

Grapevine Baseball & Softball – Santa Cops Tournament Information

(For GBS Teams Only)

What am I trying out for?

You are trying out for a recreation “All-Star” team that will participate in the Santa Cops Tournament on November 1–2. This tournament is designed to be a fun, community-based event limited to recreation-level players only — no select teams or players are allowed.

How are coaches determined?

Our commissioner reaches out to all coaches to gauge interest in who would like to participate and who is available to coach. Once we know how many coaches we have, we host a tryout to determine team placement. We welcome participation from all players; however, if we do not have enough players to form multiple teams, there may be a few players who are not offered a spot.

Do you provide new jerseys?

This tournament is not part of the regular season, and we do not charge Grapevine teams to participate. Because of that, new jerseys are not provided. Players are welcome to wear their regular-season jerseys, and teams do not have to match. If parents or coaches wish to purchase a special jersey or shirt for fun, that’s completely fine — it’s just an optional, team-based decision and would be at your own cost.

When will we practice?

Practice days typically stay the same if you are on your head coach’s team. If multiple head coaches combine to form one team, they can coordinate to decide which field or practice time to keep based on availability and preference.

What day are the games?

The Santa Cops Tournament is a two-day event. Pool play games will take place on Saturday, November 1. Bracket play games will be held on Sunday, November 2, and your team’s placement will depend on how you perform during pool play. Each team is guaranteed three games total — two pool play games and at least one bracket game. If your team continues to win on Sunday, you’ll keep playing until you’re eliminated or reach the championship game.

Are the rules different?

Yes, tournament play follows slightly different rules than regular season recreation games. Because it's a more competitive environment, certain recreation-specific requirements may not apply. You can review the official tournament rules and event details here: <https://www.playnys.com/baseball/Events/Details/11640/grapevine-baseball-santa-cops-rec-tournament>
Please note: Do not use the general NCS rules page — the Grapevine-specific rules are linked directly in the event description.

Who makes rule decisions?

To ensure fairness and avoid conflicts of interest, Grapevine Baseball/Softball (GBS) does not make official rulings during the tournament. Any rule questions or disputes are handled by an onsite NCS Tournament Director who is not affiliated with GBS.