

Centex Series 2021 Team Formation Guidelines & Rules

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Team selection process must be approved by Centex committee before teams allowed into Centex tournaments. For 2021 the age cutoff date will remain April 30th to determine player age.

- 1) All players must have been registered with the association they are planning to play for in Centex for the spring season of the current year. They must have played for a recreational team during the spring season at that associations and must have participated in at least half of their team events during that spring season.
- 2) If a player has played for an open, select or tournament team in a sanctioned tournament like Nations, Super Series, USSSA, Triple Crowne, Centex Elite or other between March 1st 2021, and June 27th, 2021 they are not eligible to be placed on a Centex All Star team.
- 3) Associations will enter teams in either Division 1 (D1) or Division 2 (D2) based on the pool of total number of teams eligible for participation in CenTex, register in that age group during the spring season at that association base on the following criteria:

1-4 teams they can enter teams in either D1 or D2

5-15 teams must have at least one team in D1 any number in D2

16+ teams must have at least two teams in D1 any number in D2

The Centex committee my move teams after pool play if requested by the association and approved by the committee.

- 4) Teams chosen from a total pool of eligible teams of 4 teams or fewer may not have more than 5 players from any one team. Teams chosen from a total pool of eligible teams of 5 or more teams may not have more than 4 players from any one team. No more than 6 players on the Centex roster can have played on the same team in any non league game between March 1, 2021 and May 10, 2021.
- 5) Players must be listed on the team official registration form; coaches must have a copy at the game. Players may not switch teams and players cannot be added to the roster after turning in the form.
- 6) No Centex team can play or practice together before May 10th 2021
- 7) Any exception to the above team formation rules must be approved by the rules committee prior to the beginning of pool play.
- 8) Teams, Coaches or Players found to be in violation of any of the above rules will be subject to penalties deemed appropriate by the rules committee which could include suspension and or exclusion from any or all Centex events and games.

Definition of pool of eligible teams – The total pool of eligible teams is the total number of teams in a specific age bracket registered and playing the spring season, that have players on them that would be eligible to participate in the CenTex Series, at that association regardless of which division they are in.

For example: Association A has 156 8U players registered for spring 2021. There are 3 select teams which play in USSSA tournaments, 4 National League teams (which have kids eligible to play in Centex) and 6 American league teams (which also have kids eligible to play in Centex). This association has a total of 10 teams with kids eligible to participate in Centex, therefore their total pool for calculations in rules (3) and (4) above would be 10 teams.