

Heart of America Elite Fastpitch League

Heart of America Fastpitch League encompasses the central and eastern half of the United States to make three divisions West, Central, North, and East. Each team will play within their region through already established events. The summer will conclude with a league championship that all teams qualify for. Through this league we will grow the game of fastpitch regionally and nationally in a college league format. Our desire is to see all teams prepare their players, parents, and coaches for the collegiate level.

The landscape of travel softball is undergoing a seismic change across our country, and there are exciting times ahead for Fastpitch Softball. The HFL gives all clubs an opportunity to play against the best in a college preparatory format that has unlimited exposure to college coaches. Additionally, all athlete statistics and profiles are readily available league wide with Athletes-Go-Live providing unlimited exposure to the already registered 1600 college coaches. This great partnership provides live streaming throughout all HFL sanctioned events along with highlights and video of every athlete. A highly competitive regional schedule through our divisions lessens travel expenses and provides savings for all clubs to continue improving their product. Lastly, there is NO STAY TO PLAY.

We've received significant interest in the league, and we will continue to gather information from teams. Please fill out our [Plan to Play](#) link if you have interest or anticipate playing in the league.

We support all teams with interest in the league from 10U-18U competing through the same league format. Please continue to follow our website [link](#) for up to date information.

League Format:

All teams must play within their divisions. Our regional format will track standings and stats for teams and players. Based on those standings each team will be seeded in the championship brackets. Each team will play 6 league games. 2 through a midweek double header, or a single game format. 4 through tournament play during pool play at established events. Teams always have the opportunity to play prior to the start of the tournament under arrange league games. If teams are unable to play in midweeks, they can either make them up at HFL events or forfeit points for the 2 games.

League Standings:

Our points system, which is a combination of league games, bracket bonus points, and strength of schedule. Points come from a win percentage in league games, strength of schedule, plus bracket points that will consist of results in HFL sanctioned event brackets. League standing at each age division will seed teams for our championship. Not all teams will have the same amount of games and events played.

HFL Championship August 5-9, 2020 Grand Sports Park Indianapolis, IN

Our championship will consist of a 4-5 day tournament in a college post season format. 6GG August 5-9 at Grand Park in Indianapolis, IN. All teams will start the event in a regional bracket. From the 16 regional round 1:30 finish the inning, winners will move to a super-regional round. Losers will be placed in a qualifying bracket to fight for their division 1 status. The Losers round will be single elimination and the top 4 teams keep division 1 for the 2020-2021 season. Supers will be held over one day at the tournament in a best 2 of 3 series 7 inning ball games. The winners from the super regional round will play in the HFL Championship Series. Losers of the super-regional round will play in the consolation bracket. Both will be formatted exactly like the College World Series. The top 16 teams will earn a "Division 1" status for fall of 2020 and summer of 2021.

Division 1 status

Teams with Division 1 status will have the opportunity to play in a Division 1 league in the fall of 2020, and get preferential placement into the top pools, brackets, division in events in the fall.

All other teams will be in Division 2. We will use these placements to have a better balance in our event placement and competition. We will use the final HFL rankings of summer of 2020 to place teams accordingly in events

Fall 2020:

We will have a fall league that plays into a championship, which may have to be in a southern state due to weather. Our championship would be the last recruiting week of the fall Nov 20-22.

Spring league:

Since a portion of our western states play high school softball, we will have a spring league (10-18). In all other division 10, 12, 14 will have a spring league. The spring league will end before mothers day weekend. Summer season will kickoff memorial day weekend.

Live Streaming

Year one our streaming service will be Athletes-Go-Live – <https://athletesgolive.com/> Our goal is to stream all league games through the service. As a league we will make every effort to live-stream every league game. HFL teams will be required to have a team account and updated roster through the athletes-go-live to live-stream games, and keep complied league stats. Over 1600 college coaches already have access to the system. They can search by team and even down to the player level.

Registration

Registration is open – all teams that plan on playing need to complete our plan to play [link](#)

Payments –

HFL – 14u, 16u, 18u
League - \$150
Championships - \$1000
Both paid at same time - \$1150

HFL- 10-12
League- \$100
Championship- \$550
Both paid as same time- \$650

