



2026 COACH TEAM SELECTION & SCHEDULE

OVERVIEW

OMG Softball will be conducting a coach team selection for the **2026 Spring Season**. This document outlines the rules, regulations, and schedule for team selection.

1. COACH PICKS

Coach picks will be allowed for the 2026 Spring Season.

- Coaches may freeze up to **four (4)** players for all age divisions **except 18U**
- **18U** coaches may freeze up to **six (6)** players

Coach Pick Restrictions

- No more than **two (2) pitchers** and **one (1) catcher** may be selected as coach picks

- If a coach is coaching a relative (daughter, niece, granddaughter, etc.), that athlete **must be included** in the coach's frozen picks

Draft Impact of Coach Picks

Coach picks replace early draft rounds:

- Freeze **2 players** → First draft pick is **Round 3**
- Freeze **4 players** → First draft pick is **Round 5**

If an athlete is selected as a coach pick by multiple teams, the parent will be contacted to make the final decision. The selected team must remain within:

- allowed coach picks
- pitcher limits
- catcher limits

Parents may also choose to have the athlete enter the team selection process and attend the skills assessment.

Coach-picked athletes do not attend the skills assessment.

2. SKILLS ASSESSMENT EVALUATION DAY

Date: March 7, 2026

The skills assessment will be divided into age-group sessions to ensure efficiency.

Assessment Format

Each session includes:

- Check-in

- Brief warm-up
- Fielding (fly balls and ground balls)
- Hitting (set number of pitches)

Board members will oversee evaluations. Coaches may assist with drills if desired; participation is optional.

Each athlete will wear a **preassigned number**. Coaches will receive a roster matching athlete names to numbers.

Friend Requests

- Friend requests are permitted within league guidelines
- Registered friend pairs will share the same evaluation number and be clearly marked
- Selecting a friend-request athlete results in forfeiting the next draft pick

Example:

If a coach selects a friend-request athlete with Pick #7, the friend is automatically placed on the team, and Pick #8 is forfeited.

Pitchers & Catchers

- Teams are limited to a set number of pitchers and catchers
- Coach picks are limited to **two (2) pitchers** and **one (1) catcher**

Pitchers and catchers will complete a **separate assessment 30 minutes after** the group evaluation.

3. DRAFT PROCESS

Coaches without a pitcher or catcher as a coach pick must select these positions during the draft.

- The **first available pick** must be used to select from the pitcher/catcher pool
- This continues until the team has:
 - **one (1) pitcher**
 - **one (1) catcher**

Once both positions are filled, coaches may select from the athlete pool who attended tryouts.

Draft Order

- The draft order is determined randomly after the skills assessment
- A board member will oversee the process
- Draft follows a **snake format**:

Round 1: 1 → 12
Round 2: 12 → 1
Round 3: 1 → 12 (continues)

Coaches skipped due to coach picks or friend requests, and resume drafting in the following round.

Only athletes who attended the skills assessment may be selected during the main draft.

Athletes Not Attending Evaluations

- Remaining roster spots will be filled by a hat pick
- Names are drawn in draft order
- Athletes who did not attend may **not** be selected by name

If a friend pair exists and only one athlete attended, **both athletes** enter the hat pick and will occupy two roster spots when selected.

EVENT LOCATION & SCHEDULE

Date: March 7, 2026

Location: Centennial Park – Riverton

Coach selections begin immediately following each age group's assessment.
Please plan for **1–1.5 hours**.

CHECK-IN & ASSESSMENT TIMES

18U

- Coaches Check-In: **8:30 AM**
- Assessment: **9:00 AM** – Field A

14U

- Coaches Check-In: **9:30 AM**
- Assessment: **10:00 AM** – Field B

12U

- Coaches Check-In: **10:00 AM**
- A–L Last Names: **10:30 AM** – Field A
- M–Z Last Names: **12:00 PM** – Field A

10U

- Coaches Check-In: **9:00 AM**

- A–L Last Names: **9:30 AM** – Field C
- M–Z Last Names: **11:00 AM** – Field C

8U

- Coaches Check-In: **11:00 AM**
- A–L Last Names: **11:30 AM** – Field B
- M–Z Last Names: **1:30 PM** – Field B