

The Care and Feeding of Your New Glove

Do's and Don'ts Most good gloves are built from good top grain leather. They become “truly personal” items to many ball players. If you treat it just like you would any high quality leather item, it will give you longer years of service.

Do - Store your glove in room temperature conditions!

Don't – Store in garage, attic or car trunk.

Do - Air dry a wet or sweat-soaked glove naturally!

Don't – Place on heaters, radiators, in cold garages or automobile window ledges.

Do – Wipe your glove clean using only a damp, (not wet) rag!

Don't – Clean by soaking glove or use any household cleaners or oils.

Do – Use small amounts of glove oil inside and out when leather looks dry!

Don't – Overuse oils. You can always add more later.

Do – Use glove oil or equivalent only on dry gloves!

Don't – Oil a wet glove. Wait until absolutely dry.

Do – Break-in and form the inside of your glove to your fit own hand!

Don't – Allow other's hands to reshape your leather, especially when breaking it in.

Do - Shape the pocket into a wider pocket!

Don't - Store it flat and closed. It makes the pocket “thin” and unnatural.

Do - Store in an open position with either a ball or two, or inside out, or over your batting helmet in your bat bag, or use something like a glove-former found in a sporting goods store (sometimes at a Wal-Mart or similar)!

Don't - Throw a glove in your bat bag in the flat “road-kill” position.

Do - Shape the pocket so that the tip of the thumb closes at the tip of the 4th (ring) finger!

Don't - Allow the thumb to close at the 3rd (middle) finger.

Do - Be sure of your break-in method!

Don't – Use microwaves or ovens.

Do – Place your name AND phone number on your glove & not in the pocket or web!

Black gloves may require a silver or gold permanent ink pen.

Don't – Lose your “best friend” without a fighting chance of recovery.

Do – Purchase a youth glove if you are a youth player and a fastpitch glove if you are a fastpitch player!

Don't – Buy an adult glove to grow into.

Do – Consider your position(s) when considering size. Good & best leather is designed for particular positions!

Don't - Simply buy a big glove.

Do – Have a back-up glove!

Don't - Get stuck because you broke a lace.

Do – Buy good quality leather...even if you have to wait to save up a bit more money!

It will last longer and serve you better.

Don't - Buy cheap gloves from a discount store. They generally sell low-end bats, balls and gloves.

Stay with what you have rather than buying junk until you can buy higher quality.