



Mission Viejo Girls Softball

All Star Policy

1. **All Star Committee**
 - 1.1. The MVGS Board of Directors, from among its current Board Members, will select an All Star Committee during the month of March.
 - 1.2. The All Star Committee will include the Player Agents from each division and other Board members, as may be designated from year to year.
 - 1.3. The All Star Committee will provide a calendar of events to the BOD, for approval, for the All Star selection process.
2. **Eligibility Requirements for All Star Play**
 - 2.1. Parents/players must sign a Code of Conduct and All Star Team Contract in order to participate.
 - 2.2. To be eligible for All Star play, players must have played in at least 50% of the current season's games (per ASA rules).
 - 2.3. Players must have dropped from travel team rosters and travel team participation by March 30th (per ASA rules).
 - 2.4. Within each division's District All Star Teams there will be no more than four (4) travel players who participated in travel ball activities during the current calendar year while still complying with Section 2.2 (per ASA rules). If there are more than four such travel players, only the top four vote getters from the group of travel players are eligible to make the District team.
 - 2.5. Players must commit to attend all tournament games and practices unless approved by the District or Tournament Team Coach.
 - 2.6. Players must play in the same division as the regular season, unless the MVGS Board approves otherwise.
 - 2.7. Players will be assessed and must agree to pay an All Star Fee. The MVGS Board will determine the amount of the All Star Fee.
 - 2.8. Any player that was selected in the previous year and quit the team is not eligible, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
3. **Nomination of Potential All Star Players**
 - 3.1. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will observe players throughout the season for possible candidacy to the District Team and /or Tournament Team(s) for his/her division (excluding the 6 & Under division).
 - 3.2. The All Star Committee will hold an All Star Nomination Meeting prior to the end of April. At that meeting, each Head Coach will nominate players from his/her team for consideration as a potential All Star Team player and give the reasons why the player should be considered. If a Coach feels a player (who is not nominated by her own Coach) is deserving of being nominated, Coaches at the meeting may nominate players from teams other than his/her own team if there is a majority of coaches in agreement at the meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, establish a limit to the number of players a Coach may nominate from his/her own team. Nominations of players by other team's coaches, per the procedure described in this paragraph, shall not count toward the maximum number of players a Coach may nominate from their own team.
4. **All Star Player Ballots**
 - 4.1. The All Star Committee will establish a deadline prior to the end of April for return of all completed All Star Nomination Forms.
 - 4.2. The All Star Nomination Forms will be distributed to each head coach for nominees in their division, at an April Nomination Meeting, or in a manner designated by the All Star Committee, but prior to the end of April.
 - 4.3. The All Star Committee may elect to call a tryout for players nominated at the All Star Nomination Meeting if a tryout is believed necessary to provide adequate assessment/exposure of player skills and promote a more educated vote by the coaches. The tryout may be held, at a time and date designated by the All Star Committee, and in accordance with ASA guidelines. An All Star tryout form must be completed prior to participating in the tryout process. The option of holding a tryout is appropriate and preferable when a division is made up of a large number of teams, making individual assessments by the coaches throughout the season difficult. The All Star Committee shall establish the format of the tryouts. All Head Coaches in the division must attend the tryout. The Head Coaches will complete All Star Player Ballots within a few days of the tryout.
 - 4.3.1. Failure of a player to participate in this tryout shall not be held against her in voting.
 - 4.4. A Head Coach may not select players on their All Star Ballot from his/her own team. Each Head Coach's All Star Ballot will include the name of the Coach on the Ballot to ensure there are no votes on the Ballot from his/her team.
 - 4.5. If a division comprises less than six (6) teams, the Coach will select twelve (12) players on his/her All Star Ballot from the other teams within his/her division. If there are six (6) or more teams in his/her division, then each Head Coach must select twenty-four (24) players on his/her All Star Ballot from the other teams within his/her division. If there is two (2) or more Tournament Team(s) to be selected in his/her division, the Coach must then select twelve (12) additional players from his/her division for each additional Tournament team to be formed. Two Tournament teams is a maximum of thirty-six (36) players. Three Tournament teams is a maximum of forty-eight (48) players.
 - 4.6. Partially completed All Star Ballots will not be counted.
 - 4.7. All Star Ballots will be placed in sealed envelopes, provided by the Player Agent, with the Coach's name on the Ballot. All Star Ballots will then be submitted to an All Star Committee member. Those players submitted on completed All Star Ballots will comprise the All Star Pool for each division.
 - 4.8. The Head Coach is encouraged to solicit the input of his/her Assistant Coach(s) in player selection.
5. **District and Tournament Team(s) Coach Selections**
 - 5.1. Any Head Coach or Assistant Coach approved by the MVGS Board to coach in the MVGS league for the current season, may submit his/her name to the All Star Committee as a candidate for District and/or Tournament Team Coach, for any division in which their daughter(s) play. To be considered for the District All Star head coach or assistant coach, the coach must be ACE certified or meet the

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minimum requirements set forth by ASA. A questionnaire may be provided by the All Star Committee as part of the submission process. Submissions must be made prior to a designated deadline to be established by the All Star Committee (prior to the end of April). The MVGS Board may review and approve the candidates for coaches and thereby establish a pool of eligible coaches. BOD to determine number of votes per age division for coach pool selection.

- 5.2. Immediately after the "All Star Pool" has been established per Section 6.1, the All Star Committee will review the candidates for coaches within each division and select the District and/or Tournament Team Coaches based on the following processes:

District Coach

- 5.2.1 Result from Coach ballots. Split the ballot results into pools. Pool 1 to consist of coaches listed on 50% of ballots. Pool 2 to consist of coaches listed on at least 25% of ballots. Pool 3 to consist of coaches listed on less than 25% of ballots.
- 5.2.2 Results from player rankings. Girls within the top twenty plus ties.
- 5.2.3 Combine the results of girls ranked in top twenty along with coaches in Pool 1. If more than one coach qualifies, All Star Committee will make final decision. If no coach qualifies from Pool 1, then go to Pool 2.

Tournament Coach

- 5.2.4 Result from Coach ballots. Split the ballot results into pools. Pool 1 to consist of coaches listed on 50% of ballots. Pool 2 to consist of coaches listed on at least 25% of ballots. Pool 3 to consist of coaches listed on less than 25% of ballots.
- 5.2.5 Results from player rankings. Girls within the top forty plus ties.
- 5.2.6 Combine the results of girls ranked in top forty along with coaches in Pool 1. If more than one coach qualifies, All Star Committee will make final decision. If no coach qualifies from Pool 1, then go to Pool 2.

- 5.3. After the District team has been formed, the Tournament team coaches shall be selected by the All Star Committee using the same process as per Section 5.2.
- 5.4. If the coach selection process does not result in enough eligible coaches to head the All Star teams in a division, the All Star Committee may recruit additional coaches from among those approved coaches from the current season. An approved coach need not have a daughter ranked in the All Star Pool to be eligible. However, daughters not in the Pool will not play on an All Star team.
- 5.5. The District and Tournament Team Coaches must be available for the entire Tournament Season.
- 5.6. The All Star Committee has final approval of District and Tournament Team Coaches.

6. Team Formation

- 6.1. The All Star Committee will rank all eligible players (as defined in Section 3) in the order of the number of votes received on the All Star Ballots, as per the weighted system (Top 6 ranking players receive 6 pts, players ranked 7-12 receive 5 pts, players ranked 13-18 receive 4 pts, players ranked 19-24 receive 3 pts, players ranked 25-30 receive 2 pts, players ranked 31-36 receive 1 pt). Those players receiving votes on the All Star Ballots will comprise the "All Star Pool".
- 6.1.1 In the event only 24 players are ranked in the division, the scoring system will be as follows: Top 6 ranking players receive 4 pts, players ranked 7-12 receive 3 pts, players ranked 13-18 receive 2 pts, players ranked 19-24 receive 1 pts,
- 6.2. The District Coach will be given a list of the All Star Pool names with phone numbers on a date as designated by the All Star Committee.
- 6.3. The list provided will include the top nine (9) ranked players as determined by the All Star Committee. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be determined by highest number of 1st place votes. Of the top nine (9) ranked players, the first six (6) will automatically be on the District team. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be determined by highest number of 1st place votes. At the discretion of the All Star Committee, the next three (3) ranked players of the top nine (9) may also be placed automatically on the District team. The coach's daughter will be automatically placed on the team, if not ranked in the top nine (9). The District coach will then select additional ranked players, at large, from the All Star Pool to complete the team. That will be the District Team given to the coach.
- 6.4. The District or Tournament Coach for each age group, in coordination with a Player Agent, will contact his/her players within 24 hours to confirm the player's availability.
- 6.5. A commitment from the parents to meet the eligibility requirements of Section 2 is required. Parents/players must sign a Code of Conduct and All Star Team Contract in order to participate.
- 6.6. Should a player, who receives automatic placement on a team, not be able to commit as outlined, she will not be on the team and the next highest ranked girl will be placed on the team.
- 6.7. When the District Coach has selected the team and received affirmative answers from all players contacted, he/she will give his/her final roster to the Player Agent.
- 6.8. The Player Agent releases the names of the remaining players in the All Star Pool to the Tournament Team Coach, who will create a team in a similar manner as the District Coach. The next nine (9) highest ranking players are automatically placed on the Tournament team. The coach's daughter will be automatically placed on the team, if not ranked in the next highest ranked nine (9) players. Then the Tournament coach will select additional ranked players, at large, from the All Star Pool to complete the team.
- 6.8.1 If there are two or more Tournament teams in the division, the next highest ranking eighteen (18) [or twenty seven (27) or thirty six (36)] players are automatically placed on a Tournament team. Under supervision of the All Star Committee, the Tournament coaches will draft from the list of automatically placed players until all these players are selected. If the coach's daughter is among the automatically placed players, she must be selected in the 4th round of the draft. Once all the automatically placed players are selected, the draft will

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continue from the remaining Pool of ranked players until the teams are complete. The coach's daughter, if not previously selected, must be selected in the 10th round of the draft.

6.8.2 Immediately upon completion of the draft, the Tournament coaches may trade from among their selected players. All trades must be approved by the All Star Committee.

- 6.9. The Tournament Team Coach(es), in coordination with a Player Agent, will contact his/her players within 24 hours to confirm the player's availability. Upon completing the roster, the coach(es) will inform the Player Agent of his/her roster. All players must be available for the league sponsored tournaments and any other tournament(s) the team chooses to play.
- 6.10. Any player who declines to play on a specific team is not eligible to play on a different team unless the All Star Committee approves the change.
- 6.11. Per ASA restrictions, the District Teams and Tournament Teams cannot be formed, announced or practice prior to May 1st.
- 6.12. The District Coach and Tournament Team Coach(es) will each have a team meeting outlining the costs for uniforms, other tournaments, the Coach's expectations of his/her players and practice schedules.
- 6.13. Although competition is somewhat downplayed through the regular season, District and Tournament Teams are prepared to represent MVGS's high standards and good sportsmanship while playing to win. It should be made very clear to players and parents at the team meeting that the players attendance to practices and her overall performance will affect the defensive positions she may or may not play, number of innings she may or may not play, her position in the batting line-up, etc.
- 6.14. The District and Tournament Team Coaches will contact the Field Scheduler for practice times.
- 6.15. The District and Tournament Team Coaches will contact the Equipment Manager for District and Tournament Team equipment.
- 6.16. With the approval of the MVGS Board, the District and Tournament Team Coaches may ask any active Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Administrator for his/her assistance in the formation and operation of the team. Any number of Assistant Coaches or Team Administrators may be used, but the league will provide shirts/caps for a total of four (4) team staff.
- 6.17. Coaches must obtain copies of birth certificates and I.D. pictures from the players and provide them at tournament check-ins.
- 6.18. Number of players per team not to exceed ASA Yellowbook rule of (15) players per team.

7. Uniforms

- 7.1. The league will design uniforms for the District and Tournament Teams.
 - 7.1.1. The league will provide shirts, shorts, socks and visors for each player on the team roster.
 - 7.1.2. Other needed items will be at the players' expense.
- 7.2. All Star jackets may be purchased and embroidered at each player's expense.
- 7.3. Uniform purchases will be coordinated through the league's Uniform Manager.

8. MVGS Board Duties

- 8.1. Player Agents will provide individual player registration forms/medical releases to each District and Tournament Team Coach.
- 8.2. The Field Scheduler provides fields to all teams, with District Teams having preference over Tournament Teams for fields and times.
- 8.3. The Uniform Manager will contact teams with requirements for ordering uniforms.
- 8.4. The Equipment Manager will provide equipment as requested.
- 8.5. The MVGS Board will provide a copy of league insurance to each team.
- 8.6. The All Star Committee will provide coaches with a copy of the tournament schedule.
- 8.7. MVGS will pay entry fees for four (4) "warm-up" tournaments and for the ASA District All Star Tournament (and any subsequent ASA tournaments should the District Team continue to win) for each District Team. MVGS will pay entry fees for a minimum of four (4) tournaments for each Tournament Team.