



Folsom Softball Club – Select Program 14u

Letter of Understanding and Commitment

Purpose:

To clarify for parents and athletes the expectations and commitment expectations of all players, parents, and coaches participating in Folsom Softball Club's Select softball program.

Program Philosophy

Folsom Softball Club's objectives for all programs are to provide a positive experience for each girl who participates and provide a high quality and character-driven program. The Select program allows players to experience how it feels to play at a competitive level, increasing skills and passion for the game. It is a difficult and time-consuming responsibility to be the parent of a softball player playing at a more competitive level. We all want what is best for our athletes. The league and coaching staff can promise you that they want your daughter to succeed. The staff will work as hard as possible to help her achieve her goals. Playing time and her role on the team are based on effort, skill, team play, practice habits, attitude, and performance. **Playing time is not guaranteed for any player.** Some players will not get as much playing time as other girls, and in some games, a team member may not play at all. The goals of the team will always come before individual desires. The league and coaching staff believe there are many rewards that come from being part of a team. They include the improvement that comes from everyday effort, the friendships made, and the lessons learned. These benefits far outweigh the game time played. Success is earned through commitment and team play. Every girl will have a role on the team. No role is less important than another. The success of the team, and the success of your daughter as an individual, will be based on how well each player performs her specific role.

Player Responsibilities:

- Always work hard to improve softball skills and conditioning to make the team better as a whole.
- Perform with passion at the highest level, giving 100% in practice and games.
- Keep emotions under control - stay positive.
- Maintain the goals of the team above individual desires.



Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

- Ensure that Select registration fees are paid in full no later than the deadlines announced. The registration fee through Team Sideline will include all base tournament fees (6 total) and uniform fees divided by total players per team (does NOT include the additional cost for several summer tournaments and Nationals).
- Remember that your team leadership is made up of volunteers who are parents just like you. Please be as patient, helpful, and responsive to requests as possible.
- Accept the decision of the officials. Please do not boo or heckle, regardless of your feelings.
- Refrain from name calling or using profane or disrespectful language when addressing players, coaches, other parents, and officials.
- Be encouraging to fellow parents and families.
- Be respectful and supportive to coaches at practices, games, and at home. It is important that a positive atmosphere is fostered at home about your daughter's role on the team.
- Always support your daughter (both good and bad).
- Adhere to all FSC, USA Softball, and applicable tournament rules.
- **Failure to adhere to these responsibilities can affect your daughters standing on the Select team.**

Commitment:

Playing on a Select team is a big commitment! The commitment begins in January and could extend through July. By signing this form, you are agreeing to be available for practices and all tournaments listed below in addition to the National Championships (must qualify). The goal of every Select team should be to qualify for Nationals. Attending Nationals will require additional funds and will extend the season through the full month of July.

The City of Folsom closes all softball fields during the months of November – February. It may be necessary for Select teams to practice in surrounding areas where field space is available, or at indoor facilities until Folsom locations open in March.

Please record your agreement to be available for each of the following commitments. If you know you cannot be available for a specific set of dates, please note that below. This could impact the coach's decision to select your daughter; however, if you do not note a conflict now and your daughter is unavailable later this could impact your standing with the current Select team or the ability to participate in the Select program in the future.



Please complete the “availability yes/no” section for each date listed:

Tournament & Dates	Availability Yes/No	Notes
Spring Series I: February 24-25		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series II: March 2-3		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series III (Pool Play): March 10		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series III (Bracket Play): March 17		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series IV: April 6-7		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series V Pool Play: April 28		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Spring Series V Bracket Play: May 5		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Association Tournament: June 21-23		Tournament cost Included with January Select registration fees
Piece of Rock (TBD - Likely 1st weekend of June)		Tournament cost NOT included in January Select registration. Additional cost will be due in May 2024
Stars of Cordova (TBD - Likely 2nd weekend of June)		Tournament cost NOT included in January Select registration. Additional cost will be due in May 2024
NorCal All Stars (TBD - Likely 1st or 2nd weekend of July)		Tournament cost NOT included in January Select registration. Additional cost will be due in May 2024
Western Nationals (TBD - Likely last week of July)		14u will be in Seattle, WA. Tournament cost NOT included in January Select registration. Additional cost for tournament entry fees and travel will be required. **Team must qualify to attend**

Cost to Play:

This is a per player **estimate** and can vary based on number of players and miscellaneous expenses.

- Spring 2024 Rec Registration \$215 (due in November)
- 6 Tournament Fees \$220-\$250 (due February 1) *
- Spring Select Uniforms \$150-\$175 (due February 1) *
- Miscellaneous costs such as field/indoor facility rentals \$100-\$125 (as needed Jan-March 1) *
- 3 Additional Summer Tournament Fees \$150-\$175 (due in May) *
- Additional Select Jersey/Socks (if needed) \$50-\$75 (due in May) *

*** No refunds issued for fees paid as they are paid upfront per team by FSC.**



Guest Play:

Since Select players are very talented, your daughter may be asked to guest play on another team by a Competitive A Program Coach. This will impact your standing on the Select team. Players may not guest play for A level teams without becoming ineligible to play at the Select level for the rest of the year.

High School Players:

14u players trying out for their High School team should be notified no later than the end of January if they made the HS team. **Therefore, all spring Select registration fees will be due on February 1st.**

Any player who made their HS team will **NOT** be eligible to participate in the spring recreational season, or the Select series tournaments (February – May). **At the discretion of the Head Coach**, players who have already been selected to play on the FSC Select team during fall, or winter tryouts, may be eligible to rejoin the team for summer play (June-July) after the spring HS softball season has ended. If the head coach and family agree to this option, a \$50 cost will apply to cover the 1 summer tournament fee due to USA Softball early in the year and “hold” the summer roster spot. This \$50 fee is **NOT** refundable if the player decides not to return to play on the Select team once the HS spring season has ended. All other costs outlined in the “cost to play” section above with May due dates will also apply at that time.

While FSC does require participation in the spring recreation season simultaneously for all Select players, this requirement will not apply for those who have made their HS softball team (FSC reserves the right to request documentation). **This is the only exception to the spring recreational play requirement.** Spring recreation registration opens in November annually and is fully refundable if cancelled no later than January 31st, 2024.

Escalation Process

24-Hour Rule - “Cool Down”: Please do not approach any member of the coaching staff for 24 hours after a game with any complaints. Preferred method of communication is email or phone call with your concerns or issues addressed to the head coach. The 24-hour period is designed to give you time to provide a more objective opinion about any issues and will aid in a more productive conversation with the coach. If a family is unhappy with the approach and decides to leave the team, there will be no hard feelings. This program may not suit every player or family.

If your issue is unable to be resolved with the coach, please reach out to the appropriate FSC Division Rep or Coach Agent. He or she will escalate as appropriate.



I have read and understand this Letter of Understanding and Commitment and the FSC Select Player FAQs on the Folsom Softball Club website.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Player Details (will be used for uniform orders if your daughter is selected):

Player Name (first and last): _____

Jersey Size (please circle): **Youth** S M L ----- **Adult** S M L XL 2X

Preferred Jersey Number (jersey number requests are not guaranteed) _____