



OCGSL Select Policy



Goals and Objectives:

OCGSL Select Program has been established to provide an additional opportunity for the girls to play more competitive softball and improve their softball skills either in conjunction with the spring recreational season or as an alternative to the fall recreational season. The Program provides an opportunity for advanced players to both participate in a more competitive level of play and to further enhance their softball skills. "Select Team" participation recognizes players who have excelled as evidenced by their game performance, softball skills, positive attitude and overall sportsmanship. During the spring season, select participation will be in addition to recreational team participation with the priority emphasized on recreational team activities. Select participation shall not impact the recreational team play during the spring season; otherwise, the OCGSL Board of Directors may deem a player ineligible to participate in the Select Program.

I. General Information:

- A. The OCGSL Select Program is NOT All-Stars. Players who participate on a Select team are not guaranteed to be placed onto an All-Star team.
- B. The OCGSL Select Program will have an additional cost that will not be sponsored by OCGSL. Each player will be responsible for the cost of the uniform, tournament(s), umpire fees, and misc. fees determined by the manager and approved by the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- C. Participating on an OCGSL Select team will also include traveling to local tournaments and/or neighboring fields.
- D. Select teams may play in B-Level and C-Level friendlies; however, select teams may NOT play in any qualifier event that leads to a higher event (state cup or national tournament) of any kind.
- E. There will not be an OCGSL sponsorship requirement.
- F. There will be a maximum of 1 team per division.
- G. The select seasons will be as follows:
 1. 10U, 12U and 14U- January 1st - March 31st (spring), August 1st - November 30th (fall)
 2. 8U- March 1st - March 31st (spring), August 1st - November 30th (fall)

II. Spring Select:

- A. An OCGSL Select team may begin play January 1st and end play no later than March 31st of the current year.
- B. All Select teams must disband by March 31st of the current year.
- C. All players must play and actively participate on their recreational league team to maintain their eligibility to play on a Select team.
- D. Players will be asked to participate in an evaluation for the Select Program.
- E. The Select team may only have one event per week involving softball play (i.e., either practice or game(s)) and this cannot conflict with a recreational league team event. A week is defined as Sunday morning to Saturday night.

III. Fall Select:

- A. An OCGSL Select team may beginning play August 1st of the current year, ending no later than November 30th of the current year.
- B. All Select teams must disband by December 30th of the current year.
- C. Players may not play in the recreational program during the fall.
- D. The Select team may only have up to two practices per week and will have one day of games. A week is defined as Sunday morning to Saturday night.

IV. Player Evaluations/Tryouts:

- a. The OCGSL Board of Directors will announce and hold an evaluation for each division. Each evaluation will be held prior to the teams being formed.
- b. The evaluations will focus on physical and mental softball skills that may include catching, throwing, hitting, fielding, base running, overall knowledge of the game, and sportsmanship.
- c. Members from the OCGSL Board of Directors will help evaluate all the girls. The evaluators may not have a daughter in the selection of evaluated players.
- d. The Select manager will be present to evaluate the players, but will not be involved in the evaluation process by the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- e. If a player does not show for evaluations, she may attend the makeup tryouts. If they can't make it to evaluation, they can't make the team unless approved by the Board of Directors
- f. Those that evaluate will be given priority for placement on a select team. Not all that attend the evaluation will make the team.

V. Players Eligibility and Selection

- a. To be eligible to play on a Select team you need to be registered with the league of play in the current season.
- b. Open evaluations will be held for each division and will be open to any player that wishes to play on the Select team. There is no invitation or nomination needed.
- c. Following the conclusion of evaluations, a list of eligible players will be selected by the OCGSL Board of Directors and provided to the Select manager. The OCGSL Board of Directors will select 8 girls to this team so that the manager may fill up to 4 additional spots.
- d. The parent/guardian of a player will have the opportunity to accept or decline the invitation to be on the Select team. If the player denies joining the team, they will not play that current season of Select because each division will only have 1 team.

VI. Manager selection:

- a. To be eligible to be an OCGSL Select manager, the coach must have managed or coached prior at OCGSL in any division (highly recommended they have at least two seasons of experience as a manager/head coach).
- b. All managers for the current season that meet the criteria will be given the opportunity to apply to be the Select manager. They will inform the OCGSL Board of Directors by filling out an interest form.
 - i. The interest form for spring shall be turned in by November 15th and fall shall be turned in July 15th.
- c. The OCGSL Board of Directors reserves the right to request coaching resumes for proper selection.
- d. The OCGSL Board of Directors will vote to decide who the Select manager will be based off their coaching years, experience, sportsmanship, and positive attitude.
 - i. Any OCGSL Board of Director member with a daughter involved in the evaluation process will abstain their vote when electing a Select manager in their daughter's division.
- e. The Select manager will then be notified and announced on the OCGSL website prior to the evaluation day.
- f. The OCGSL Select manager must be able to pass the ASA/USA background check.
- g. The OCGSL Select manager must be background checked and certified with Safe Sport.

VII. Misc.

- a. Not all players that tryout and get evaluated will be placed on a Select team.
- b. All select teams must be approved by the OCGSL Board of Directors. In failure to do so the team will forfeit any money spent for gear, tournaments and misc. fees.