

Field Like A Pro

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Get a Grip: Choosing Your Glove

Rawlings knows you're looking for a glove that feels right, looks great, and helps you play your best. Here are a few suggestions to help make sure you're getting all that and more out of your new Rawlings glove.

- **Feel**- The exact size of your glove depends on one thing: your hand. Your glove should feel secure and comfortable, giving your hand extra strength and support while allowing enough freedom and room to manipulate within. See the table below for suggested age/size ratios and be sure to try on plenty of sizes to ensure the best possible fit.

AGE	POSITION	GLOVE SIZE
3-6 Years	Infield	8.5"-10"
3-6Years	Outfield	8.5" - 10"
7-9Years	Infield	8.5' - 10"
7-9Years	Outfield	10" - 11"
10-13 Years	Infield	10" - 11"
10-13 Years	Outfield	11" - 12"

Rawlings provides our athletes with different grades of high-quality leather to choose from. Whether you prefer the heartier, sturdier feel of our Heart of the Hide series, or the naturally soft yet durable feel of our Pro-Preferred line, make sure your glove feels and fits your hand better than any other.

- **Look** - Your baseball glove is not just an extension of your body, but an extension of your personality as well. Choose a color that best fits your style. For example, brown suggests a classic approach to the game, full of tradition and heritage, while black brings a simple yet forceful look to the field. Choose a web that not only describes your glove, but you as a player. Open webs suggest a certain confidence while closed webs suggest a sense of control. Choose a glove you can't wait to put on and never want to take off.
- **Play** - From the budding t-bailer to the professional major-league player, Rawlings supplies a variety of gloves to athletes of all ages and abilities. Rawlings also provides gloves for every position. Take a look at our, "Gloves by Position" to see what glove best fits your position.

Get a Grip and choose your Rawlings glove today!

Get a Grip: Gloves by Position

Knowing what position you play will help you know what size and style of glove you need.

- **Outfielders** - Larger gloves give outfielders better reach and closed, deeper pockets provide extra support while helping them shag down fly balls.
- **Infielders**- Smaller gloves with shallow pockets allow infielders to promptly release the ball, and open webs allow middle infielders to quickly turn that double play.

- Pitchers - Closed webs are preferred by pitchers to hide the ball and conceal their finger placement from batters.
- Catchers - The best fit and feel are what catchers need to guard that plate. Now that you've gotten a grip...choose your Rawlings glove today!

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- *Are you ready?* - When in starting position, keep your knees slightly bent, stay on the balls of your feet, and visualize that baseball coming right to you.
- *Be Aggressive* - As that ball comes your way, use small, quick steps to get yourself in the proper position to snatch it up.
- *Stay Low*- Keep your knees bent and rear low, and never let your eyes leave that ball when it's hitting your glove.
- *Move Strong* - When you rise to make your throw, take two strides towards your target to ensure the throw is aggressive and direct.
- *Follow-Through* - Your throw should be one smooth motion, and once that ball has left your hand, follow-through with your arm and take a couple of extra steps towards your target to seal the play.

With these tips and your Rawlings glove, you can bet you will always field like a pro!