

Playing on a Cobras team **requires a significant commitment** by players and their families.

Important notes about playing on a Cobras team:

- The Cobras' teams are Recreational-Select teams. This means that there are tryouts and so some players who tryout might not be selected for a Cobras team.
- Cobras coaches are chosen from **volunteer** parents of the players that make the team.
- Teams are selected each season based on performance in Cobras tryouts along with rec evaluations and assessments from prior seasons' coaches.
- Previous participation on a Cobras team is not a guarantee of inclusion on a team for the current season.
- Rotation between positions and allocation of playing time in Cobras might not be as equitable as it is in Rec league play.
- Anyone participating in the MCGSA Fall rec season can try out for Cobras. For the 14u Cobras, anyone who has played at MCGSA in the last year can try out for Cobras.
- Everyone participating in a Cobras tryout has an equal chance to make a given Cobras team. Players trying out are not grouped by ability or prior Cobras experience.
- Players who are 'playing down' to a younger age league are not eligible to play for a Cobras team in that league.

The Fall Cobra season runs from team selection (see tryout schedule below) into November. During the Fall Rec season Cobra practices, games and tournaments will primarily be on **Saturdays**. Once the Rec softball season ends (at the end of October), Cobra teams typically add some weekday practices and might choose to participate in two-day (Saturday and Sunday) tournaments (tournament selection varies from Cobra team to Cobra team). The Fall tournaments that Cobra teams play in are usually challenging (most Fall Cobra teams end up competing against area travel teams). Tournaments will typically be within a 30-90 minute driving radius, and usually take all of Saturday, or all of Saturday and most of Sunday.

Trying out for a Cobra team is an indication that the player and family are willing to commit to attending the additional practices and tournaments.

If selected to the teams, there is a \$100 Cobra registration fee that will cover uniforms, practice field usage, team insurance, roster shirts, umpires and field prep for any scrimmages, a team banner, and equipment. Fall tournaments are on a pay-as-you-go basis, meaning that tournament fees are collected separately for each tournament.

If you are interested in coaching a Cobra team, or if you have any questions, please contact Peter Kottke, kottkep@gmail.com