



Outfit a New 10U Player for Softball

Basic equipment needed:

- 1) **11" -12" Fielding glove maximum.** Glove size is noted on inside of glove. This division plays with a 11" softball so the glove needs to be able to fit around the ball. Try to get a glove that is leather as it more pliable than a synthetic leather glove or plastic glove that you can find at discount stores. Buy a glove that fits, not one that is big to grow into. Keeping a ball in her glove will help the glove keep its shape and not become a flat glove while it is stored in her equipment bag.
- 2) **Batters helmet with a NOCSAE approved faceguard.** Both the helmet and facemask need to a NOCSAE stamp on them to be sure the helmet and faceguard are safe enough to protect a player. The helmet should be easy to get on and off with the facemask and fit snugly on your daughter's head. It should not wobble on their head.
- 3) **Softball or soccer cleats should be worn.** Make sure any cleats fit.
- 4) **For the 10U division, bat lengths may be anywhere from 27-31" long depending on your daughter's height.** Cost of the bats should be in the \$50 - \$150. As you gain more experience in softball, you can purchase a composite bat costing \$250 or higher for an 10u player as this division plays with the RIF 11" Level 10 softball.
- 5) **Fielders masks are mandatory for the 10u division.** Try to find a Schutt or Rip it steel fielders mask rather than a plastic mask for visibility and comfort.
- 6) **Batpacks or smaller wheeled bags** are very practical for the 10u players to carry their equipment.

Recommended Optional equipment:

- 1) Batting gloves. Make sure to try them on to make sure they fit your daughter's hand with no wrinkles in the palm and the tips of the gloves are close to the end of your fingers.
- 2) Sliding shorts or compression shorts.
- 3) Sliding knee pads.

ALWAYS keep in mind that the equipment should fit her now and not too big for her. We want her to enjoy playing softball.