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## TVGSA SELECT PROGRAM COMMITMENT LETTER

The TVGSA Fall Select Program is an additional program that will run parallel to the recreational season. The goal of the Select Program is continued and advanced development of already skilled softball players. Select teams are more competitive than the traditional recreational teams and require a greater time commitment.

### **1. General Commitment Requirements**

- a) Select teams will have a specified day for practices and games, which will likely be Sundays.
- b) Select Season Dates – September 1st – December 31st.
- c) Select practices can begin in September and will be once per week after recreational games commence.
- d) Select games (“Friendlies”) are games played against other Select teams on Sundays. There may be 1 to 3 games on a given Sunday.
- e) Select teams may also participate in tournaments during the Spring season.
- f) The fee to participate in Fall Select is \$150.00, which will be used to cover the player’s jersey cost, field usage fees, umpire fees and tournament costs. Additional funds may be collected from each family depending on the number of friendlies and/or tournaments. Select is a self-funded program that the league will monitor. Any additional expenses including travel, lodging, and food are the responsibility of each player’s family.

### **2. Team Player Selection and Utilization**

- a) I understand that the Select manager will create the team roster based primarily on the skill level in the division. The Select team will be comprised of players with advanced skill levels and specific position players (i.e. pitchers and catchers). The players will be the correct age for the division. Each Select team roster will be reviewed and approved by the TVGSA Board of Directors (TVGSA BOD).
- b) I understand that play time and player position is not guaranteed and it is the sole right and responsibility of the Select manager to create the lineup.



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A player may not play in her preferred position. TVGSA encourages open dialog between the Select manager and players/families; however, the Select manager is not required to justify or modify the game lineup, play time, or player position.

- c) I understand that a player may not play her preferred position. It is important to recognize that at this competitive level of play, all positions are critical to the team's success and the Select manager will assign them accordingly.

### **3. Player and Parent Expectations**

- a) I understand that the Select manager will communicate in person with the players and families, as well as electronically via email, text, or a messaging application for scheduling and information.
- b) I understand that Select will offer a well-rounded approach that will include time dedicated to advancing the player's skill level, deeper understanding of the game, and exposure to other skilled players during game play. This approach will be executed during practices, friendlies, and tournaments.
- c) If you have any concerns, an attempt should be made to handle the concern with the manager. If the concern is not resolved and does not deal with play time or player position, please inform the TVGSA Division Coordinator in writing, and the concern will be reviewed further by the TVGSA BOD.

### **4. Player/Parent/Coach/Volunteer Conduct**

- a) I will attend all Select practices, games and tournaments. I will make timely notification to the Select manager if there is an unforeseen reason the player is unable to attend a practice or game.
- b) I will lead by example, maintain a positive attitude, and good sportsmanship at all times. I am responsible for myself and will not demean other players, managers, coaches, parents, volunteers, umpires, or TVGSA with derogatory comments on or off the playing field. TVGSA has no tolerance for bullying or mean spirited behavior directed toward teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, opposing parents, etc.
- c) I will comply with USA Softball rules and the TVGSA By-Laws, league Playing Rules, Disciplinary Policy, and Training Facility Code of Conduct.



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- d) I agree and understand that the professional and/or youth umpire has final discretionary control over the game and agree to refrain from dissent, verbal or physical assaults.
  - e) I will represent TVGSA in a positive manner. I agree to partner with TVGSA and the Select manager to create a Select program that builds on the principles of integrity, athletic excellence, commitment and team unity.
  - f) I understand that the Select program operates in a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profane language, or vulgar gestures. I will refrain from their use at all softball events (practices, training facility, games, and tournaments).
  - g) I understand that my failure to comply with this commitment letter may result in suspension from the next scheduled game and/or removal from the Select program.
  - h) I understand that all grievances and disputes must be in writing and submitted to the TVGSA Division Coordinator.
  - i) I understand that all TVGSA Select players, families, managers, coaches and volunteers must agree and abide by items set forth in this letter of commitment.