



Escondido Girls Softball League

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SELECT PROGRAM SUMMARY 2026:

The Select program was developed by USA Softball with the intent to allow girls to practice and play games together in a competitive environment. USA Softball offers a Spring program where players can practice and play in tournaments in a Sunday's only format with a competitive team as an addition to their regular recreation team.

EGSL is developing this program with the intent to develop a competitive program that would enable the league to build on a group of girls who would play together as a competitive team.

Our Select Program provides opportunities designed to expand our player's skills and allow girls to play at a competitive level throughout the recreational season. We encourage players who aspire for a higher level of play, who enjoy the sport, are interested in improving their skills, and who are dedicated to participating in the program to come to evaluations.

Select teams are for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U Divisions and players are chosen through an evaluation process led by the select committee. The final number of players on each team or teams will be determined based on interest and results of the evaluation.

The Select committee will be composed of the Division Director (if there is a single director) and two additional voting Board members with no ties to the division. If the position is co-directed, the committee will include both Division Directors and one additional voting Board member. In both cases, one Executive Board member with no ties to the division will serve in a non-voting oversight role.

EGSL Select Program Does:

- Focus on skills development in preparation for championship level play.
- Provide opportunities to play other select teams in a “friendly format” or through tournament play based upon team skill and readiness.
- Focus on position development based on the player's skill level.
- Challenges players to be the best at the position for which they exhibit the strongest skills.
- Allows EGSL the opportunity to further develop cohesive core groups of players, participating in year-round programs, with the goal being that they will be ready to compete at a higher level of play such as Allstars.

EGSL Select Program Does Not:

- Determine the All Star teams. Although the players will benefit from the advanced level of play and skills training, participation in the Select program is not a guarantee that all players will be selected for the All Star teams.
- Prevent players who do not play on the Select team from trying out or making an Allstar team. Does not include travel ball players. Any player who participates in any game, practice or workout involving a travel ball team will not be allowed to participate in the Select program. Travel ball players are not eligible for select teams as per USA Softball.
- Involve paid coaches. Our recreational and competitive programs rely on assistance from our parents and volunteers.

Head Coach Nominations:

- All volunteers in good standing with EGSL are invited to submit their name for consideration to their respective division directors. Nominations for the Spring select team are **due by December 21st**. The Spring select coaches must be registered for the new Spring 2026 season.

Select Team Coaches Requirements:

- Must be an active coach in good standing in the Escondido Girls Softball League.
- Must have submitted a request to coach a team to their division director by published date.
- Be present for an interview as necessary with the Selection Committee (if requested by committee).
- Coaches will be announced prior to evaluations after approval by the EGSL Board of Directors.
- Commit to the EGSL guidelines for managing a Select team and sign the Coach Code of Conduct.
- Should have experience managing a competitive team.
- Manage all practices and games for the team.
- Responsible for all team communication.
- Coordination of team expenses.
- Must be present at 100% for friendlies and tournaments.
- Any coaching staff member may be disciplined by the Disciplinary Committee according to the Coaches Code of Conduct.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS:

8U, 10U, 12U and 14U DIVISIONS

- Roster spots on the Select team will be filled using open tryouts. Tryouts are open to any player who aspires for a higher level of play.
- All players must be registered for the 2026 Spring Season prior to player evaluations. The Select team fee is in addition to the Spring rec team fee and payment is required after the teams are announced.
- Tryouts will be by appointment. Parents of interested players will receive an online schedule and are required to select a designated time prior to the start of the evaluations. There will be no walk-up evaluations on the day of.
- If there are not enough interested players registered to try out there may not be a team for that division.
- Having a Select Program is optional and will be subject to interest and participation by both coaches and players.
- Select coaches will be announced prior to evaluations. Attendance at select evaluations serves as acknowledgement that, should your player be assigned to a team led by a coach you previously blocked for the spring season, your player remains willing to participate under that coach.

PLAYER AND PARENT RULES

It is essential that the EGSL Player and Parent Rules be followed to develop a cohesive team and competitive players. It is critical that parents support all players and their coaches. The coach's job is to teach players how to improve their skills and compete to win in a very competitive tournament environment. This is achieved by setting individual and team goals, team building exercises, development of a positive and competitive attitude and teaching players that dedication and hard work will yield desired results.

PLAYER RULES

- Attend all practices and games on time
- Accept whatever role the coach gives you
- Be willing to play positions that are unfamiliar
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and support your teammates
- Accept that the team is more important than the player
- Uphold our League's reputation by demonstrating good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
- Follow the EGSL Code of Conduct

PARENT RULES

- Support your coaches, players, and the team.
- Will not approach coaches during practices, warm-ups, or games. Any concerns will be addressed off the field at an agreed upon time.
- Parents and players are required to participate in fundraising events.
- Uphold our League's reputation by demonstrating good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
- EGSL Parent Code of Conduct
- A player or parent may be removed from the Select team for the current season and possibly future seasons for failure to abide by the rules listed above.

PLAYING RULES

- The program does not guarantee equal playing time for players during tournament play. When playing in tournaments or friendlies the team's head coach has the discretion to field the best players on the team. Playing time may also be determined by missed practices, tournament play, and a player's attitude on and off the Field.
- All players must play a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ of each tournament. The 50% playing time can be achieved in pool play only at the coaches' discretion. (Example: If a player plays in 2 pool play games they could sit out 2 bracket games and would still have played 50% of the tournament).
- Player position on the field or playing time is not for discussion between parents and coaches before, after or during tournament play.
- If a Select team is affected by injuries or player absences the Division Director(s) and head coach will determine how best to fill that roster spot.
- Players must participate in a minimum of 75% of her recreational team's games to be eligible for the Select team.

FEES:

- **The participation fee for Spring 2026 Select will be \$190.** This will consist of 1 jersey and 1 pair of socks, umpire fees for friendlies, registration, field usage, and 2 USA tournament fees. If competition play is not available due to health and safety guidelines the teams may be refunded unused dollars at the conclusion of the season. This will be at the discretion of the league.