

2024 Coach Team Selection/Schedule

OMG Softball 2024 Coach Team Selection Outline

OMG Softball will be conducting a coach team selection for the 2024 spring season. The following outlines the rules and regulations of team selection.

1. Coach picks will still be allowed for the 2024 spring season. A coach will be allowed to freeze up to (4) four picks for all age divisions except 18u. 18u will still be allowed to freeze up to (6) six picks.

******These coach picks cannot consist of more than (2) pitchers and (1) catcher. If coaching a relative (i.e., daughter, niece, granddaughter, etc.) this girl must be included in the coach picks.

- Coach picks will take the place of your first-round picks totaling the number of athletes frozen. For example, if you freeze two athletes then you will not get to select during the team selection until the third round. If you freeze four girls, then you will not get to select during the team selection until the fifth round.
 - If the athlete has been selected as a coach picked by multiple teams, then the parent will be contacted for the final decision. The parent has the option to select which team to play on as long as this choice does not put that team above the allowed amount of coach picks, allowed number of pitchers, or the allowed number of catchers. The parent also has the option to have the athlete enter the team selection process and proceeds with the skills assessment day.
 - Coach picks do not attend the skills assessment day for the team placement evaluation. We ask that these players do not attend to keep the flow of this day moving in a timely direction.
2. Skills assessment evaluation day will be held on February 24th for the 8u, 10u, and 12u divisions. The skills assessment evaluation day will be held on March 2nd for the 14u and 18u divisions. Both days this evaluation will be held at the OMG softball fields.
 - Skills assessment evaluation day will be broken into multiple sessions for each age group to keep the process moving in a timely manner. There will be a check-in followed by a brief warmup period for the athletes. Following the warmup each group will field fly balls, ground balls, and a set number of pitches to hit.
 - The skills evaluation day will be overseen by board members to stay on time. Any coach wanting to participate or assist in the drills will be allowed but is not mandatory.
 - Each athlete during the evaluation day will be assigned a predetermined number that they will wear for the drills assessment. Each coach will in turn receive a correlating list from the league that has the athletes name and assessment number.
 - Friend picks are still allowed for athletes if they are within the regulations of the league. If a pair of friend requests are signed up together, they will have the same number for the assessment evaluation and marked on the sheet provided in a way that a coach can recognize them as a pair.

- During the team selection process if a friend request athlete is selected the coach will forfeit their ensuing pick in the process. For example, if a friend request athlete is selected for the seventh pick by a coach, they will also be selecting the friend athlete on their team and not receive their eighth pick.
- Due to the high demand and need for pitchers and catchers, they will be limited to a set number for each team. Coach picks will be limited to (2) two pitchers and (1) catcher.
- Pitchers and catchers will have a separate assessment thirty minutes after the group assessment. This will allow the coaches to evaluate those available in the team selection process.

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- Coaches who do not have a pitcher or a catcher as a coach pick will select these positions during the team selection process from the pool of these position players. They will utilize their first available picks for this process during their selected turn and this will take the place of that pick during that round. For example, if a coach does not have a pitcher as a coach pick and their first pick available is during the third round. They will then be required to select a pitcher from the pool of position players when it is their turn during the team selection process. This is to disperse the necessary position players as evenly as possible. Once a team has at a minimum (1) one pitcher and (1) catcher on their team then they will be able to pick from the whole pool of athletes available.
- The team selection order will be drawn randomly out of a hat immediately following the skills assessment. A board member will oversee the process and ensure that the correct order is followed, and no athlete is placed on two teams.
- Once the order of the team selection is determined the process will continue in a snake style order. For example, the coaches will pick in order from lowest to highest the first round and then proceed backwards from highest to lowest the following round. (1 to 12 round one, 12 to 1 round two, 1 to 12 round three, etc.) If a coach is not allowed a pick for the current round due to a coach pick or a friend request pick, then they are skipped for that round and will resume their place in the order the following round.
- During this process a coach is only allowed to select from the pool of athletes that participated in the skills assessment evaluation. The team selection process will continue in this manner until all athletes have been selected from the participating athletes from the skills assessment.
- Teams will then proceed to be filled from the athletes that were unable to attend the evaluation in the same order by random selection from a hat. The remaining athletes will have their names put in a hat and drawn at random until all the teams have been filled. Any girl unable to attend the evaluation will not be allowed to be selected by name during the team selection process.
- If a friend request occurs and only one athlete in the pair can attend the skills assessment, then the pair will both be put in the random drawing from a hat. When selected at random they will still occupy the next two available slots for the team, but this will not allow a girl to get selected without attending the evaluation.

February 24, 2024, Schedule

Coaches' check-in at 8:30am

- 12U – Group 1 – 8:45am to 9:00am check-in (A-L)
- 12U – Group 1 – 9:00am to 10:00am evaluation
- 12U – Group 2 – 9:45am to 10:00am check-in (M-Z)
- 12U – Group 2 – 10:00am to 11:00am evaluation
- 12U – Pitchers and Catchers – 10:45am to 11:00am check-in
- 12U – Pitchers and Catchers – 11:00am to 11:30am evaluation
- 12U – Coaches – 12:00pm to 1:00pm Placement Meeting (until complete)

Coaches' check-in at 8:30am

- 8U – Group 1 – 8:45am to 9:00am check-in (A-H)
- 8U – Group 1 – 9:00am to 10:00am evaluation
- 8U – Group 2 – 9:45am to 10:00am check-in (I-P)
- 8U – Group 2 – 10:00am to 11:00am evaluation
- 8U – Group 3 – 10:45am to 11:00am check-in (Q-Z)
- 8U – Group 3 – 11:00am to 12:00pm evaluation
- 8U – Coaches – 12:00pm to 1:00pm Placement Meeting (until complete)

Coaches' check-in at 8:30am

- 10U – Group 1 – 8:45am to 9:00am check-in (A-L)
- 10U – Group 1 – 9:00am to 10:00am evaluation
- 10U – Group 2 – 9:45am to 10:00am check-in (M-Z)
- 10U – Group 2 – 10:00am to 11:00am evaluation
- 10U – Pitchers and Catchers – 10:45am to 11:00am check-in
- 10U – Pitchers and Catchers – 11:00am to 11:30am evaluation
- 10U – Coaches – 12:00pm to 1:00pm Placement Meeting (until complete)

March 2, 2024, Schedule

Coaches' check-in at 9:30am

- 14U – 9:45am to 10:00am check-in
- 14U – 10:00am to 11:00am evaluation
- 14U – Pitchers and Catchers – 10:45am to 11:00am check-in
- 14U – Pitchers and Catchers – 11:00am to 11:30am evaluation
- 18U – 9:45am to 10:00am check-in
- 18U – 10:00am to 11:00am evaluation
- 18U – Pitchers and Catchers – 10:45am to 11:00am check-in
- 18U – Pitchers and Catchers – 11:00am to 11:30am evaluation
- 14U & 18U – Coaches – 12:00pm to 1:00pm Placement Meeting (until complete)