



2023 Select Program Outline

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We reserve the right to change or adapt this program as needed during the year.

Overview:

The USA Softball of Sacramento Select program is designed to create a more competitive environment for players to participate in while still remaining in a recreational league setting. This program will allow Recreational leagues to form a team to represent their league in the Select program.

Each league will be eligible to put together a Select team at the beginning of the year to compete against the other Select teams. This allows the league to retain the better players while keeping them in the recreational league. This in turn, creates a higher base level of play in the recreational league and drives participation back to the rec program. Leagues are eligible to put forth two teams in a division only if their Select players are also playing Rec.

Essentially, the Select program is a way for leagues to allow their 1st All-Star team an opportunity to form early, then opening up another opportunity for a secondary All-Star team come May 1st if desired.

Eligibility:

All Select teams and players must follow the USA Softball Sacramento Select policies outlined in this document AND the Pacific Coast Region Rules of Eligibility. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The team must be approved by and represent a single recreational league.
- The team must have some form of tryouts or demonstration of skill that is announced to the entire league membership.
- Only players that live or go to school within the boundaries of the recreational league are eligible for Select. Waivers from other leagues are generally not accepted unless the home league doesn't have a Rec team within the same age division.
- Any league player that participates with any other team outside of their recreational league after March 31 forfeits their eligibility.
- Teams may NOT play in any other sanctioned event outside of USA Softball.

Schedule:

Since the players on the Select team will also be participating in the recreational league*, it is important to make note of the Select Tournament Schedule and try not schedule your league to play league games on those weekends. A player should never have to choose between playing on their regular rec team and their select team. If they do, the regular rec team should always come first.

In divisions that your league participates in Select, it is suggested you do NOT schedule rec league games on the weekends of Saturday/Sunday Select tournaments. Instead play double headers for the other divisions. Then the Select divisions can play a double header the next weekend.

*The leagues do have an option to not require participation in the recreational league, but it is highly recommended that leagues follow the model of requiring participation in the recreational league program. This allows the league to build the recreation program while also providing an opportunity of more competitive play to the players desiring such. We've also adjusted our tournament schedule to have 2 Sunday/Sunday tournaments to allow for less scheduling conflicts.

Tournament Schedule – final schedule

February 25-26	Spring Series I
March 5	Spring Series II – Pool Play
March 12	Spring Series II – Bracket Play
March 25-26	Spring Series III
April 15-16	Spring Series IV
April 30	Spring Series V – Pool Play
May 7	Spring Series V – Bracket Play
June X	Piece of the Rock (Rocklin)**
June 10-11	Stars of Cordova (Rancho Cordova)**
June 23-25	Association Tournament (Sac Area)**
July 8-9	NorCal All Stars**

** Teams choose 3 of the All-Star tournaments (marked with **) as part of their Select fee and USA Softball will submit payment on their behalf. They can choose to play in all 4, but they will be required to submit payment to the NorCal All Star tournament on their own.

After the Spring season, teams can choose to continue to play together for the summer/fall months. It should be the goal of teams to participate in the USA Softball “B” Western Nationals.

10u Western Nationals – Southern California – Date TBD

12u Western Nationals – Roseville, CA – July 24 – 30

14u Western Nationals - Roseville, CA – July 24 – 30

All additional tournaments are the responsibility of the team to select, fundraise for and contact the tournament director to enter. ***Teams may ONLY play in USA Softball tournaments. Participation in any other type of event (NSA, AST, PGF, Legacy, etc) will result in immediate re-classification to the “A” program.***

Cost:

The cost, payable to USA Softball of Sacramento, of each Select team is **\$3800** (increased from last year due to bump in umpire fees). The cost includes 8 tournaments. These tournaments are part of a set schedule and cannot be substituted for. USA Softball will allocate the funds to each tournament director. Tournaments will include 5 Spring Tournaments + 3 Summer Tournaments (Stars of Cordova, Piece of the Rock, Association Championships, or NorCal All Stars – teams choose 3).

Fundraising:

It is suggested that the league come up with a separate fundraiser that can be managed and maintained by the teams playing in the Select program to help them off-set the player fees. Some suggestions include:

- Hosting a Tournament (Must have adequate playing facilities)
- Partner with a Restaurant for “Team Night”
- Use a Fundraising Service (Discount Cards, Candy Sales, Scratchers, etc)
- Social Media Campaign
- Sell Sponsorship (Jerseys, Banner, Helmets, etc)
- Car Wash

Questions:

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