



OCGSA 2024 Fall Select FAQ & Commitment Form

DATE: August 15th, 2024

ELIGIBILITY:

- Player **MUST** attend/participate in at least 75% of the rec-team events.
- Fall Select divisions shall not have more than four (4) players who have participated in travel type ball at any time after January 1st of the current year. This includes players currently participating in Travel Ball simultaneously with the Fall Rec Season.
- EVERY participant **MUST** be in “good standing” with the association.
- Code of Ethics is expected to be honored by every participant throughout the select season, on AND off the field. Your team will partake in “off the field” fundraising and team bonding.
- Parents/Players may **NOT** create or be the cause of any drama or “bad mouthing” of the team or tournament staff (including but not limited to the coaching staff, other players, umpires, etc!!). You are ALL representing this league and are expected to maintain OCGSA’s competitive yet dignified reputation.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Managers:

To be considered as an Fall Select Manager you must be an OCGSA registered volunteer for the Fall 2024 Season and be in good standing with the league. Each potential candidate **MUST** fill out an “All-Star/Select Manager Application”, which can be found on the league website. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 8/4/2024 and must be emailed to President@ocgsa.com and tournaments@ocgsa.com.**

Players:

Tryouts will be held for each division which will be run by the Selected Managers with support from the Board. After the tryout is complete, the Managers will submit their rosters which will be reviewed by the board before being finalized. We are optimistic that we can produce a “Gold” and “Silver” Select team for most divisions. The formation of Silver teams will depend on the talent level that comes to tryouts. **SILVER TEAMS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.**

COMMITMENT:

While participation in OCGSA Fall Select is completely voluntary and is a privilege to represent your league, it involves an additional level of commitment to the normal Fall Season. As a member of the team, each parent and player must recognize the commitment involved and accept certain requirements. The purpose of this letter/agreement is to notify you of the expectations of a Select team member. The Agreement between parents/players/managers/coaches and spectators is listed below:

- Players/Parents are expected to attend ALL practices, games, and fundraising.
- Players/Parents are to hold an open communication with the select manager during the select season.
- ALL participants will be expected to uphold the OCGSA code of ethics, which was adopted from USA Softball of So Cal, on and off the field.

“FALL SELECT SEASON” The season will run from September 1st through mid-December. Per USA Softball Rules, the Select Teams will be permitted to meet only once per week, typically on Sundays as to not interfere with normal Rec team events. There are tournaments or friendlies available almost every weekend on Sundays. Tournament play is much different from regular league play. Be ready for rule differences, intense competition, and a stronger focus on winning.

TOURNAMENT PLAY DEMANDS A SERIOUS TIME COMMITMENT. Players and parents must commit to being part of a team, which means being at all practices and games. Teams may also hold outings, or other “team bonding” events, full participation is expected. **BE READY FOR IT!**

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Any absences must be relayed to the manager or coaches in advance. No unexcused absences are allowed, the player/parent will be subject to removal from the team following an unexcused absence (No Refunds) and you will jeopardize player eligibility for future competitive play.

Select players may **not** participate in other softball programs (ie, travel ball) after August 31st, 2024 and for the duration of the Fall Select season.

Each Fall Select team will disband on Dec 31st, thus allowing for Spring Select to begin with an entirely separate selection process.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Participation in the Select Season involves travel, and should you be selected to participate on a Select team, each parent must recognize this and will be responsible for all expenses, including meals and possible overnight accommodations, registration fees in addition to those already covered by the dues, extra equipment, extra apparel, and end of the season celebration expenses.

The estimated dues for each player will be from \$100-150, which includes a basic jersey package, funds for two tournaments, and funds for 4 double-header friendlies. Each player will also be expected to participate in all team fundraisers. Teams may use fundraisers to offset team expenses associated with more tournaments and/or team events and general expenses. Each team is limited to raising \$1500 for Fall Select.

The Player Numbers will be assigned by the team manager, but each player will be asked for three choices with their first choice being given if there are no duplicate requests.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

IT IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, TO PARTICIPATE ON AN OCGSA SELECT TEAM. You will travel to other cities and represent not only Orangecrest Girl's Softball but also the City of Riverside. Proper conduct at all times is mandatory. Orangecrest Girls Softball has adopted a Zero Tolerance program. It encompasses the conduct of players, coaches, parents, and fans, and is fully set forth in our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics which can be found at our website www.ocgsa.com This policy applies at all Team practices, games or Tournaments, team parties, etc, regardless of the location and encompasses the entire facilities of each. *Non-compliance of this policy may result in **IMMEDIATE disqualification of eligibility for Select and dismissal from the team. (NO REFUNDS)***

If your player is approved by the board of directors and the select manager to represent this community, this privilege should not taken lightly. We understand that people make mistakes and that life happens. Our teams may get "bad calls", a spectator may not agree with the manager's decisions, or a family emergency may come up. With that said, the all-star/select committee is always available to handle any issues/concerns that may arise throughout the season. If at any time it is discovered that any information offered by or on behalf of a player and set forth on this form is falsified, it will result in your **IMMEDIATE disqualification of eligibility and dismissal from the team. (NO REFUNDS)**

Thank You!

Nick Herbon, OCGSA President

If you have any questions regarding Select, please contact via email president@ocgsa.com & tournaments@ocgsa.com

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(parent must initial pages 1 and 2 and sign this page to confirm commitment **AFTER their child is chosen** for a Select Team)

Upon selection to a Fall Select Team, Players and Parents must be able to commit and agree to the following:

- > Be available to play from late August through Mid-December.
- > Parents/Players are required to participate in ALL team fundraisers AND events.
- > Provide a Copy of a legal certified birth certificate proving they are age eligible.
- > Attend all tournaments scheduled by the league, manager, and USA Softball.
- > Commit to the personal conduct requirements as stated in league rules and in the FAQ.
 - > Code of Conduct/Ethics violation(s) by Parents/Players/Family/Friends is/are grounds for removal from the team.
- > Pay Registration cost of \$100-150, due at 1st meeting (Non-Refundable once uniform is ordered).
- > **Mandatory Parent Meeting Attendance:** Players/parents must be available for meetings and uniform sizings.
- > **THERE IS NO GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME;** Understand that the coaches/managers have the final say on how many innings and which position your daughter will play.

Player Name: _____, Date of Birth: _____

Age on 8/31/24: _____, League Qualified (circle one): 6U 8U 10U 12U 14U 16U

Your Current Division & Team Name _____, Your Current Manager's Name: _____

Is the Select Manager aware of any dates that your player is not available this summer? (Circle one) "YES" or "NO, we're 100% in!"

If "Yes", please elaborate: _____

Has your player **participated** on/with a travel type team **at all during 2024**? (Circle one) YES / NO
(If you answered YES, please note Team Name and Dates, along with explanation):



I have read and understand all the terms set forth on pages 1 - 3 of this document. By signing below, I confirm that our family can fulfill the commitment and I certify that all information on this form is true. I also understand that signing this form does NOT guarantee my daughter a specific position or amount of playing time on the Select Team.

Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Email Address: _____

Cell Number: _____