



## 2024 NORTHRIDGE SOFTBALL SELECT GUIDELINES

The Select Program was established to provide an additional opportunity for players who wish to improve their softball skills beyond the regular league season but who have not yet reached the Junior Olympic “A” Classification skill level. This program is for 8U through 14U players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit themselves as well as their league. The Spring Select Program will be in effect January 1 through April 7, while the Fall Select Program will be in effect September 1 through December 31 of the current year.

Northridge is committed to fielding the following Select Teams this Spring based on enrollment:

- 6U – No teams (Select clinics only)
- 8U – 2 Teams
- 10U – 2 Teams
- 12U – 2 Teams
- 14U – 1 Team

### **Managers/Coaches**

1. One manager will be selected per team by the Board of Directors.
2. Managers will select assistant coaches who will be approved by the All-Star Director.
3. Managers will be limited to conducting 1 event per week from January 1<sup>st</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>. A week is considered Monday – Sunday. Northridge will assist in logistics for scheduling.
4. An event may be a practice, friendlies, or single-day tournaments. All friendlies and single-day tournaments will be approved by the Western District Commissioner, through the All-Star Director.
5. Managers and coaches will commit to participating in any clinics, trainings, or certifications as required by USA Softball.
6. Managers and coaches will commit to leading player clinics for the league to maximize the exposure to candidates for future Select team invitation. Northridge will assist in logistics for these opportunities.
7. **MANAGERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT ALL-STARS.**
8. Managers are encouraged to distribute and require Select Parents/Guardians and players to review and sign the Northridge All-Star/Select Rules & Guidelines as provided by the league.
9. Once selected, managers should request/receive a copy of the player draft ratings for their division and be made aware of any age-appropriate players playing up in a higher division.

10. Managers are required to hold at least one initial open practice where all interested players can attend to be evaluated. Afterwards, managers can choose to keep practices open or conduct events on an invite-only basis.

### Players/Parents

1. Players must be registered at Northridge for the current or upcoming season.
2. Players playing up in the division directly above their age-appropriate division are allowed to play Select in either division. Play up players must be approved by the All-Star Director.
3. Players will be invited to participate by the managers of the Select team with the approval of the All-Star Director.
4. If a player is invited by more than one manager, the player is allowed to attend one Select event. Games will take precedent over scrimmages, which will take precedent over practices. If there is overlap of equal events, the player/family will decide which event to attend. Managers should be in communication with each other to avoid any conflict.
  - a. If the Select managers are filling a roster for a tournament or scrimmage, the player will default to the team with the least number of rostered players. If there is a specific positional need (pitcher/catcher), the managers need to come to an agreement.
  - b. If both managers have the same number of rostered players and there is no specific positional need, the player/family can decide who to play for.
5. Players may be added and dropped from the Select teams based on player performance, attendance & attitude.
6. Select Parents/Guardians and players are required to review and sign the Northridge All-Star/Select Rules & Guidelines as provided by the league.
7. Players and parents must adhere to all rules regarding behavior. **Any violation of the code of conduct by player or parent may result in removal from the team and forfeiture of fees.**
8. Players ARE PERMITTED to play with Travel teams during the Select seasons (Jan 1 – Mar 31 & Sept 1 – Dec 31) but commitment to Northridge Softball is EXPECTED. Teams are limited to carrying four (4) such players.
9. Participation with Travel must conclude by March 31<sup>st</sup> for All-Stars eligibility.
10. Participation in Select DOES NOT guarantee a place on any All-Star team.
11. Families will commit to minor costs associated with the Select team \*SEE INFORMATION REGARDING FEES BELOW\*

### **\*\*\*Fees\*\*\***

Managers will commit to keeping fees as low as possible by potentially using old jerseys, or affordable T-shirts. Each will more than likely be “pay as you go” with collections as needed for tournament play. Fees may be up to \$200.

\*Interested coaches and managers can reach out to All-Star Director, Carlos Santana

## IMPORTANT SELECT DATES

January 1	Spring Select season begins (teams can be formed)
April 7	Spring Select season ends (teams must disband)
September 1	Fall Select Season begins (teams can be formed)
December 31	Fall Select Season ends (teams must disband)

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