



Spring and Fall Select

A guide to understanding the NGF Select Seasons and the Select Rules and Regulations

Select Season Changes

Starting in the Spring 2024 season, managers will have the responsibility of deciding how to form their Select team using a player recruitment process. The Board will oversee all facets of the process, but the Board's main focus will be to help create a successful Select season for all participants.

You can find Select rules in our league's Rules and Regulations. Any further Select rules will be communicated in the USA Softball Yellow Book, USA Softball Select Tournament Rules, and/ or other Select League's Rules (i.e.; 1904 Rules and Regulations during the Fall Select season.)



Spring Select

Per USA Softball rules, players on a Spring Select team will also be on a Recreational team. Spring Select players must attend at least 75% of their Spring Recreational team practices and games. Select teams may only participate in ONE day (Sunday) of either practice or games.

The Spring Select season begins January 1st and will end in April. During the month of January, USA Softball grants allowance to participate in full weekend tournaments.

In the Spring season, players not recruited by a manager will not participate on a Spring Select team and play on a Spring Recreational team only for the season.



Fall Select



During the Fall Select season, a player will only play on their Select team. They will practice during the week and play a double-header (two games back-to-back) on Sundays.

NGF partners with a Fall Select league responsible for organizing the Select season. This league allows for other Select teams from neighboring softball leagues to have a traditional game schedule, a TOC (Tournament of Champions) and will create a set of game rules that all leagues follow for that season.

NGF Select managers are responsible for creating game schedules with other teams in their division and registering for any tournaments they may want to participate in.

In the Fall season, a player not recruited by a manager will not play on a Fall Select team, but will alternatively participate on a Fall Recreational team for the season.

Managers

In order to be an approved Select manager, applicants are expected to have experience with competitive softball. Additionally, applicants must have managed and/or coached with Navajo Girls Fastpitch the prior year in any division, and have at least one season of experience as manager within Navajo Girls Fastpitch.

Interested applicants must fill out and submit an interest form. This interest form does not constitute immediate approval. The Player Agents will let all managers know if they have been approved prior to the interest form due date.



Competitive Manager Interest Form

The Competitive Manager Interest Form is similar to our existing All-Star Manager Interest Form. It includes information for the Executive Board to ascertain whether an applicant is eligible to manage a team per our league's Rules and Regulations. The form shall include, but is not limited to;

- Full Name, Email, Address, Cell #
- Management Experience
- Competitive Coaching Experience
- Desired Age Division
- A brief explanation of why they're interested in managing a team.



2024 NGF Select Manager Interest Form

Division: 8U ___ 10U ___ 12U ___ 14U ___

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

Coaching Experience: _____

Competitive Experience: _____

NGF Management Experience: _____

Why do you want to manage a Select team? _____

If approved as a Select manager, I will comply with all the administrative rules and regulations of Navajo Girls Fastpitch "NGF," as well as any directive from the NGF Board or the National USA Softball Office.

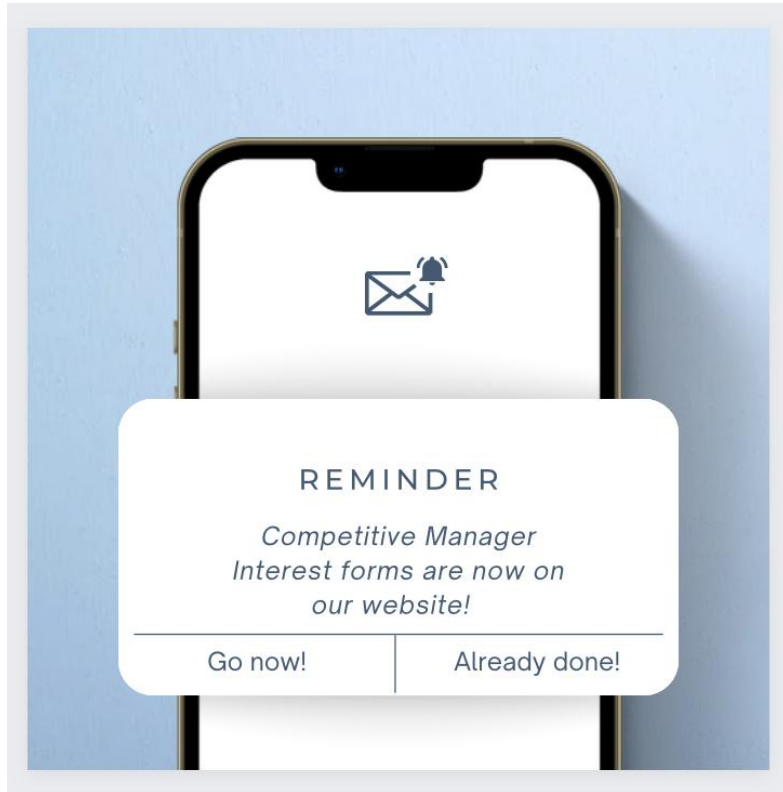
If deemed necessary as directed by the NGF Board or the National Office of USA Softball (C.P.C. 11105.3.) I agree to provide my personal information for a background check and will complete all necessary SafeSport training.

I understand that it is a privilege to manage a NGF Select team. If dismissed from any league activity for improper conduct or actions, I understand that the Board has the right to impose disciplinary action, up to and including the removal of my position.

During any USA Softball activity, civil law forbids anyone to use profanity, alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or gamble. I will uphold this law, and encourage all parents, relatives, friends and spectators to abide by this law as well.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Distribution of Interest Form



The interest form will be added on Classroom and to the league website 1-2 weeks prior to the opening of registration. Additionally, an email will be distributed to all prior season's registrants with explanation of the competitive league rules, along with reminders distributed on our various social media platforms.

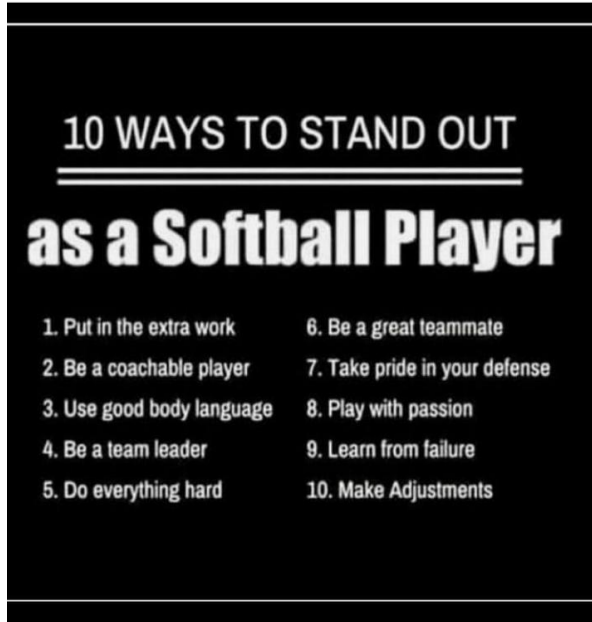
Manager Approval

At the conclusion of the interest form time period, all forms would be reviewed by the Board. After review, managers will be contacted by their Player Agent for approval.

Managers **MUST** wait until after receiving approval to begin recruiting players to their team. The Board will need to review each interest form to make certain each submission is qualified. **Any manager found recruiting before registration begins is at risk of being approved.**



Player Recruitment



Each approved Select manager will be responsible for recruiting players to their team. Managers can recruit players for their team up until the Select registration period has closed. Once registration has closed, managers who do not have fully formed rosters will have other opportunities to form their teams.

The minimum number of players a Select team may have in order to submit a roster for approval is eleven (11) players in the 8u division, and ten (10) in the 10u, 12u, and 14u divisions. **It is highly suggested that managers carry more than the minimum requirement**, however, a team shall not exceed twelve (12) players unless approved by the Board.

Registration

All players interested in participating on a Select team must be registered by the due date of the Select registration period. Within the program registration, there will be questions that help provide information for our league's Player Agents.

In order for a player to be considered, the checkbox requesting if the player is interested in Select MUST be marked off and the drop down question asking if the player has been recruited or not MUST be appropriately responded to. Any player registration missing these items will be assumed Recreational.



Recruited Players

Once a player has accepted placement with a team, a Select registration must be completed. The manager, the player, and their parent/ legal guardian must sign an acceptance letter. This letter must be emailed to the player's Player Agent by their parent/ legal guardian no later than 48 hours after they have registered.

If an acceptance letter is not submitted within the 48 hour time period, the player's registration is changed to reflect a pool player designation.



2024 Select Acceptance Letter

Player's Name and Division

Player's Contact Name and Relationship to Player

Player's Contact Email and Phone Number

_____ **YES**, I have recruited the above named player and I understand the *Select Rules and Regulations*. I fully commit to managing this player for this Select season. If any questions and/ or issues arise this season, I will refer to the rules, our division's Player Agent, and if necessary, the NGF Board to resolve them.

Recruiting Manager's Name

Recruiting Manager's Signature

_____ **YES**, our player and family understands the *Select Rules and Regulations* and fully commit to playing for the following manager this Select season. If any questions and/ or arise this season, we will refer to the rules, our manager, our division's Player Agent, and if necessary, the NGF Board to resolve them.

Player's Signature

Parent(s) Signature

Pool Players



Interested players do NOT need to be recruited by a manager to register for the Select program, however, a player that is not recruited by a manager before registering will be designated as a “pool” player. **Registering before recruitment does NOT guarantee placement on a Select team.**

Pool players can be recruited by managers who have not filled their teams to the required minimum number of players. If a pool player is recruited after registering but before the Select registration period has closed, an acceptance letter must be signed by the manager, parent/ legal guardian, and player. An acceptance letter must be submitted no later than 48 hours before the season's designated program registration period has closed by the player's parent/ guardian. **If an acceptance letter is not submitted within that time period, the player's registration will remain unchanged.**

Player Recruitment (After Registration Period)

In some cases, a manager may not be able to recruit the minimum number of players before registration has ended.

Once the Select registration has closed, all managers who do not have the minimum required number of players will receive a list of available pool players in their division. A manager can email a request for an evaluation of pool player(s) by emailing their division's Player Agent, but an evaluation is not required.

If a manager would like to recruit a pool player after the Select registration period has closed, they must email their division's Player Agent with the parent/guardian included in the correspondence.



Team Approval

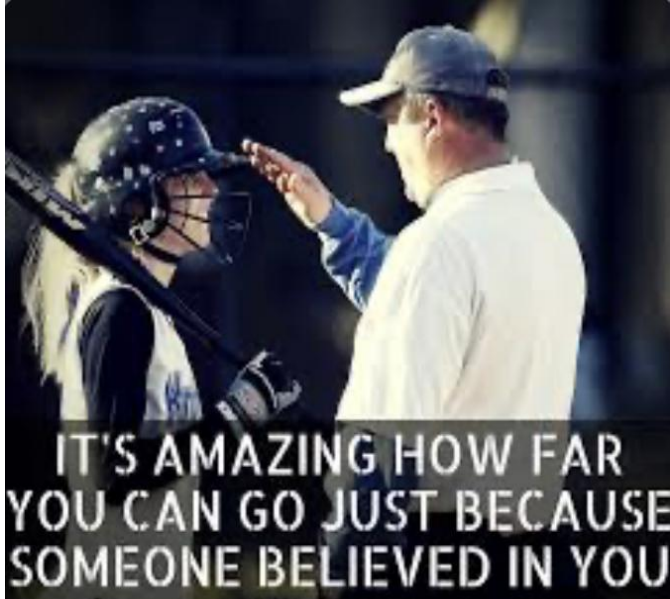
Once a team is at capacity or has the minimum required number of players, the manager can submit their team roster to the Board for approval.

A team will not be allowed to begin practices or participate in any game play until the roster has been approved. Per USA Softball rules, no Spring Select team shall begin practicing or playing prior to January 1st.

A manager can add additional players to their roster after it has been approved, but they must abide by all previously outlined recruitment rules in order to do so.



Team Staff



All team staff will be selected by the manager. Managers shall attempt to ensure that there is an adult female on their staff, and must have an adult female present at all team events.

Staff must be submitted and approved by the Board at least 48 hours prior to the start of season practices.

All team staff members must be background checked, insured and have SafeSport training completed before participating in any practices, games and/ or tournaments.

Substitutions and Refunds



If a player is lost due to injury and/or illness at any time during a season, the team may request to borrow a substitute player. The substitute player must be currently registered and/or actively playing on a team with the league during that season. All substitute players must be submitted to and approved by their division's Player Agent before they are used each game.



Players who are not recruited onto a Select program team can request a refund, but will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. If a player is injured at any point during the season, they can request a refund less any applicable fees (e.g., processing fee, uniform, USA registration, pictures, tournament fees, etc.)

Documents and Contacts

Player Agent email addresses

8u & 10u- ngflowerplayeragent@gmail.com

12u- 14u- upperPA@navajosoftball.com

The Select Manager Interest Form and the Select Acceptance Letter can be found on the Navajo Girls Fastpitch website in the Downloads tab.