



## 2021 SUMMER SEASON

Updated – 1/20/21

We have transitioned our website to be within the Alliance Fastpitch Website - [THE TFL/ALLIANCE WEBSITE](#)

The TFL Summer 2021 Season will be open to age groups 14u, 16u, and 18u. 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 that participated in the TFL Fall season are registered and paid for thru the Summer Season. Any new teams interested in joining the TFL need fill out this link to officially register and be sent an invoice.

### **[Team Registration \(Late\) Link](#)**

Late Registration will be open thru June 1, 2021; Entry Fee for the 2020-2021 TFL season is \$295. The entry fee does not include any event entry fees, or umpires. The entry fee gets you into the league and covers the fall championships if your team qualifies. The entry fee includes all the resources needed to run the league, website, administration, facilities and expenses, etc.

### **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 wide stats. If teams are not registered and actively scoring their games with AGL then their players will not be eligible for TFL or Alliance awards.

### **Events - ([Link to TFL Event Schedule](#))**

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.

Teams must play in a minimum of 2 TFL events to be ensure the ELO rankings are accurate and to play in the summer championships. If a team plays in a high quality non-TFL event that could be considered as a TFL event, please contact a TFL director.

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

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](#)”.

We will be building the initial standings based off the fall results, therefore the standings will be for each age group and no longer separated by Tier 1 and Tier 2. We are transitioning all data into the new system and will make the ELO rankings available upon completion this spring..

The TFL ELO system will update after each TFL event, and updated Standings will be available as soon as most previous events and games are loaded into system. The ELO system accounts for many variables and will not classify teams as Tier 1 and Tier 2. Therefore, a team that starts as Tier 2 could move up into the top 28, and Tier 1 team could fall out of the Top 28 dependent on results of games from the fall. The ELO standings for the summer 2021 season will run thru June 27, and then be final. All teams that register to play in the TFL Summer Championships will play in the event; teams must be Alliance members to play in the Summer Championships. The event seeded based on the final ELO Summer standings on June 27, 2021. See Summer Championships section for more information.

All TFL events and event pools seeded based on the TFL standings at the time that the team list finalized and pools and divisions are set.

**What games count and do not count?** – 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. Bracket games will count more in the ELO system than Round Robin or Pool games.

**TFL Summer Championships** –

14/16/18u – July 8-11, 2021 – Plano and Allen area

All TFL teams invited to play in the event, and must register and pay for the event.

The top four Tier 1 teams from the Fall Championships advance directly to the Lone Star Series. These teams will play in a qualified team's pool on day 1 and 2 of the Summer Championships. Those four teams seeded based on their results from the fall championships.

Event Format – All teams will play four or more games

**Day 1 - Thursday July 8 - Regional round.**

All teams seeded into the regional brackets based off the TFL ELO standings on June 27, 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 9 – Super Regional Round and Qualifying Brackets Start**

Super Regionals – The 16 Regional winners will advance to the Super Regional round. There will be four super regional brackets, with each bracket having four teams. Supers will be a 4-team double elimination modified bracket. The winner of the winner's bracket will advance to the Lone Star Series, and the winner of the loser's bracket will advance to the Lone Star Series. The other 2 teams placed into the Alamo Series. Note – the Winners bracket game loser moves to loser's bracket of another bracket.

Qualifying "Q" Brackets – Teams that do not advance to the super regionals will enter one of four Qualifying Brackets seeded by the results of the regional round. The winners of the four Q Brackets will earn a berth to the Tier 2 Alliance Fastpitch National Championships. All other teams invited to the Open AFCS.

**Day 3 – Saturday July 10 – Lone Star Series, Alamo Series, Q Brackets Continue**

The top 12 teams (4 from the fall and 8 teams from the Super Regionals) will play in the Lone Star Series. All 12 teams will have earned a T1 AFCS Berth, with the results from the Lone Star Series determining seeds into the T1 AFCS.

The eight other teams from the Super Regionals will play in the Alamo Series, and will have earned a berth to the T2 AFCS, with the results from the Lone Star Series determining seeds into the T2 AFCS.

**Day 4 – Sunday July 11 "Championship Sunday" – Completion of Lone Star Series, Alamo Series, Q Brackets**

The Top 4 teams in the Lone Star, Alamo Series, and each Q Bracket will be playing for the Championships in their respective bracket.

The winner of each Q bracket will earn a berth to the T2 AFCS

**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](https://gaggle_email/join/tflcoaches@gaggle_email)

## Alliance Fastpitch– The Alliance Website Home Page

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

Here is link to the up to date [NATIONAL ALLIANCE TEAM LIST](#) at each age group

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 player and team insurance for the year (if needed). Teams 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.

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## Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series “AFCS” – The AFCS Website

The Alliance Fastpitch will be hosting a Tier 1 and a Tier 2 Division for Nationals. An Open Division also projected to be available.

- The top 12 teams (Lone Star Teams) from the TFL Summer Championships in each age group (14u, 16u, 18u) will represent the TFL in the Tier 1 AFCS.
- The next 8 teams (Alamo Series Teams #13-20) from the TFL Summer Championships in each age group (14u, 16u, 18u) will represent the TFL in the Tier 2 AFCS.
- The winning teams of the 4 Q Brackets (#21-24) from the TFL Summer Championships in each age group (14u, 16u, 18u) will represent the TFL in the Tier 2 AFCS.
- All other TFL teams will be invited to play in the AFCS Open Division

# 2021 TFL ROSTER GUIDELINES (Tentative)

## **Alliance Roster Guideline when available will be the official roster guidelines**

The player’s parents must submit all transfer requests by email to Kevin Shelton ([TFLAInfo@gmail.com](mailto:TFLAInfo@gmail.com)).

### SUMMER SEASON

**14u/16u/18u**

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

**June 1 – June 30** - Rosters only open to addition of players not on a team Alliance 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 1st til 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.

### FALL SEASON

**August 1 – October 31** - Rosters open for additions and transfers

**November 1 - November 15** – Rosters only open to addition of players not on a team Alliance 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 until the completion of the fall championships.

**November 15** - Rosters locked for fall championships. There will be no additions or transfers allowed from November 15 till the completion of the fall championships.

# **TFL FALL 2021 SNEAK PEEK**

(All Tentative Information, finalized by August 1)

The 2021-2022 TFL season will start over in the fall of 2021. The fall season will run from September 17 to November 21.

The event schedule will be available by September 1.

Entry Fee for the 2021-2022 season expected to be \$395. Registration will be open by August 1.

There will not be a Tier 1 and Tier 2 division. All teams in each age group will be all in the same division.

The ELO scoring will be used to determine rankings, and all teams will start the fall season with the same rating of 1600. The ELO fall standings will open on October 11. The results from the TFL Summer Championships will determine event team rankings and placement until October 11. If a team finished the summer of 2021 in the top 24, they will ensure their team qualifies for a top placement in any event leading up to October 11.

After October 11, events may use the ELO standings to determine team rankings and placement.

## **Fall Championships – November 20/21 – Saturday/Sunday Only**

14u, 16u, 18u will be in the Houston area, specific location will depend on what age and division

The top 32 teams in the ELO standings on Monday November 15, 2021 will qualify for the Fall Championships. There will be no additional entry fee; teams will only need to PAP to play in the TFL Fall Championships.

The Tier 1 TFL Fall Championships will be the #1-16 teams, and the Tier 2 TFL Fall Championships will be the #17-32 teams.

The Tier 1 and Tier 2 Fall Championships will each be four brackets of four teams each, played on Saturday as a double Elimination bracket. The ELO standings will determine the seedings. The winner of each Saturday bracket will advance to the final four on Sunday; the top four Tier 1 teams will also earn a Tier 1 AFCS berth and direct entry to the 2022 Summer Championship Lone Star Series. The Tier 2 final four teams will earn a berth to the Tier 2 AFCS, with a chance to improve that to a Tier 1 berth the following summer.

In the event that a team qualifies but does not play in the Fall Championships, then the teams behind that team in the standing will move up for the fall championship placement and seedings.

Sunday, the fall final four teams in Tier 1 and Tier 2 will play a 4-team single elimination bracket to determine the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Fall TFL Champions.

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