

Team Placement Process

Spring 8U-16U:

The Folsom Softball Club has adopted a “Keeper Team” placement process based on a 2019 majority vote by our Folsom Softball Club families. The Keeper Team process allows coaches and players to stay together from season to season if they choose to do so.

Returning players who opted to stay with their prior spring team during registration will be placed on a team with returning teammates and/or coaches per the keeper team protocol. If a player is offered and accepts a roster spot on an FSC Select team they will lose their keeper player status in that division during the spring recreational season. If a Select player would like to maintain their keeper player status, they must play up a division during the spring recreational season. All Select players who choose to play in their age eligible division during the spring recreational season will be as equally dispersed as possible throughout all available recreational teams to maintain fair and equitable teams throughout the division.

Players who fall into the following categories will automatically become free agents and participate in the evaluation and draft process.

- New players to the Folsom Softball Club
- Players who did NOT play FSC rec ball during the prior spring season (most recent spring only)
- Players who were opted out of staying with the same team during registration
- Players who elected to stay with their same team from the prior spring, but there are no coaches, or returning players from the prior spring season in the same division.
- Select players who choose to play in their age eligible division

While we try to accommodate special requests whenever possible, FSC considers the following (in order listed) for all 8U – 16U spring team formations:

1. Eligible "keeper team" players who choose to stay with their same teammates and/or coach from the prior spring stay together
2. Teams are as balanced as possible to ensure a fun and fair season of play (evaluations & drafts for free agent players)
3. Special requests

***Please note, the FSC Board of Directors reserves the right to bypass evaluations and/or drafts as deemed necessary for numerous reasons including, but not limited to, public health restrictions, low free agent availability, lack of necessary volunteers available, etc.*

Team Placement Process

Spring 6U:

Returning players who opted to stay with their prior spring team during registration will be placed on a team with returning teammates and/or coaches per the keeper team protocol.

While we try to accommodate special requests whenever possible, FSC considers the following (in order listed) for all 6U spring team formations:

1. Eligible "keeper team" players who choose to stay with their same teammates and/or coach from the prior spring stay together
2. Same school team placements (2-3 players from the same school per team if possible)
3. Special Requests

There are no evaluations for 6U players

Fall 8U-16U (No 6U Fall Play):

While we do not formally follow the keeper team protocol for fall ball team formations, and there is no guarantee your player will be placed on a team with the same coach and/or teammates they played with in the spring, FSC does try to keep year-round players/teams together whenever possible.

Due to the lower enrollment numbers during the fall season, the Board of Directors reserves the right to bypass evaluations and/or drafts if deemed necessary. If evaluations, or drafts are needed for fall ball, communication will be sent to all applicable players with times, dates, etc.

While we try to accommodate special requests whenever possible, FSC considers the following (in order listed) for all 8U – 16U fall ball team formations:

1. Keeping players/teams who play year-round (spring and fall consecutively) together where possible.
2. Select coaches/players who have completed the process and obtained approval for a "fall start" with the intention to play Select during the upcoming spring/summer Select season.
3. Teams are as balanced as possible to ensure a fun and fair season of play (evaluations & drafts if required or based on player experience & data available in Team Sideline).
4. Special Requests

***Please note, players may be asked to move up/down a division based on player demand and coach availability during the fall season.*