

MPSL Player Selection Process 2027 Season:

Purpose

The Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL) is committed to providing a fair, transparent, and athlete-centered player selection process that promotes competitive excellence while supporting long-term athlete development. Selections shall be based on merit, positional needs, team balance, attitude, and commitment to the program. The process should align with the principles of athlete development promoted by Softball Canada.

1. Guiding Principles

Player selection shall be based on:

1. Fair and objective evaluation.
2. Equal opportunity for all eligible athletes.
3. Long-term athlete development.
4. Selection of the athletes who provide the best opportunity for team success.
5. Transparency and accountability in decision-making.
6. Respect for athletes, families, coaches, and organizations.

No athlete shall be guaranteed a roster position based solely on previous participation, reputation, or organizational affiliation.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must:

- Be registered with a Softball Manitoba sanctioned organization.
 - Meet all age classification requirements.
 - Be in good standing with their organization, league, and Softball Manitoba.
 - Attend scheduled evaluations unless excused by the Head Coach or Selection Committee.
 - Demonstrate commitment to team expectations and participation requirements.
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3. Selection Authority

The Head Coach shall have final roster authority.

The Head Coach may utilize a Selection Committee consisting of:

- Head Coach
- Assistant Coaches
- Independent evaluator(s) where available

All evaluators shall declare any potential conflicts of interest before evaluations begin.

4. Catchment and Player Movement

Where catchment areas exist:

1. **Athletes MUST attend their home catchment** and be evaluated within their designated catchment area.
2. If roster spots remain available, organizations may recruit athletes from outside their catchment in accordance with MPSL and Softball Manitoba regulations.
3. Any player movement outside a catchment area must comply with league-approved release and transfer procedures.

6. Team Formation

- The recommended roster size shall be determined annually by the organization. This can be up to 17 rostered Athletes. This is the sole discretion of the organization.
- Rosters need to be finalized and submitted to MPSL no later than: **September 25th at 4pm**

7. Fill Rule (U13,U15,U17 and U19)

- The purpose of the Fill Rule is to sustain a full capacity of teams at the AAA level and to ensure that each region is able to field a viable team. Effort must be made to recruit players within home regions.
 - The Fill athlete must be a fully eligible player as defined by Softball Manitoba and MUST have attended tryouts in their home catchment area but not have been selected to their home region's team. If the player has not been selected to their home region's team. The athlete will be considered released.
 - Rosters will be due to MPSL no later than: September 25th at 4pm
 - Athletes can not attend a try out prior to being selected or not selected from their home catchment.
 - Players that are selected to their home region's team but chose to refuse the offer, will not be considered to be eligible to accept positions with other AAA organization.
 - Fill athletes cannot displace a regional athlete who has demonstrated the capacity to compete or develop to a competitive AAA level of play.
 - All Fill players are to return to their home regional for tryouts in the following year.
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8. Fill Rule Tryout

- MPSL will hold a tryout for any athlete wanting to be a fill player on Sunday September 27th (location and time TBD) to give all athletes the opportunity to try out to teams still needing players to fill their rosters
- Once a player has not been selected to an organization athletes are required to register with MPSL for confirmation they meet the eligibility criteria of being a fill player.
- Once this tryout is completed teams will be allowed to contact and offer positions to athletes.