

SELECT TEAMS GUIDELINES

Objective

Assemble squads comprised of players and managers demonstrating exceptional leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, softball skills, and commitment to the league. Offer advanced recreational players the opportunity to compete at a higher, more competitive level while remaining active members of ARGSA within their local community.

SECTION 1 – Team Composition

A. Eligible Divisions for Select

ARGSA will aim to field Select teams at the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U levels. The 14U team will undergo tryouts, as described below in Section 3, Subpart A. Still, the establishment of a Select team for any division is contingent on the number of Spring registrations and other relevant factors.

B. Composition of Select Teams

Each Select team must comprise a minimum of one manager, one head coach, one assistant coach, one business agent, and 12 players.

SECTION 2 - Fee Structure and Registration

The fee structure is calculated per player, based on a 12-player team. This fee encompasses standard league dues, additional tournaments, uniforms, gear, equipment, and facility rentals. Additionally, the following considerations apply:

1. **Registration:** The registration fee signifies a commitment to participate in the Spring season. If a player does not make the Select team, no refund will be issued; however, they retain the option to continue playing in the regular Spring season. The registration fee aligns with the standard American River Girls Softball Association Spring Fee, with a commitment to pay the remaining Select team fees if the player makes the team.
2. **Fundraising and Sponsorship:** All fundraising activities must receive approval from the Select Committee. Sponsorships must be appropriate, and both fundraising and sponsorship efforts are conducted on a team-by-team basis.
3. **Fund Allocation:** All funds generated through team fundraisers will be deposited directly into the ARGSA treasury. Ten percent (10%) of these funds will be allocated to the league's general fund, with the remaining balance applied to offset team expenses. Any surplus funds may be utilized for the team with the approval of the Board.

SECTION 3 – Manager and Player Selection

A. Eligibility and Application Process

Players are required to complete an application and sign a commitment to attend scheduled tryouts. The following eligibility criteria and application process apply:

- a. All players must be registered with ARGSA to participate on the Select team and must reside or attend school within the approved boundaries of ARGSA. Participation with any other team outside of ARGSA during the recreational season renders a player ineligible.
- b. A committee, including at least one Executive board member, the Player Agent, a Division Vice President(s), and the League Representative, will manage the Select team selection process for each division. Tryout dates, times, and locations will be communicated to applicants.
- c. A tryout will be held to assess individual player ratings.
- d. Vice Presidents from each division and prior Spring season coaches will rate players at the tryouts. Ratings will be tallied, and players will be ranked based on their total rating. The highest-rated players will be offered positions on the team, with the Select Team Committee making the final decisions.
- e. Pitcher and catcher tryouts will be held concurrently with or one day before/after the Select tryouts. The two highest-rated pitchers and catchers will be protected.
- f. In cases of ties or equal ratings for multiple players, the Select team Manager may request player preferences, but the final decision will rest with the Select Team Committee.
- g. Final ratings will be determined approximately one week after the tryouts, with a deadline set for submission of Select player votes.

B. Formation of the Select Team

- a. Twelve players will be selected for the Select team based on the results of the selection process.
- b. The Select team manager will be granted one protected player.
- c. Players selected through the outlined process should form the team's starting lineup. If a protected player is not included in this process, they should not take precedence over players rightfully placed on the team through the selection process as described in Section 3, Subpart A.
- d. The final approval for The Select team(s) rests with the Select Committee, with the ultimate sign-off by the President or Vice President. In cases of conflicts, the entire board will vote.

C. Mandatory Coaching Events

Attendance at all mandatory coaching events, such as clinics and workshops, is a prerequisite for selection as Select team Managers and/or Head Coaches.

D. Manager Selection Process

The selection of the Select team manager is ultimately a decision made by the ARGSA board. The board reviews manager applications, attached as Exhibit A and seeks input from each Division's Vice President when applicable.

E. Participation in Spring and Fall Seasons

ARGSA Select Teams coaching staff will appropriately represent the league effectively during the Spring season, including All-Stars. Select teams may choose to continue playing during Fall ball. In cases where players opt not to continue with the Select team for Fall ball, the manager may offer the opportunity to join the team to the next player on the roster.

SECTION 4 – Commitment and Responsibilities

A. Commitment to Practice and Game Schedule

Players must commit to the Select team and adhere to the demanding practice and game schedule.

B. Playing Time

Players and parents should be aware that playing time is determined solely by the Select team's staff. No guarantees of playing time are provided, and Select play has no substitution requirements.

C. Player Non-Compliance

Players failing to meet their commitments as noted above and as stated in the "Select letter of understanding and commitment" may be removed from the Select team by the Board of Directors. The next player in line on the voting roster may replace them. This option is available to the Select Manager until the end of the Spring season.

D. Timeline

- Manager applications are due on the 1st Friday of October.
- Open Select registration opens on the 1st Monday of October and closes on the 1st Friday of November.
- Tryouts will be held during the 2nd or 3rd week of November.
- Select teams should be established by the 1st Friday of December, with notifications sent out.
- The first installment payment is due on the 2nd Friday of December.
- The second installment payment is due on the 2nd Friday of January.
- The third installment payment is due on the 1st Friday of February.

E. Select Team(s) Commitment to the ARGSA League

The Select team is also committed to mentoring Spring recreational players with a positive and encouraging attitude. Additional duties may include assisting with setup at ARGSA events and participating in scrimmages to mentor recreational players, with the team divided between Select and Spring players for these events.



Manager Application

2024 Season

USA Softball of Sacramento Select Team – American River Select

(Due October 6th, 2023)

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Position Applying for: _____ **(10U)** _____ **(12U)** _____ **(14U)**

Why are you interested in coaching?

What prior coaching/managing experience do you have that makes you a good candidate?

What levels have you coached and how many years in each?

What are your goals for the season?

How would others describe your coaching style?

What is your coaching philosophy?

How will you manage the parents and their expectations?

Do you have a daughter that will be trying out for the team?

Name:

If you're daughter doesn't make the team, are you still committed to coaching?

If selected, are you available February to July to attend all team practices and tournaments?

Would you also be interested in coaching fall ball?

Please list three personal references from your past coaching experience (i.e. past assistant coaches, manager or parents. Maximum 1 coach, minimum 2 parents).

1. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

3. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

*If you need more room feel free to use the back of application

** Phone and/or direct interviews may be required before making final selection. Please

complete and return no later than **October 6th, 2023:**

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