- “Only bats made by those bat manufacturers listed on the USSSA website as USSSA Licensed Softball Bat Manufacturers and that have the New USSSA 1.20 BPF Mark on the taper of the bat will be legal in USSSA sanctioned play.”

### Sizing chart for purchasing a softball bat:

AGE	UNDER 7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14 AND OVER
LENGTH	24”-26”	26”-29”	28”-31”	29”-33”	31”-34”
DROP	(-13.5)-(-10)	(-13.5)-(-10)	(-13)-(-8)	(-12)-(-8)	(-10)-(-8)

**Drop:** the difference in the bat length to its weight. A 30” bat with a -10 drop weighs 20oz.

