



SPRING SELECT 2026 RULES and POLICIES

"Select" is a program developed by USA Softball that provides the option for advanced players to play at a more challenging level during the recreational season. USA Softball Select is intended to allow advanced players to play against All-Star caliber teams from other leagues within the Eastern District and USA Softball of Southern California to get a higher level of competition, while keeping costs low, and without compromising the integrity of the primary recreational league.

Select is an option for the 8U through 18U divisions.

The Spring Select 2026 season will be from January 1, 2026 thru April 5, 2026.

MVGSA Select Committee

The Select Committee is comprised of the MVGSA President or his/her designee, Executive Board, Player Agent, 8U, 10U, 12U and Uppers Divisional VPs, and any other board members willing to participate.

- The committee members must volunteer to be part of the committee and have their names registered during a board meeting in the minutes. Only those registered will be allowed to vote on coach selection and any player selection oversight issues.

Coach Selection Procedure

To be eligible to Head Coach a Select team, the applicant must have managed or coached within MVGSA and/or has experience at the All-Star level.

- The head coach applicant MUST be a previous Fall 2025 or current Spring 2026 MVGSA rec league head coach.
- Those interested in a Select Head Coach position must submit a Select Coach Application for Spring 2026 to their respective divisional VP no later than 5pm, Monday, January 5, 2026.
- Assuming the existence of qualified candidates, the Select Committee will select all Head Coaches who must then be approved by the MVGSA Board.
- Each Head Coach will recommend as many assistant coaches as needed once the team has been selected. The MVGSA Board shall review and must approve all proposed Select team staff.

Note: Any Select head coach who is ejected from a game in a tournament has twenty-four (24) hours to present a statement of what occurred to their respective DVP.



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Player Participation Requirements

All Select players must be registered with MVGSA in the Spring 2026 season per USA Softball requirements. In order to tryout/participate in Select, all current and past registration fees must be paid in full. Select players must commit to participating through the Spring 2026 recreational league ("rec ball") season as follows.

Player Commitments

- Select players must make the MVGSA Recreational league practices and games.
- Select players must simultaneously commit to at least 75% of their Select team's activities.
- Teams will be practicing with the hopes of competing in friendlies and tournaments on Sundays only during the regular rec season.
- In addition to the tournaments, coaches will hold practices on Sundays during regular rec season.
- Select teams may NOT have any travel ball players who participated on a travel type team after January 1st of the Spring 2026 season.
 - NOTE: Per USA Softball of Southern California 2026 Rules and Regulations Yellow Book.
 - "Participated", above, is defined as a player or team taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, scheduled game, friendly, or tournament.
 - A Travel type team is defined as any team that is not part of the player's approved recreational league team or league Select team.
- At no time will participation on a Select Team come before the players commitment to their rec league team.
- Any player who fails to adhere to the required time commitments may be dismissed from the Select team.
- Players shall participate on the team for which they were selected or that player shall forfeit their participation with MVGSA for the upcoming All-Stars 2026 and Fall Select 2026 seasons.



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Player Selection Procedure

To be eligible for Select, a player must be registered with the league per USA Softball requirement for the **Spring 2026** Rec ball season, and adhere to the Rec ball participation requirements noted above.

- Per MVGSA rules, a player may play in a higher rec ball age division during the **Spring season** yet try out for their regular age division's Select team.
- There will be one tryout date for all eligible players who wish to be considered for the Select program.
- Specific date(s) will be announced on the MVGSA website and emailed to every registered player for the **Spring 2026** season.
- In the 8U – 18U divisions, a player **MUST** have evaluated as a pitcher or catcher during regular rec evaluations to be considered eligible to pitch or catch during the Select season.
- Any player who wants to be considered for a Select team **MUST** participate in the Select tryout.
- A player **MUST** try-out and play per USA Softball age eligibility age chart / requirements.
- A player may try out for a higher age division Select team. Attending an age division's try-out signifies that the player intends to play if offered a spot on that Select team. A player may **ONLY** try out for one age division group.
- Players will be evaluated by the age division's Select coaching staff, the Select Committee, and any additional evaluators invited by the Select Committee.
- Teams will **ONLY** be formed if we are able to form a **COMPETITIVE** team. For instance, we may only have one Select team per division depending on player talent. Some divisions may not have a team at all.
 - **Please note:** If your daughter makes a team and chooses not to accept the offer or quit, she will be ineligible to play All-Stars 2026 and **Fall Select 2026** for MVGSA.

Team Roster Formation

The Head Coach will select his/her players based on the tryout evaluations and prior performance record; a player's previous MVGSA coaches can be consulted in this process.

- The Select Committee shall review and approve each Select team roster.
- The Select Committee's role is oversight to prevent egregious errors only.
- Selected players will be notified that they have been placed on a Select team.



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- Players chosen for the Select Team are expected to make softball a priority over other extracurricular activities given the heavy time commitment required (75% rec ball and 75% select).
- The final roster for a Select team may have up to fifteen (15) players per USA Softball rules, however it is the desire of MVGSA to have smaller rosters whenever possible, with a minimum of twelve (12) players.
- Players not placed on a Select team remain eligible for all MVGSA's summer All-Star team(s).
- Select teams and ALL activities MUST be approved by the MVGSA Board.
- **Select teams and individual players are NOT allowed to fundraise.**
- **Entry into any friendly or tournament requires prior notification to the DVP and approval by the Board.**

Adding and Dropping of Players

The Select head coach has the right to request to add or cut players (adhering to the designated player maximum), based on player performance, attitude, attendance, or any other reasonable basis related to team chemistry or performance.

- The Select Committee and the Divisional VP must consider the interests of the entire league when reviewing such requests, and the Committee's and the Divisional VP's decision for a given player shall be final.
- The league understands that a player's circumstances may change over the course of a season, such that a player may be forced to drop from the Select program due to injury or illness.
- In the event of a unique situation involving placement or removal of a player that is not contained herein, the issue(s) shall be resolved by the MVGSA Executive Board.

Fees and Costs

There will be a fee of **\$180** which will include two (2) tournament cost (up to **\$700**), uniform costs (one (1) Select dri-fit), a **player** picture package, **and the Sponsorship fee**. The Select Teams will be self-funded in terms of umpire fees for friendlies, additional tournaments, or any other fees outside of tournament costs. Tournament balls, chalk, lights, field usage and uniforms will be paid for by the league. (Uniforms are "tops" only, and all divisions are required to wear matching tops designated by the Select Committee.).

Spring Select 2026 Tournament Schedule – Paid by MVGSA

- 1) TBD
- 2) TBD