



## **WINTER SELECT 2024/2025 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. There can be up to 2 (two) teams at the discretion of the MVGSA board.

The Winter Select 2024/2025 season will be from September 1, 2024 thru February 17, 2025.

### **MVGSA Select Committee**

The Select Committee is comprised of the MVGSA President or his/her designee, Player Agent, Event Coordinator, 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 in 2024.

- Those interested in a Select Head Coach position must submit a Select Coach Application for Winter 2024/2025 to their respective divisional VP no later than 5pm, Friday, August 23, 2024.
- 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 24 (twenty-four) 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 at the 2024 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 **Fall 2024** recreational league ("rec ball") season as follows **with the exception of the 16U/18U divisions.**

### **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 more than four (4) players who have participated on a travel type 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 **2025** and Select **2025** seasons.

### **Player Selection Procedure**

To be eligible for Select, a player must be registered with the league for the **Fall** 2024 Rec ball season, and adhere to the Rec ball participation requirements noted above **with the exception of the 16U/18U divisions.**

- Per MVGSA rules, a player may play in a higher rec ball age division during the **Fall** 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 **with the exception of the 16U/18U divisions.**



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- Any player who wants to be considered for a Select team MUST participate in the Select tryout **with the exception of the 16U/18U divisions.**
- 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. If able, two teams will be formed. 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 **2025** and **Select 2025** 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 **with the exception of the 16U/18U divisions.**

- 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.
- 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 15 (fifteen) players per USA Softball rules, however it is the desire of MVGSA to have smaller rosters whenever possible, with a minimum of 12 (twelve) players.
- Based on amount of interest, available coaches, and permission from USA Softball, an additional team in each division can be formed.
- Players not placed on a Select team remain eligible for all MVGSA's summer All-Star team(s).



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### **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.

### **Fees and Costs**

There will be a fee of \$275 which will include 3 (three) tournament costs (up to \$675), uniform costs (1 (one) Select jersey and 1 (one) Select dri-fit), and a picture package. A \$250 team sponsorship will be required or the team can collect monies as a team by the deadline provided by MVGSA. 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.)

### **Winter Select 2024 Schedule – Paid by MVGSA**

- 1) TBD
- 2) TBD
- 3) TBD