



**FALL 2023**

## **TWO POTENTIAL SEASON-PLAY OFFERINGS**

### **TRADITIONAL FALL-BALL FORMAT**

**versus**

### **POTENTIAL FALL “SELECTS” TEAM PARTICIPATION (subject to tryouts)**

#### **FIRST - IMPORTANT NOTES FOR EVERYONE:**

- **Regardless of which of the programs below that your player(s) end up participating in, all must complete FALL 2023 registration at [SMGSA.org](http://SMGSA.org).** - The cost of registration for Fall is only \$175 (\$75 less than Spring). Registrations coming in after July 21, 2023 will be \$200.
- - We are excited to be planning optional enrichment clinics, ranging from softball skills to strength and personal growth. These clinics will be free and available to all of the girls.
- - **PLEASE HELP! Volunteers are critical to SMGSA's success, and doing so creates priceless memories...If you seek to volunteer in any capacity (i.e. Team Manager, Assistant Coach, and/or team parent) please email BOTH: 1) our league Registrar at [smgsaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:smgsaregistrar@gmail.com), AND 2) the Director of Coaching at [smgsacoaching@gmail.com](mailto:smgsacoaching@gmail.com)**

#### **TWO POTENTIAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

##### **PROGRAM A) TRADITIONAL FALL-BALL (6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U)**

Our regular SMGSA Fall format for 2023 will continue to be an instructional/enrichment season – emphasizing maximum playing time and confidence building for players of all skill levels. This program will include at least 2 team events per week (all at SMGSA fields - e.g., one practice and one game).

##### **SMGSA TRADITIONAL FALL-BALL - KEY DATES**

- Team practices will start on Sunday Sept 10, with Thursday, Friday, and Sunday games beginning on Sept 24.
- Final Fall Season games and 2023 Closing Ceremonies will be on Sunday November 12.

**[ALL REGISTERED PLAYERS ARE GUARANTEED A SPOT on a Traditional SMGSA Fall Ball team, if not participating on a SELECT team \(details below\).](#)**

## **PROGRAM B) FALL “SELECT” TEAMS**

The SMGSA Select program provides competitive play beyond our regular season offerings, for registered players of the highest skill levels among their peers.

### **8U, 10U, 12U Select Programs**

SMGSA only fields one (1) Select team for each 8U, 10U, and 12U age-division (max 10-12 players per team).

- *To promote upward mobility for all players showing improvement, each age-division's Select Team is newly assembled twice a year, BASED ON TRYOUTS.*
- There is no connection between the Select teams and any All-Star teams, and no guarantee of play between them.

Instead of playing in our regular instructional Fall format described above, our Select teams will play competitive Sunday double-headers in the San Dimas Fall League, against other regional Select teams. The Select teams may decide to compete in additional regional tournaments.

Depending on additional tournaments, gear and other items, the cost for Selects may require the payment of some additional fees.

### **14U Select Program**

The 14U select competitive team will provide additional opportunity for older players who wish to improve their softball skills beyond in a highly competitive select league. This will benefit the players and teams participating, as well as, grow the level of competition for the league and retain home top talent.

As of now, there will be 1 Select Team for 14U with a possibility of expansion. Select players will participate in the San Dimas or Burbank competitive league, plus the SMGSA rec fall ball season as well. Players that do not make the team will participate in Rec.

Select games will be played during the day on Saturday or Sunday, with Rec games being Sunday evenings. Depending on the structure, 14U Select may require an additional fee not to exceed \$100.

### **SMGSA FALL 2023 SELECTS - KEY DATES**

- **INFORMATIONAL Q&A ZOOM Meeting** - August 2nd from 7-8 pm
- **FALL SELECT TRYOUTS** - August 10, 11 & 13<sup>th</sup> at Heasley field  
(times TBD)

Should your player only want to play the instructional Fall program, there is no need to try out for Selects.

Regardless of what Fall program your player may play, ALL players must first register at [SMGSA.org](https://www.smgsa.org).