

DYSA All-Star Season Description

All-Stars is an early summer competitive season for the 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16U age divisions (depending on player availability). It is designed for those players seeking a more competitive softball experience. To give your daughter an opportunity to be selected, please read this carefully.

All-Stars is for motivated, enthusiastic, and skilled players. For the good of the team, a player is expected to attend all practices. Players must commit to making an attempt to attend all tournaments; attendance at the NORCAL tournament is required. Players who will knowingly miss the NORCAL tournament, or more than one complete warm-up tournament, are discouraged from applying for this season. If a player selected for the team misses a game in any of the tournaments without receiving approval from their coach, barring injury or illness, they may be asked not to try out for the following season's team. A good attitude and parental support are essential to the team and player's success.

There will be several All Star practices held in the beginning of May in addition to the player's regular Spring season team practices. Practices as of May 18th will be typically held four days per week for a minimum of two hours per day. There will be 2-3 tournaments in June and the NORCAL tournament July 11-12 in Elk Grove. The tournaments are held on both Saturday and Sunday and usually consist of three- to-six games (twelve to twenty hours total) per weekend. All-Star teams may qualify for Western National tournaments, which will be held in the end of July. Three tournaments per team plus the NORCAL tournament are paid for by DYSA. Any further participation is up to the coaches and fees are paid by parents/players.

Practices will be held at one of our DYSA fields (Field A or B at Community Park or Slide Hill). The All- Star tournaments are all held within the greater Sacramento region (typically within a forty-five minute drive of Davis).

The Davis Youth Softball Association Board of Directors selects the coaches for the All-Star team from the pool of active Spring season coaches.

All registered Spring DYSA players who participate in at least one-third of the regularly scheduled Spring season games are eligible to apply for consideration. ***We will start accepting applications April 1st and they are due by April 10th.*** Please give them to your head coach and they will notify the All Star staff.

All-Star players are selected based on multiple criteria including an overall evaluation of their softball skills during practices and games, specific positions needed to complete the team, availability during the summer and their attitude.

The All Star Coaches try to scout every interested player multiple times during the Spring season. The All Star coaches will select the DYSA All-Star team from the applicants. A final roster of 12-14 girls will be selected, however all applicants will be notified as to the coaches' decision in a timely manner.

The All-Star coaching staff determines Field positions and playing time of each All-Star player. If a player sits out one game, she will play in the next game. Given that this is our most competitive season, comprised of the best players in an age group, playing time, positioning, batting line-up placement, etc. will not be equitable amongst players. This is the one recreational experience where player skill and ability is key and winning is the goal. Poor practice attendance or attitude may be grounds for reduced playing times in games and/or removal from the team.

There is a fee of \$125.00 per player to help the league cover the costs associated with uniforms and tournaments.