

## Appendix C: Softball Face Guard Requirement

While SYA Diamond Sports has previously required face guards for all players from Rookies through Seniors, we have re-evaluated this position to make them as noted in the table below for all positional players except catchers - catchers are still required to use the catcher's helmet with a protective throat guard at all times when behind the plate. We do recommend that each family/player evaluate their own skill set and positions they play to access the need. We do strongly recommend that all pitchers and 1<sup>st</sup>/3rd base players, if not required, wear them due to their proximity to the batter.

We considered the girls' safety in making this decision as well as what is going on around us with other leagues and programs. We by no way want to hinder the development and enjoyment of the players, but safety should be foremost and it may also provide additional confidence to the player. Individual coaches may have additional requirements as they understand the talent and the type of opponents they are playing.

	LL Minors	LL Majors	LL Seniors	10u Xplosion*	12u Xplosion*	14u Xplosion*	Xplosion-Travel Only Teams
Pitcher	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	RQ	SR
3rd Base	RQ	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR
1st Base	RQ	SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	O
2B/SS	SR	O	O	O	O	O	O
Outfield	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

RQ - Required

SR - Strongly recommended

O - Optional

LL Minors includes AAA, AA, and Rookie

\*House/LL based Xplosion teams

All Head Coaches have the ability to require guards as necessary, but not lessen the requirements