

**WESTMAN MAGIC SOFTBALL
ASSOCIATION**

ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY



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Athlete Selection Policy

“Organization” refers to: Westman Magic Softball Association

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be used by Westman Magic to select athletes to the respective teams in a season.

SECTION 2 – OBJECTIVE

The objective of this selection policy is to select 12-13 athletes for each age group who will represent the Westman Magic Organization. The selection Committee and/or coach can appeal to the board if they would like to take a number other than the recommended 12-13.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection, athletes must:

- Live within the AAA Softball Manitoba Boundaries for the Westman Region
 - Be members in good standing with Westman Magic and Softball Manitoba
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SECTION 4 – SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes participate in tryouts. Athletes may be exempted from participation in the tryouts due to different reasons. Medical Excuses must have a doctor’s note to excuse for legitimate reason (injury, illness etc.); All exemptions to attendance must provide a written request to the board to approve. If the absence is approved, the player will be guaranteed an evaluation (past coaches may be consulted to determine an evaluation). Athletes that do not show up for an evaluation or go through the absence process, will NOT be given an evaluation and thus will not be considered for the team.

Tryouts

- Tryouts are required for each age category, but the structure will vary based on the number of participants.
- All athletes interested in tryouts will be accepted. There is no maximum number of participants.

- Tryouts will offer athletes the opportunity to showcase their skills in specific positions, such as pitchers and catchers, while also allowing time to demonstrate both offensive and defensive fundamentals.
- No members with a child participating in the age category of the tryout will be involved in any aspect of the tryout.

Timelines

Tryouts typically take place in September, but efforts will be made to select a timeframe that minimizes conflicts for our members.

Unforeseen Circumstances

If unforeseen circumstances arise that prevent the selection process from being implemented as outlined in this document, Westman Magic reserves the right to identify an alternate process or alternate timelines. Should this occur, all candidates for selection will be notified of these changes in a timely manner.

SECTION 5 – AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

Westman Magic shall appoint independent evaluators to be responsible for evaluating athletes during the entire tryout process.

The Selection Committee must be free from actual and perceived conflicts of interest. If conflicts of interest arise, Committee members must identify the conflict and excuse themselves from the selection process. Parents of athletes, or other individuals deemed to have a special interest in the selection process, are not permitted to be members of the Selection Committee.

During and following the tryout process, the evaluators, together with the head coach and 1 board member will be a part of finalizing the team selection.

SECTION 6 – APPEALS

Appeals of selection decisions will be heard and decided in accordance with Westman Magic's Appeal Policy.

SECTION 7 – INJURED and REPLACEMENT ATHLETES

Once a team is selected, the head Coach must obtain approval from the board of directors to name alternate players to the roster submitted to Softball Manitoba. Alternate athletes may be selected if one or more of the originally selected athletes are dismissed before the season.

Alternate athletes may be included in any training or competitions leading up to the Westman Magic season to ensure they are prepared if called upon.
