



## Select Team Rules and Regulations

2025

USA Softball of Southern California dictates participation guidelines and rules in the current season's "Yellow Book" of Rules and Regulations. The following is in addition to what is included and required by the Yellow Book.

The Select program was established to provide an additional opportunity for players who wish to improve their softball skills beyond the regular league season but who have not yet reached the Junior Olympic "A" classification skill level. This program is for 8U through 14U players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit themselves as well as their league.

*League rules are italicized.* USA Softball Rules of So Cal are not.

- I. Duration: **January 1<sup>st</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup>**
- II. Select Team Participant Selection
  - a. Select Player Eligibility
    - i. Must be individually registered with the League, as required for Spring Recreation Season.
    - ii. *Must be in "good standing" with the League.*
      1. *No unpaid debts*
      2. *No suspensions*
      3. *No Snack Bar shift or volunteer violations*
    - iii. Must be drafted onto an active recreation team through the League
    - iv. Must play at least 75% of the League's regularly scheduled games during the current season.
    - v. Must play in their eligible age group or in an older age group
    - vi. Must NOT have participated in any travel team event (Practice, Game, Tryout, etc...) after December 31st, 2024
  - b. Tryouts
    - i. The league **MAY** host optional "tryout" for all participants interested in playing on a Select team.
    - ii. **NO TRYOUTS MAY BE HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1** of the current season.
    - iii. Participants attending the tryout must be registered with the League prior to trying out.
    - iv. *Participation in the tryout does not conclude the participant will be selected or placed on a Select Team.*
    - v. *Participants do not have to attend the Tryout to be selected to participate on a Select team.*
  - c. Roster
    - i. Up to 20 players
    - ii. *Must be approved by the League's Board.*
    - iii. *All changes (adds, drops, pool players, etc.) need to be approved by the League's Board.*
    - iv. *Players may not withdraw from one Select Team and add to another Select Team in the same Season. (Special Circumstances may apply and be approved by the Board)*
    - v. Managers must adhere to each individual tournament roster rule.
  - d. Pool Players
    - i. *May be requested from the same division within the League, if not already on another Select team.*



- i. Any non-approved participation may affect the league's Championship Play (All Star) eligibility.
- VI. *Financial Obligations*
  - a. *All financial obligations related to Select teams including but not limited to uniforms, equipment, tournament fees, umpire fees, and travel expenses will be the sole responsibility of the individual family.*
  - b. *League Registration fees will not cover any fees relating to Select teams.*
  - c. *Participants must be in good financial standing with the League to continue participation in Select teams.*
  - d. *Participants who are not in good financial standing will not be eligible for All Stars.*
- VII. *Fundraising*
  - a. *Select teams are allowed to host fundraisers to assist in the costs associated with the participation on the team*
    - i. *All fundraisers must be approved through the League's Board (and/or the District Commissioner)*
    - ii. *Teams must keep a running record of incoming and outgoing monies and expenses.*
    - iii. *All monies must be turned into the league's Treasurer in a timely manner to be deposited into the Team's account*
    - iv. *The league's treasurer will disburse monies as needed for the team*
  - b. *At the conclusion of the current Select Season all money in the Team's account will be evenly distributed to all players rostered on the team.*
    - i. *Proof of expenses: uniforms, umpires fees, tournament fees, travel expenses (gas receipts, hotel receipts, etc)*
    - ii. *Conclusion: after the last tournament is played or after the team party.*
- VIII. *Sponsorships*
  - a. *All Select team sponsorships will be regulated and approved by the League's Sponsorship Coordinator.*
  - b. *Select teams can be sponsored by no more than \$3,000 for the current season.*
  - c. *All other sponsorships will be turned into the League and used to benefit the entirety of the League's participants.*
    - i. *Individual teams may not profit from sponsorships*
    - ii. *Proof of expenses will be required.*
- IX. *Volunteer Time- in addition to snack bar shift or buyout for regular season*
  - a. *All participants (each family) will be required to work at least one shift (snack bar, fields, trash, etc) for any Select Tournament hosted by the League.*
  - b. *Cannot "buyout" of the Select team volunteer time.*
  - c. *Participants who do not sign up for a shift will be considered not in "good standing" with the league and will therefore be ineligible for Select Team participation.*

**\*Anything not covered by our League Rules will need to be clarified per USA Softball of Southern California's Yellow Book and/ or the District Commissioner.**