



CV United Softball Association Select Program 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. Each year, USA Softball recreational leagues lose players and volunteers to travel ball due to a desire to play softball at a more competitive level. USA Softball Select is intended to allow advanced players to play against all-star caliber teams from other leagues within the Southern California Western and surrounding districts to face 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 10U through 14U divisions only. More than one Select team may be formed per division if minimum roster requirements are fulfilled and qualified individuals are available to manage a team.

Please refer to the USA Softball of Southern California [Yellow Book](#) (Section 2.6) for governing guidelines.

Player Participation Requirements

All Select players must have been registered with an USA Softball recreational league during the prior year. Select players may not play or practice with a travel ball team after February 1st of that calendar year. Select players must commit to participating through the spring recreational league season as follows:

Spring Participation (Jan-May)

To be eligible for Select, a player must be registered and paid in full with CV United Softball Association (“CV United”) for the upcoming spring recreation season and adhere to the Player Participation Requirements. Select players must play a minimum of 75% of all recreation league games to remain eligible for Select. Select players simultaneously commit to at least 70% of their Select team’s spring activities (practices and games). Any player who fails to adhere to the required time commitments, which is assessed both during and at the conclusion of the select season, may be dismissed from the Select team, and depending on the circumstances, may be ineligible to play on other CV United All-Star teams (see rules below).



CV United Select Committee

Select Team Managers and Coaches will be determined by the CV United Select Committee and ratified by the CV United Executive Board. The Select Committee comprises the CV United President and Vice President or their designees, the CV United All-Star/Select Commissioner, and two at-large board members with CV United All-Star coaching experience. The CV United Executive Board will appoint the two at-large members.

Player Eligibility

To be eligible for Select, a player must be registered with the league for the upcoming spring recreation season and adhere to the recreation participation requirements noted above. A player may play in a higher recreation age division during the spring yet play down in her regular age division's Select team. A player requesting to play in a higher division Select team is only eligible to play in her regular division unless roster positions are available in that higher division Select team and the Manager invites that player.

All players must have also participated in a minimum of two CV United recreation or All-Star seasons e.g. spring and fall, or spring and All-Stars. However, certain additional players not meeting the two-season tenure requirement but displaying exceptional skills at league evaluations per the applicable Commissioner's and Executive Board discretion may be eligible for selection.

Team/Roster Formation

CV United does not hold open tryouts specifically for its Select program. However, all interested participants must attend one of the two scheduled spring recreation evaluation sessions. Parents may submit interest via an open registration process during the spring recreation season.

Specific dates will be announced on the CV United website and emailed to every registered player for the current and prior CV United recreation seasons. Any player who wants to be considered for a Select team **MUST** attend at least one evaluation session (the Select Committee may allow exceptions for injuries, illness, or other justifiable circumstances).

Players will be evaluated by the age division's coaching staff, the Select Committee, and any additional evaluators invited by the Select Committee.

The Select team will be chosen following prioritized criteria for all divisions show below.



- 1) 2nd year player in their specified age division that also has previous year all-star experience in that division.
- 2) 2nd year player in their specified age division.
- 3) 1st year player in their specified age division with previous year all-star experience in next lower age division.
- 4) Next highest ranked players in the division in accordance with league rankings derived from spring recreation evaluations.

The Select roster for each team will be filled until a final roster with a maximum of 13 players is reached. Discretion to limit the roster to fewer than 13 players will be accorded to the Select/All Star Commissioner under advisement of the CV United Select Committee.

Additional players may be invited to play on the team's practice squad at the discretion of the Manager and Select/All Star Commissioner. It must be made clear that practice squad players are not on the permanent team roster. However, practice squad players may participate in scheduled friendly games and tournaments, at the invitation of the Manager to fill empty roster positions due to unavailable rostered players.

Practice squad players have the right to leave at any time but cannot continue play past March 31 per USA Softball rule.

A player may petition to play up in a higher age division Select team (or multiple age divisions). Placement on the roster for a higher division is subject to invite by the higher division Manager and availability of an open roster position, up to the roster maximum of 13. Should a roster position not be available, then that player will not be permitted to play up.

Final roster composition for all division teams will be submitted to the CV United Select Committee for approval. Selected players will be notified that they have been placed on a Select team.

Adding and Dropping of Players

Prior to the March 31 USA Softball Select season conclusion, Select coaching staffs have the right to request to add or cut players (adhering to the 13-player roster maximum), based on player performance, attitude, attendance, or any other reasonable basis related to team chemistry or performance. The Select Committee must consider the interests of the entire league when reviewing such requests, and the Committee'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. If a player drops before March 31st (USA Softball Select season



conclusion), their eligibility for other CV United All-Star teams shall be determined by the Select Committee. Depending on the circumstances and reason for dropping, the player may be deemed ineligible for future Select and All-Star participation, as determined by the Select Committee and CV United Executive Board.

Coach Selection Procedure

To be eligible to manage a Select Team, applicants must be background checked, ACE and Concussion certified. Prior softball coaching experience is a requirement. It is desirable that the applicant have managed or coached within CV United Softball and have coaching experience at the All-Star level.

Those interested in a Select Manager position must submit a Select Manager Application (located on the CV United website) to the Select/All Star Commissioner no later than December 1st of that year. Assuming the existence of qualified candidates, the Select Committee will choose all Managers who then must be approved by the CV United Executive Committee. Each Manager will recommend up to two Assistant Coaches and a Team Administrator. The recommended staff must be reviewed and approved by the CV United Executive Board.

In the event that there are no Manager applications submitted for any specific divisional Select team, the Select Committee or one of the committee members may solicit candidates from the current pool of managers and coaches.

Fees and Costs

No additional fee is required for Select registration, but there are additional costs for participation. Costs per player will be determined by the cumulative outlay of funds for umpire fees, friendly games, tournament entry fees and uniforms per divisional team divided evenly among the number of rostered players per team.

Fall Ball Select Program

The Select Committee and Board will determine whether CV United will form fall recreation Select teams. Interested coaches may petition the CV United Board to form a fall recreation Select team in the 10U,12U and 14U divisions. This will be evaluated on a case by case basis with the best interest of the entire league considered. Petitions should be received by August 1st of that year.



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