



## Division 'A' ID Camp and Program Information

We are excited to host our second Rockies Division 'A' Athlete ID camp. Our first season with Division 'A' programming was met with great success at all age divisions. As such, we will continue the 'A' program for age categories U13 and above for the 2025 season. We look forward to implementing our learnings from our first year for the 2025 season to build an even stronger Rockies program. Selected players will be training together throughout the off season from October to March. Below you will find a fulsome overview of what parents and players can expect from the 2025 ID camp and afterwards.

### ID Camp Dates

Dates: August 27-29, 2024  
Times: 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for check-in.  
Location: Deerfoot Athletic Park  
Cost: \$30/player (non-refundable)

### Format of the ID Camp

All athletes will be expected to attend on August 27 and 28 to be evaluated. Players will be assessed on their performance by various evaluators on the field. As well, the selected Division 'A' head coach will be monitoring and watching players throughout the tryouts.

The first round of player cuts for the 'A' program will be after the completion of Day 2 (August 28). If selected, you will receive an email by 9:00 am August 29 with an invitation to attend the Scrimmage games.

**Day 1 (August 27, 2024) Athlete Performance Metrics and Pitching /Catching (ALL athletes)\***

**Day 2 (August 28, 2024) Skill Drills: Defense and Offense (ALL athletes)**

**Day 3 (August 29, 2024) Scrimmages (ONLY invited athletes)**

*\*Please note that the first half of the camp will be for Athlete Performance Metric testing, and the latter half will be for Pitchers and Catchers. Athletes will be allowed to leave early after their Athlete Performance testing, unless they have identified as a pitcher or a catcher.*

### Team Selection

Coaches for each of the 'A' program age categories will make a final selection of:

1. Up to 9 players to participate on the 'A' team for the 2025 season. These players will NOT have to participate in SBR player evaluations held in February, AND
2. Up to an additional 10-11 players to train in off season 'A' program. These players will be expected to evaluate at SBR's player evaluations in February. We understand that we have multi-sport athletes in our league who may not be able to attend the winter training or ID camp. As such, SBR wants to ensure that we provide further opportunities for all players to be considered for the 'A' program through our annual player evaluation process.

### Costs

While we are awaiting final amounts for facilities, training opportunities, and other costs, we wanted to provide an **estimate of costs** for the winter training sessions.

1. For players selected for the 'A' team – approximately \$800 - \$1100. This price estimate includes player registration for the 2025 season, facility rentals, camp apparel, and specialty instructor costs.
2. For players selected to train at the winter camp, but not selected to the 'A' team – approximately \$500-\$700. This price estimate includes facility rentals, specialty instructor, and apparel cost. It does NOT include player registration for the 2025 season.

Please note that the costs as noted above are approximate and overestimated costs.



## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **My player is unable to participate in the ID camp on the specified dates but would like to be considered for the Division 'A' Team.**

We understand that there are conflicting priorities on our ID camp dates. If you are unable to participate on either of the dates, please reach out to [coordinator@sbrsoftball.com](mailto:coordinator@sbrsoftball.com) for more information.

2. **What age groups will be forming an 'A' team?**

The intent is to form Division 'A' teams for athletes U13 and above.

3. **How will these 'A' teams compete in Calgary Minor divisions?**

The head coach of the U13 and U15 teams will have the option to move up an age division within Calgary Minor. For example:

- U13A team – competes within Calgary Minor U15 Div 1
- U15A team – competes within Calgary Minor HS Div 1

We feel this will provide the athletes on each 'A' team the opportunity to have higher levels of competition. In the event that the head coach chooses not to move up an age division, SBR Rockies will have two Division 1 teams that compete in their respective divisions. One team will be the 'A' level team and will compete in 'A' level tournaments. The other team will be the 'B' level team and will compete in 'B' level tournaments.

4. **Is my player allowed to evaluate at a higher age group than they are supposed to play in?**

We acknowledge that while most players typically develop better within their age-appropriate category, we understand that exceptionally talented players may seek opportunities to compete in the next age category within the association. We will allow for players at U13 to play up an age level; however, we ask that you review our [playing up policy](#) on our website to understand eligibility, consideration, and procedure.

5. **How have the coaches of the 'A' teams been selected?**

SBR Rockies developed a coach selection committee that reviewed all the applications for "A-Level" coaches. The committee took into consideration coaching experience, NCCP level and training, and parent/player feedback submissions. The committee members were comprised of members of SBR Executive Committee that were not involved in the 'A' program for 2024, as well as SBR experienced coaches who were involved with our Division 2 levels.