



## **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 8U 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, with all invoices and fees for prior recreation, Select, and All-Star seasons paid up to date. Select players may not play or practice with a travel ball team after February 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year. Select teams may not have more than (4) players who have participated on a travel type team after February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. Select players must commit to participating through the spring recreational league season as follows:

#### **Spring Participation (Jan-Apr)**

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, CV United Secretary, and up to 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. Select players must have played in the preceding Spring or Fall Season, or another USA Softball sanctioned league. Select players must be drafted onto an active recreation league team roster in the current season. Select players must play in a minimum of 75 percent of the leagues scheduled games during the current season.

Players who do not meet the minimum requirements throughout the Select season might be subject to further action as deemed necessary by the CV United Select Committee. Players who do not adhere to these requirements may also be ineligible for Select or All-Stars in the following seasons as determined by the Executive Board.

## **Team/Roster Formation**

CV United will hold tryouts specifically for its Select program in December prior to the upcoming Select Season. All interested parties must attend at least one scheduled tryouts. Parents may submit interest via an open registration process.

Players will be evaluated by the CV United Player Agent, the Select Committee, and any additional evaluators invited by the Select Committee.

The Select team will be chosen using the following prioritized criteria:

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> year player in their specified age division that also has previous year All-Star experience in that division.
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> year player in their specified age division.
- 3) 1<sup>st</sup> year player in their specified age division with previous year All-Star experience in the 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 15 players is reached. Discretion to limit the roster to fewer than 15 players will be accorded to the Select/All Star Commissioner under advisement of the CV United Select Committee.

It should be noted that placement on a Select team does not guarantee playing time. Player positions on the field, playing time, placement in the batting order, and other activities directly related to play are at the discretion of the coaching staff.

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. Practice squad players or additional invited players, may not fill the position of a regular roster player that is present and available to play at that game or tournament. Exceptions to this rule must be discussed with and agreed upon by the Player Agent/Competitive Play Commissioner. In the event of an appeal or grievance, the Select Committee may be consulted as needed.

Placement on the roster for a higher division is subject to invitation by the higher division Manager and the Select/All Star Commissioner. There must be availability of an open roster position, up to the roster maximum of 15. 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, only by a delegate of the Select Committee.

### **Adding and Dropping of Players**

Prior to the March 31 USA Softball Select season conclusion, Select coaching staff have the right to request to add or cut players (adhering to the 15-player roster maximum), based on player performance, attitude, attendance, or any other reasonable basis related to team chemistry or performance. The coaching staff, the



CV United Executive Board, and the Select Committee also reserves the right to remove players and families who are found in violation of the CV United Code of Conduct and the USA Softball Code of Conduct.

The CV United Executive Board and 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 possess a current SafeSport certification, be USA Softball background checked, and have at least one ACE certification level completed. 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. Coaches must also be in good standing with the league, without prior disciplinary action, and without violations of the USA Softball Code of Conduct. Coaches who have been subject to disciplinary action will be eligible for consideration after one calendar year of the action, and at the discretion of the CV United Executive Board.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8U, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

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