



2021-2022 TFL SEASON

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TFL - Alliance Fastpitch Website - [THE TFL/ALLIANCE WEBSITE](#)

The TFL 2021-2022 Season for 14u, 16u and 18u will be open to any teams in Texas, Louisiana or close to the Texas State border with a [League Change Request](#) approved by the Alliance.

Each age group will be all one division with an updated scoring System. Rankings of Teams no longer classified as “Tier 1” or “Tier 2”. The ELO scoring system will be a continuous scoring system that ranks team based on their game and event results. (See ELO Scoring System section)

Registration – All teams must register thru Alliance to participate in the TFL. (Registration will open August 14th) ([Alliance Website](#)) (See below for step by step directions and member benefits)

1. Register and Pay for your team (\$200 yearly fee) – Registers team to play in the TFL thru Summer 2022 – All events will be a separate registration and payment
2. Team must register with The Alliance, and have all players and coaches become members. \$50 fee per person, and will include USA and USSSA registration. See Membership Benefits!!

Athletes Go Live – <https://athletesgolive.com/>

All teams need to have a team account and roster set up thru Athletes Go Live! This is something we need in order to compile all stats and not have any confusion on team names. This platform is what we will use to keep league and nationwide stats, stat leaders, player awards, etc. If teams are not registered and actively scoring their games with AGL then their players will not be eligible for TFL or Alliance awards.

When scoring a TFL event in AGL, you must select the AGL event code when scoring and streaming games.

Events - ([Link to TFL Event Schedule](#))([Schedule of events thru TFL Website](#))

There is not a set schedule of events that teams need to play in. Teams need to register and pay for each event they choose to play in.

If an event is unlisted, and an event director would like their event considered as a TFL endorsed event, then they need to submit the event on the Texas Fastpitch Event Calendar ([Link](#)), and then contact a TFL director to have it considered for inclusion in the TFL schedule. All TFL events need to be registered thru AGL and provide an AGL event code.

There is no minimum or maximum number of events a team must play in, but note that all TFL Championship events will be seeded by the ELO rankings.

TFL Standings – ELO Scoring and Rating System – [Link to Alliance Announcement](#), & [Link to Alliance page](#)

Note – all teams start new for the new TFL/Alliance year. Events will use Summer 2021 results for team placement at events until November 1st when ELO rankings are updated for the new year.

The ELO Rating System will constantly determine the TFL Standings. We will be transitioning from the TFL scoring system to a worldwide system used called the ELO Rating System. See documents for the ELO Rating System, or simply search for “[ELO Rating System](#)”.

The TFL ELO system will automatically update after each TFL event, and updated Standings will be available as soon as most previous events and games are loaded into system.

What games count and do not count? –

Fall – Any game between September 1- October 1 will only be counted for stats, no results will be counted.

After October 1 - Any game in a TFL event that is a finish the inning game will be loaded into the ELO scoring system.

Any game that is not a finish inning game will not be used. Finish Batter or Drop-Dead games are strictly warm up or Showcase games. Stats will still be loaded if scored thru AGL, but the game results will not be counted or used.

Bracket games will count more in the ELO system than Round Robin or Pool games.

TFL Fall Championships – November 19-21 – NORTH HOUSTON AREA

ALL TFL REGISTERED TEAMS ARE INVITED TO PLAY!

Teams must be a registered TFL team, as well as an Alliance member team with all players and coaches' members of Alliance. Alliance Rosters and Standings will be locked on Tuesday November 16th.

The Event format will be a 3-game guarantee, with regional play in brackets on Friday and Saturday that seed into Single E Championship Brackets on Saturday evening and Sunday.

Event Price will be \$395 plus \$60 PAP, with all games 1:30 finish inning.

Games will start later Friday; all teams will need to be prepared to play Friday at 5:00.

The TFL standings on Tuesday November 16th, once updated, will seed the fall championships.

The top 24 ranked teams playing in the event will play in the Lone Star division, all other teams will play in the Alamo division.

Each division will play regional double E brackets, with the results seeding Single E Championship brackets (Single E Championships brackets will be Played Saturday evening and Sunday).

The Lone Star final 4 will be played at UH (18u) and Crosby (14u&16u)

(Minimum of 8 AFCS Berths will be earned in the fall championships)

Wild Card berth - The highest ranked team in standings after TFL Fall championships will earn an AFCS Summer 2022 berth. Teams must play in the fall championships to earn an AFCS berth, unless waived by the TFL board of directors.

TFL Summer Championships- July 7-10, 2022 – Plano, Allen, McKinney Area

ALL TFL REGISTERED TEAMS ARE INVITED TO PLAY!

Teams must be a registered TFL team, as well as an Alliance member team with all players and coaches' members of Alliance. Alliance Rosters and Standings will be locked on Tuesday June 21, 2022.

All teams must be registered and paid by this date to play.

Event Price will be \$995 plus \$60 PAP, with all games 1:30 finish inning.

Event Format – All teams will play four or more games

There will be minimal to no AFCS berths given at the TFL Summer Championships.

TFL Championships results will be used to seed teams into the AFCS. AFCS Qualified teams that do not play in the TFL Summer Championships will be placed at the bottom of the TFL list for seeding the AFCS.

Day 1 - Thursday July 7 - Regional round.

All teams seeded into the regional brackets based off the TFL ELO standings on June 21, 2021. If there are 52 or more teams in an age group, then there will be 16 regional rounds played as full double elimination bracket with the winning team advancing to the Super Regional Round and others to the Qualifying Brackets. If there are less than 52 teams in an age group then there will be 8 regional brackets played as a modified double elimination bracket with the winners bracket winning team advancing to Super Regionals, and the losers bracket winning team advancing to the Super Regionals. All other teams advancing to the Qualifying Brackets.

Day 2 – Friday July 8 – Super Regional Rounds (Gold, Silver, etc)

TFL Gold Championships – The top 16 teams will advance to the Gold Championships.

TFL Silver Championships – The #17-32 teams will advance to the Silver Championships

TFL Open Championships – The #32+ teams will play in the Open Championships

Each Super Regional will have 2 teams. The loser of game 1 will rotate to another super regional bracket, and must beat a team twice to advance to Lone Star Series.

Teams that win two games will advance to the Lone Star Series, and the teams that lose two games will move to the Alamo Series.

Day 3 – Saturday July 9 – Lone Star Series, Alamo Series

The Lone Star and Alamo Series of each Division will be formatted exactly like the Women's College World Series!

Day 4 – Sunday July 10 “Championship Sunday” – Completion of Lone Star Series, Alamo Series

The Top 4 teams in each division in the Lone Star & Alamo Series will be playing for the Championships in their respective bracket.

TFL Coaches Email Group

[Texas Fastpitch League Coaches] (← if you see this in subject line of an email then you are signed up)

If you are interested in receiving any TFL information that is sent out, please complete the link below.

Please only limit this to coaches or managers that will need information for your team from TFL leadership. We pay for each email that is signed up, so would like to keep it minimal as possible.

SIGN UP HERE ----> https://gaggle_email/join/tflcoaches@gaggle_email

Alliance Fastpitch– The Alliance Website Home Page

See the Alliance Fastpitch Website for more information if needed..

Alliance Fastpitch is a nationwide governing body for all the leagues across the country. All TFL teams and players will be required to be members of the Alliance. Membership will have several benefits, including USA and USSSA registrations, team insurance, recruiting accounts, access to famer training, players and team stats included in all leaderboards, and player recognition, etc.

Teams are not allowed to play in TFL Championships if they are not an Alliance team.

Alliance is the platform for all TFL rosters, standings, stats, and player recognition. Therefore, a team needs to register with the Alliance to be included in the standings, championships, stats and players being available to be recognized.

Alliance Fastpitch Championships Series “AFCS” will be held in the summer, and will include championships at each age group and each division. Teams must qualify for the championships through their league to play in the Alliance Championships.

Age Division	Start Date	End Date	Location	Total Berths
14U	Monday, August 1, 2022	Sunday, August 7, 2022	Southern Cal	96
16U	Sunday, July 24, 2022	Saturday, July 30, 2022	Westfield, IN	96
18U	Sunday, July 24, 2022	Saturday, July 30, 2022	Westfield, IN	96

Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series “AFCS” – The AFCS Website

The Alliance Fastpitch will be hosting National Championship for all age divisions at the completion of the 2022 Summer, specifics on dates and locations available soon on the Alliance Website.

- All berths are earned thru one of the 8 leagues across the country
- There will be 10 TFL berths earned in the TFL in the fall. The top 9 teams from the TFL Fall Championships, and one wild card berth to the next highest ranked team at the end of the fall.
- There will be 2 TFL berths earned at the Texas State Championships, 1 at the Glory Shootout, and 1 at the Summer Cup. Then one wild card berth to the next highest ranked teams on June 21st.

2021-2022 TFL ROSTER GUIDELINES for 14U/16U/18U

The player's parents must submit all transfer requests by email to Kevin Shelton (TFLInfo@gmail.com).

FALL SEASON

September 1 – November 1 - Rosters open for additions and transfers

November 1 – November 16 - Rosters only open to addition of players not on any Alliance team Roster.

Note - If a player is released from a roster, then that player can be added to another roster. However, there will be no transfers after November 1st till the completion of the fall championships.

November 16 - Rosters locked for fall championships. There will be no additions or transfers allowed from November 16th till the completion of fall championships.

SUMMER SEASON

January 1 - June 8 - Rosters open for additions and transfers

June 8 – June 21 - Rosters only open to addition of players not on any Alliance team Roster.

Note - If a player is released from a roster then that player can be added to another roster. However, there will be no transfers after June 8th till the completion of the summer championships.

July 1 - Rosters locked for summer championships. There will be no additions or transfers allowed from July 1st till the completion of the summer championships.

July 15 – All Alliance Rosters locked for AFCS play.

Note – After July 1, teams may add a maximum of 3 players to their roster.

TFL Board of Directors

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The Alliance Rules and By Laws

Transfer Definition – A player is on a current roster and is moving from one team to another team's roster.

Addition Definition – A team is adding a player that is not a member of the Alliance or is an Alliance member that is not currently on an Alliance team's roster.

Roster Rules for Players

- 1) Player can transfer one (1) time in the fall and one (1) time in the summer.
- 2) Player must submit transfer request to League office. League office gets approval from both teams.
- 3) If transferring across leagues, player must submit request to both League offices. League offices get approval from both coaches.
- 4) If a player is on a roster of a team that qualifies for a Tier 1 AFCS berth, that player may only transfer to another team that has already qualified for a Tier 1 berth (players may not help two (2) separate teams qualify for AFCS).

Roster Rules for Teams

- 1) Teams may make additions (Non-Alliance members) up to five (5) days prior to the start of a qualifying event.
- 2) Leagues may choose between a ten (10) or a fourteen (14) day option prior to an AFCS qualifying event for Teams to accept a transfer player.
- 3) Leagues may set specific date ranges for Transfer and Addition windows exclusive to their leagues.
- 4) Upon qualifying for a Tier 1 AFCS berth, a team may only add three (3) more players to its roster prior to the AFCS; by definition that roster locked.
- 5) Upon qualifying for a Tier 2 AFCS berth, the roster is NOT locked, and that team will remain subject to above rules regarding Transfers and Additions.
- 6) In the instance that a team qualifies for Tier 1 AFCS and loses an excessive number of players, that team may submit an appeal to add more than three (3) players to their roster.

League Membership and Appeals

- 1) If a team wishes to join a league that does not coincide with their home state's Alliance designation, that team may join a league in which they play a large portion of their schedule. Teams must provide proof of past or future schedule to the Alliance Rules Committee.
- 2) The Alliance Rules Committee will also function as the Appeals Committee.
- 3) If two (2) leagues are in dispute over an issue, each league's representative will abstain from voting. In the case of a tie vote, the Alliance Executive Director will cast the tie-breaking vote.