

Play UP Policy FOR 8U, 10U and 12U Spring Season: Starting in the spring of 2016, AGSL will consider allowing girls to play up out of their age division (e.g. 10U to 12U). A player must demonstrate superior ability in their current and requested age division. In other words, a 10U requesting to play up to 12U would have to demonstrate they are one of the highest skilled players, not only in 10U, but 12U as well. It is expected that any girl wishing to play up will also participate in the Middle Essex Summer League.

8U-12U Prerequisites:

1. **player must demonstrate superior ability in their current and requested age division**
2. **player is expected to participate in Middle Essex Summer League at their original age group**

Play UP Policy FOR 14U Spring Quad Town: Starting in the spring of 2016, AGSL will consider allowing girls who are in the 7th grade and turning 13 years old on or after January 1st to play up onto the 14U Quad Town. AGSL will consider girls who have played multiple years in the spring and summer leagues and have demonstrated strong hitting and defensive skills to play up into 14U. AGSL wants these girls to have two years in the spring Quad Town league before moving on to high school. It is expected that any girl wishing to play up will also participate in the Middle Essex Summer League.

14U Prerequisites:

1. **player is in the 7th grade and turning 13 years old on or after January 1st**
2. **player has multiple years in AGSL and demonstrated hitting and defensive skills**
3. **player is expected to participate in Middle Essex Summer League at their original age group**

Procedure for Play UP:

1. Player is registered into their appropriate spring age group per online AGSL registration process
2. Player attends the evaluation of the age group where they would like to play up as well as their own age group evaluation
3. AGSL Board will review results of the evaluations and make assessments and recommendations (this will likely only impact one or two players annually)
4. AGSL Board notifies and invites the Player (family) to play up – family has the right of refusal
5. **AGSL Board makes final approval** and reassignment of the player in the online registration system.

Play DOWN Policy: Any girl who is new to softball and feels they will have a better experience learning the game by playing down out of their age group (i.e. 12U to 10U) may request to do so. Requests can be sent by email to the AGSL Registrar directly. Provided there is no safety concern with that player moving down, the player will be reassigned. The AGSL Board will make final decisions on any safety concerns related to players.