

# Rancho Penasquitos Girls Softball Association (PQGSA)

## Winterball

### [What is Winterball?](#)

The Winterball Program provides an opportunity for the fast pitch softball players in Rancho Penasquitos to continue developing their skills in the off-season in a semi-competitive environment against other teams in North San Diego County as part of the North County Winterball League, an association outside of PQGSA. This program consists of weekly practices and Sunday doubleheaders at home and at other North County locations. It is not an officially sanctioned PQGSA activity, but it is facilitated by PQGSA.

### [Is Winterball similar to recreation softball or all-star softball?](#)

Winterball is more like all-star softball than recreation softball as games are played against teams from other leagues – some at Canyonside and some at other locations. Rules are ASA tournament rules and differ slightly from the PQGSA recreation league rules.

### [When is Winterball?](#)

Winterball is played in the off-season generally between early September and late October.

### [How does a player “register” for Winterball?](#)

Since Winterball is not an official PQGSA activity, there is no formal registration process. Players who would like to make their interest in playing Winterball known should do so by sending an email message to [player-agent@pqgsa.org](mailto:player-agent@pqgsa.org).

### [How many PQGSA Winterball teams are there?](#)

The number of PQGSA Winterball teams is limited by the following factors: the availability of softball fields during the Winterball season, the availability of coaches during the Winterball season, and the availability of players during the Winterball season. Generally, there is 1 team for the 8U and 14U divisions and up to 2 teams for the 10U and 12U divisions.

### [What is the time commitment for Winterball?](#)

Due to other activities on the public fields used by PQGSA teams (soccer, football, etc.), softball fields are only available to PQGSA softball teams on Friday evenings for practices and on Sundays for games.

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Games are held each Sunday over approximately an 8 week period and are scheduled as doubleheaders usually at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. or at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Practices are held on Friday evenings. The frequency and length of practices are determined by each team's manager.

### [What are the objectives of the PQGSA Winterball teams?](#)

Generally speaking, if there are 2 Winterball teams in a division, one team usually has a predominantly competitive focus and the other team, while having a competitive focus, usually also has a little more of a developmental focus as well. The goals of each team are determined by the each team's manager.

### [How are managers and coaches for Winterball determined?](#)

Coaches make their interest in managing a PQGSA Winterball team known to the PQGSA board and the PQGSA board approves the managers for the PQGSA Winterball teams. The managers in turn select their coaches.

### [How are players selected for a PQGSA Winterball team? Is there a tryout?](#)

Given that Winterball is not an officially sanctioned PQGSA event, there is no player tryout for the PQGSA Winterball teams. A list of players who have expressed an interest in playing PQGSA Winterball will be provided by the PQGSA player agent to the selected PQGSA Winterball managers.

Players are invited to play by the Winterball managers. Player selection is coordinated among the Winterball managers for each division. Selection is based on team needs and on that manager's and his/her coaches' knowledge of the players skills and experience relative to the needs of the team.

### [Does everyone who is interested in playing on a PQGSA Winterball team get to play?](#)

Due to field, coach, and player availability limitations, everyone who is interested in playing on a PQGSA Winterball team does not always get an opportunity to play on a PQGSA Winterball team.

### [If I am not selected to play for a PQGSA Winterball team, do I have any other options?](#)

If you are not selected to play on one of the available PQGSA Winterball teams, PQGSA will facilitate putting you in touch with another local girls softball league that may have some available positions on one of their teams.