



GLOVES

HOW TO SELECT A GLOVE

Gloves come in various fits and sizes. We at Baseball Express know that it can be difficult deciding on which glove you will need to best fit your game and your hand. To pick the right glove, you will need to consider your primary fielding position and size. Take a look below at the differences of all of our gloves and some of the things to consider when making a purchase. **Tip:** To measure your current fielding glove size, use a cloth tape measure and measure the glove from tip of the middle finger to the base of the palm. Catcher's mitts are measured in inches by circumference. Some gloves may have the size printed in various locations of the glove or within the style number, so check that as well.

Catcher



- Called a catcher's mitt.
- Does not have individual fingerstalls inside the glove.
- Heavily padded to reduce sting from pitches.
- Circumference of glove measured in inches.
- Adult commonly sized between 31.5" to 34" circumference.
- Youth commonly sized between 30" to 32" circumference.
- Closed web is used.

Infield



- Smaller, five-fingered glove with a shallow pocket for quick ball transfer.
- Second Basemen use the smallest glove to help make quicker throws such as when turning double plays or when executing the relay from the outfield.
- Shortstops use a mid-sized glove for fielding balls in the hole, but it's still small enough to allow for quick ball transfer and control.
- Third basemen need a larger sized glove to field hot shots down the line. Since balls generally get to them quicker, this also allows more time to find the ball in a larger glove.
- Adult commonly sized between 10.5" to 11.75".
- Youth commonly sized between 9" to 11".
- Various webs are used.

Outfield



- Larger glove with a deep pocket to retrieve balls hit in the air.
- Longer length to allow reaching balls hit in the gap or over your head.
- Adult commonly sized between 11.75" to 12.75".
- Youth commonly sized around 11" to 11.5".
- Various webs, although 'trap' style webs are most popular.

First Base



- Resembles a mitten, as there are no visible individual fingerstalls.
- Fingerstalls are hidden.
- Longer glove to help 'scoop' throws from infielders.
- Shallow pocket allows you to quickly retrieve the ball.
- Measured in inches.
- Adult commonly sized between 12" to 13".
- Youth commonly sized between 12" to 12.5".
- Closed or open webs are used.

Pitchers



- Generally a mid-sized glove 11"-12.5".
- Traditionally, a closed web to hide pitches, but many pitchers are now using modified trap webs as they are 'cooler' looking and more fashionable.

Utility



- Good for various positions
- Various sizes in Adult or Youth

**Throughout our glove pages, check out the baseball diamonds next to each glove. The red dots will indicate the recommended position for each glove. Also, see chart below. Player preferences may vary.

Baseball Glove Sizing Chart

Below are general guidelines for selecting a glove. Remember, player preferences may vary.

ADULT GLOVE BY POSITION	
Size	Position
10.5"-10.75"	2nd Base
11"-11.25"	2nd Base, Shortstop, or Pitcher
11.5"-11.75"	Shortstop, 3rd Base, or Pitcher
12"-13"	Outfield/Pitcher

BASEBALL FIELDING GLOVE SIZING CHART		
Age	Infield	Outfield
Under 8	9"	11"
9 to 13	9"-11.75"	11"-12.5"
High school or Adult	10.5"-11.75"	11.75"-12.5"

