



# Eastvale Girls Softball Select Policy

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The EGSA Select program is separate from the All-Stars. A player on a Select team cannot also play on an All-Star team simultaneously. EGSA will participate in the summer All-Star program as outlined by USA Softball.
2. The EGSA Select program will only be for the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U and HS divisions.
3. A maximum of three (3) teams per division are allowed, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
4. All players MUST also participate in the recreational league and play a minimum of 75% of all league games to remain eligible for the EGSA select team.
  - a. Any player who fails to play the required number of games, which is assessed at the conclusion of the recreational league game schedule, will be dismissed from the EGSA Select team and may not be eligible to play on the upcoming All-Star team for EGSA.
  - b. The EGSA Board of Directors may make exceptions for injuries, illness, or other justifiable circumstances. A player who fails to meet at least half of her weekly recreational team obligations, including games and practices, may be prohibited from participating in that week's EGSA Select team event.
5. Issue to be raised by REC Manager
6. Participating in the Select team is an honor and requires a full commitment for the entire Select season. Players are expected to attend every practice, friendlies, or tournament play. Failure to do so may result in the player forfeiting their right to participate in future Select or All-Star teams.
7. For the purposes of this policy, a "week" will be defined as starting on Sunday and ending on Saturday
8. A player may not request to participate on a certain team. (i.e. gold/silver)

## 2. SEASON OF PLAY – SPRING

1. EGSA select team(s) may play from January of the current year to specified end date set by USA Softball which is usually March/April of the current year where teams MUST DISBAND.
2. All players must play in the Select Division that they currently play in for Spring REC.

3. Any player who fails to attend tryouts is not eligible to be selected for an EGSA Select Team.
4. Once Spring Season of the current year commences, EGSA Select teams may only meet one day per week (i.e., either practice or game(s)).
5. 14U division can only consist of players 14 years and under to participate in tournaments.

### **3. SEASON OF PLAY - FALL**

1. EGSA select team(s) may play from August of the current year to no later than December 25th of the current year. All select teams MUST DISBAND by December 25th of the current year.
2. All players must play in the Select Division that they currently play in for Fall REC.
3. Any player who fails to attend tryouts is not eligible to be selected for an EGSA Select Team.
4. Once Fall Season of the current year commences, EGSA Select teams may only meet one day per week (i.e., either practice or game(s)).

### **4. PLAYER SELECTION**

1. To be eligible for an EGSA Select team, a player must be registered with the league to play in the current season as defined in the above Spring and Fall season
2. Open tryouts will be held for each division and will be open to any player that wishes to play on the EGSA Select team. There is no invitation or nomination needed.
3. EGSA will utilize a scoring rubric to assess the performance of each player. The scoring rubric will assess for fielding, throwing, hitting, accuracy, speed and situational play. The scores from the Selection Committee will be compiled for a final total. The girls with an eligible score will be placed on an eligibility list. Players with the highest scores will typically be prioritized, but consideration will be given to factors such as positional needs.
  - a. Pitchers and Catchers will also have a separate scoring rubric to assess their abilities.
4. A Selection Committee will bear the burden of selecting the team rosters. The Selection Committee will consist of the Potential Select Managers, along with 2-3 Board Members; with one being the Player Agent of the specific division. Should any of the Board Members on the committee have a child trying out for the team; the committee burden will fall to the next board member in line as appointed by the All-Star Commissioner (unless there is a conflict of interest).
  - b. The Selection Committee may select 9 players per roster. The Select Manager may choose 2-3 additional players who made the eligible list.
  - c. The Selection Committee will prioritize and focus on selecting the best 11-13 players to represent Gold. Then the Silver roster can be selected with the remaining eligible players and so on.
  - d. The Selection Committee will attend Select try-outs strictly as assessors, without any involvement in conducting the actual drills, except for setting the agenda. They will then meet immediately to work together and finalize the rosters. It should be noted that the Gold team

should be created without considering the impact on the Silver team, including key positions such as Pitchers and Catchers.

e. Roster must be finalized amongst the Selection Committee and turned in immediately following the draft (same day) to the All-Star Commissioner (unless conflict of interest).

f. Final Team Rosters will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

g. If there are multiple EGSA Select teams, all teams shall be announced/notified at the same time.

h. If players remove themselves once the roster is submitted, that player will be ineligible for All-Stars.

## **5. MANAGER SELECTION**

1. To be eligible to manage a EGSA Select team a volunteer must meet all the following requirements:

a. Must have coached in any capacity at EGSA the prior and current season (preferably at the same division level as the Select team).

b. Must have a single season of experience as the manager or head coach at EGSA in any division at any time. This includes the current Rec Season.

c. Good standing with the league (no major disciplinary actions or unresolved issues with the board).

d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to make exceptions to the two above rules *only* if a team does not have a manager. In this case, parents of the said team will be contacted and asked to manage. If a manager is not found the team will be dissolved.

2. Applicants who meet the above criteria and are interested in a Fall/Spring EGSA Select Manager position must submit a formal application for consideration to the applicable interest list no later than the deadline set by the Board

3. The application will include coaching experience, qualifications, philosophy on player development and coaching. Two references from within the league (parents, other coaches, or board members).

4. Potential Select Managers will be invited to interview with the Board of Directors. After the interviews are held, a vote will take place. Votes are confidential, and the candidate with the majority of votes is selected.

5. The Select Manager will be chosen after try-outs have taken place.

6. A Board Member interviewing for a Select Manager role may not sit in on any interviews in the division they are applying for.

7. The EGSA Select manager must pass the USA Softball background check, JCSD Background Chek and must be SafeSport Certified.

## **6. TEAM FEES / FUNDRAISING**

1. Select is a self-funded program for both Spring and Fall. Each team is responsible for paying tournament entry fees, friendly fees, and umpire fees.
2. Upon selection, a fee will be collected from each player for the purchase of uniforms.
3. Fundraising is an option for each team, decided by the Manager and Team Mom. A minimum dollar amount raised will be set by the Manager/Team Mom that each player will need to meet so that all are paying equal funds. Anything raised over the set amount will go to a team pot to be used on the players and not on each player individually.

## **7. UNIFORMS**

1. The league will provide EGSA jerseys to Select Players paid by the player.
  - a. Only league issued jerseys may be worn during any games/friendlies. A team may not choose to pick a different EGSA jersey.
  - b. Exceptions will be made only for themed tournaments.

## **8. GAMES/FRIENDLIES**

1. Select teams may not host friendlies at their home fields without All-Star Commissioner approval (due to field availability issues and JCSD regulations) and without a two-week notice.
2. If hosting a friendly, the manager is responsible for providing their own umpire.
3. If hosting a friendly, the manager and team are responsible for field set up and shut down.
4. Select teams may only compete against and/or participate with USA Softball registered teams.
  - a. Select teams may NOT play "A-Level" friendlies.
  - b. A Select team or player that participates in a USA Softball "A", Gold or any NON-USA softball travel type qualifying event shall NOT be eligible for participation in "B" Classification Championship Play.
5. Families of select players will be required to volunteer during any hosted EGSA tournaments.

## **9. SHORTAGE OF PLAYERS**

1. If a player is lost due to sickness, injury, or otherwise, the EGSA Select team may select from players who attended EGSA Select Team tryouts that were not assigned to an EGSA Select team OR from the same division's sister select team (i.e. from the gold or silver)
  - a. The above is only allowed if a team cannot meet 9 – 10 players.
  - b. Player must be age eligible for that division.
  - c. Picked up player(s) will bat at the bottom of the line up and play outfield.
2. Under no circumstances, can a player who is not on the official roster practice with a team.