



SPRING SELECT STANDING RULES

These rules are not all encompassing. The current "Official Rules of Softball" USA Code shall govern any rules not listed below.

Section 1. Description

- A. Select is a program that provides the option for more advanced players to play softball at a more challenging level during the recreational season. Each year, recreational leagues lose players and volunteers (coaches, coordinators, Board members, etc.) to travel ball due to a desire to play softball at a more competitive level. USA Softball Select is intended to allow advanced players to play against all-star caliber teams from local leagues to get a higher level of competition while keeping costs low, and without compromising the integrity of the primary recreational league.
- B. The SOUTH HB board will decide each year which division will or will not have a Select team. Select teams will be available for the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions.
- C. Select is NOT ALL STARS. It is an entirely separate program. Players that are chosen to play on the Select team are not guaranteed to be chosen to play on the All Star team and players not on the select team are equally eligible for the All Star team.
- D. Select players must have been registered with a USA softball recreational league during the previous year (Spring or Fall).
- E. Select players must also be registered on a SOUTH HB recreational league team for the current season in the same age division. Select players must play in a minimum of 75% of their recreational team's games and practices during the current season. Players who fail to meet this requirement will be dismissed from the select team and will not be eligible to play for any SOUTH HB All Star team that season. The board may allow exceptions for various reasons by submitting a written request to the SOUTH HB Board and approved by a simple majority vote of the SOUTH HB Board.
- F. Select Players are not allowed to have any participation with a travel ball team after January 1st. Participation includes tryouts, practices, and or games.
- G. Per USA softball rules, select teams are allowed one activity per week. An "Activity" can consist of practice or a set of games on one day during the week. No Select activity can take precedence over a player's Rec league teams practices or games. Most games or practices will be on Sundays but that may not always be the case.
- H. The Select Program will start January 1st and conclude on April 6th.
- I. The Select program will be self-funded. A \$150 Select Season Fee is required. Cost will include uniform (jersey and socks), field space for practices or games held at SOUTH HB fields and tournament fees. The Head Coach will be responsible for communicating the additional costs for the select program.

Section 2. Head Coach Selection

- A. The Select Team Head Coach is chosen through a SOUTH HB Board selection process:

- a. Head Coach candidates must be in good standing with the SOUTH HB Board.
- b. Head Coach candidates must commit to attending all games and practices, except in extreme circumstances with Board approval.
- c. Head Coach candidates must have managed or coached at SOUTH HB the prior year and have at least one year managing or coaching a SOUTH HB All-Star Team.
- d. If no Head Coaches with these qualifications are available/willing to manage the team, a regular season coach or other individual as determined by the Board is eligible to manage the Select team.
- e. Head Coaches must be ACE Certified.
- f. The Head Coach Selection will be announced by January 15th.
- g. Selected Head Coach will choose the coaching staff of up to three coaches and one chaperone, one of which must be a female.
- h. SOUTH HB Board approves Head Coach and coaching staff with a simple majority vote.

Section 3. Player Selection

- A. The Select Players will be chosen through a tryout process:
 - a. There will be two open tryout dates scheduled in January for any eligible SOUTH HB registered player that would like to be considered for the Select program. Any player that wants to be considered for the select team MUST attend one tryout but is encouraged to attend both.
 - b. Players will be evaluated by the Select coaching staff.
 - c. After both tryouts have been completed, the Player Agent will call a meeting in which the Select Head Coach along with coaching staff will meet to vote on the Select Team Players.
 - d. If the Player Agent is the Select Head Coach, Select Assistant Coach, or has a daughter that attended Select Team tryouts, the SOUTH HB Board President will appoint an alternate SOUTH HB Board member to run the meeting.
 - e. The Head Coach and coaching staff will vote for the 10 players that he/she sees as the best players and representatives of SOUTH HB.
 - f. Considerations should include playing ability, attitude of the player, softball knowledge, performance and contribution to teams during prior seasons, attendance to regular season games/practice, and any other issues that can be beneficial or detrimental to the Select Team.
 - g. Every line on the ballot must be completed (must vote for 10)
 - h. Votes are tallied by the Player Agent or Alternate SOUTH HB Board Member
 - i. The top 9 vote receivers are automatically placed on the roster
 - j. In case of a tie and in order to get to 9 players, a second "playoff vote" is taken
 - k. In case of a tie in the playoff vote, this process is conducted a second time to get the first nine (9).
 - l. In case of an unbreakable tie between two players, both players are automatically placed on the team.
 - m. In case of an unbreakable tie between more than two players, the decision goes to the Head Coach which girl will be the 9th player. The girls not selected go back into the eligible pool of players.
 - n. The Head Coach selects final players from the eligible pool of players to finalize the roster of 11-14 players based upon the Head Coach's discretion.
 - o. To be eligible to be selected, players must have at least two votes during the original round of voting.
 - p. The Head Coach is not required to select girls that went to the playoff vote.

- q. If the eligible pool of girls with two votes is exhausted, then girls with one vote may be selected. If the eligible pool of girls with one vote is exhausted, girls with no votes may be selected at the Head Coach's discretion.
- r. The Select Head Coach will submit the "Roster" of up to 14 players to the SOUTH HB Board.
- s. The SOUTH HB Board will approve the Roster with a simple majority vote by January 31st.
- t. Head Coach makes immediate contact with all families and secures commitment of the girls for games and practices.
- u. A player unable to commit to the majority of games and practices (unless excused by the Head Coach) is removed from the list of players and the Head Coach may select another player to submit to the Board for a simple majority vote.
- v. This process continues until the team is complete with up to 14 players.
- w. The Head Coach will submit the final Roster to the board for approval. Once approved, the President will send Board approved roster and schedule to USA Softball for approval.
- x. Any player not invited to play on the Select team is still eligible for All Stars.
- y. Any player that declines an invitation to the Select team is still eligible for All Stars.
- z. All conversations are strictly confidential and must not leave the room. Anyone found to be in violation of the procedure will be considered in violation of the Code of Ethics and league procedures and will be subject to possible expulsion from the league for the current and subsequent seasons. The consequences of any violations will be left to the discretion of the Board.