



BPR Softball Team Formation and Assistant Coach Selection Guidelines for 2024

The primary goal of the Bentonville Parks and Recreation Softball team formation process is to create a softball league that is competitive and balanced, providing each participant with the most positive experience possible for learning the fundamentals of softball, developing a passion for the game and being part of a team environment while promoting a healthy, active lifestyle and having **FUN!**

BPR Softball Team Formation Guidelines:

6U- All players will be assigned to a team and will be assigned to a **new** team each year while in the age division.

8U- All players will be assigned to a team and will be assigned to a **new** team each year while in the age division.

10U/12U/14U-16U - Age Divisions:

- Any player entering the age division for the first time will be assigned to a team based on the skills assessment through the registration process.
- Any player **returning** to the age division may choose to return onto the roster which they played on in the previous season in that age division.
- When a player moves up to the next age division, the player will be assigned to a team based on the skills assessment.

For spring 2024, any player that is staying in 10U/12U/14U-16U age divisions that was an existing 10U/12U/14U-16U player in spring 2023 can stay on their previous roster for spring 2024. Players that were originally assigned to a team in spring 2023 are eligible to return to that team. Any player that was on a fall 2023 team would need to return to their spring 2023 team if coming back or enter the team formation process.

10U/12U/14U-16U age division players will only stay together within the age division as players move up in that age division. This will allow more players to play together and experience different coaching styles. Players can stay together for the duration of an age division. Players will be assigned to a new team when they move up to the next age division or can elect to be reassigned to a new team each year.

Example: If a player is returning to the 10U age division, they can stay on their previous roster **until** the player moves up to 12U. If a 10U player from spring 2023 has aged out of that division and is moving to 12U in spring 2024, that player will be assigned to a new team based on the formation process.

Assistant Coach Selection: Every head coach is allowed two assistant coaches prior to team formation, for both new and returning players.