



Mission Viejo Girls Softball All-Star Policy

1. All-Star Committee
 - 1.1. The All-Star Committee will include the Program Directors from each division, the Vice President, President and other members as may be designated from year to year.
 - 1.2. The MVGS All-Star Committee will select a three-person sub-committee for each division for the Spring All-Star selection process.
 - 1.3. The All-Star Committee will provide a calendar of events to the BOD for the All-Star selection process.

2. Eligibility Requirements for All-Star Play
 - 2.1. Parents/players must sign an All-Star Team Interest Form, Code of Conduct and All-Star Team Contract in order to participate.
 - 2.2. To be eligible for All-Star play, Players must play the minimum requirement of games of the current season as stated in the Yellow Book and mandated by USA Softball.
 - 2.3. Players must have dropped from travel team rosters and travel team participation by February 1 (per MVGS rules). Players may participate in league Select Program up to March 31 (per USA Softball rules)
 - 2.4. Players must commit to attend all tournament games and practices unless approved by the District or Tournament Team Manager.
 - 2.5. Players will play in the same division as the regular season, unless their birthdate falls in their age appropriate division, as per USA softball rules. The player must choose on their "Interest Form" which division their name is submitted for the All-Star selection process.
 - 2.6. 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.
 - 2.7. Any player that was selected in the previous year and did not complete the season is not eligible to compete this season, unless approved by the All-Star Committee. If a player is unable to fulfill their commitment due to medical reasons, documentation will need to be provided to the All-Star Committee.

3. All-Star Player Ballots
 - 3.1. Managers and Assistant Coaches will observe players (as requested by All-Star Committee) 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 establish a deadline during the 1st week of May or sooner as allowed by USA Softball, for return of all completed All-Star Ranking Forms. The All-Star Committee may also opt to use an electronic survey system to collect player rankings from the respective Managers.



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- 3.3. The All-Star Ranking Forms will be distributed to each Manager for nominees in their division during the 1st week of May or sooner if allowed by USA Softball.
 - 3.4. The All-Star Committee may elect to call a tryout for eligible players if a tryout is believed necessary to provide adequate assessment/exposure of player skills and promote a more educated vote by the Managers. The tryout may be held, at a time and date designated by the All-Star Committee, and in accordance with USA Softball guidelines. 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 Managers throughout the season difficult. The All-Star Committee shall establish the format of the tryouts. All Managers in the division must attend the tryout. The Managers will complete All-Star Player Ballots the day of the tryout.
 - 3.4.1. Failure of a player to participate in this tryout shall not be held against her in voting.
 - 3.5. Managers will rank eligible players from their division. In a two All-Star team division, the Manager will rank the top 36 players. In a three All-Star team division, the Manager will rank the top 48 players.
 - 3.6. Partially completed All-Star Ballots will NOT be counted.
 - 3.7. All-Star Ballots will be placed in sealed envelopes, provided by the Player Director, 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. In the event that an electronic format is used for collecting rankings, the physical ballot will not be collected by the Program Director. All ballots submitted must be identifiable by the Manager submitting the ballot.
 - 3.8. The Manager is encouraged to solicit the input of his/her Assistant Coach(s) in player selection prior to casting his/her ballot.
4. District and Tournament Team(s) Manager Selections
- 4.1. Any Manager 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 Manager, for any division in which their daughter(s) play. To be considered for the District All-Star Manager or assistant coach, the coach must be ACE certified prior to submitting their All-Star Manager application. Manager applications must be submitted to the appropriate Program Director by the end of the third week of the season for the 10U-14U divisions, and by the Wednesday preceding the Mid-Season tournament for the 8U division.
 - 4.2. Applications for All-Star Manager will be presented to the BOD for approval. If a candidate receives 50% +1 favorable BOD votes, they will be added to the list of candidates for the current All-Star season. A candidacy may be revoked after BOD approval if the Candidate violates one or more Code of Conduct rules during the course of the season. If the All-Star Committee does not feel they were provided with enough qualified Manager applicants within a division, they may extend the deadline and actively seek additional applicants.
 - 4.3. Candidates for All-Star Manager are required to attend all Coaching Clinics and player Showcase events scheduled by the league.



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- 4.4. A three person committee will be appointed to each division to assess the candidates through the course of the season. This committee will also conduct an interview with each candidate to help determine the candidate's qualifications, experience, and coaching philosophy. The committee will consist of the Division's Program Director and two non-conflicted Board Members. These Board Members will be selected by the ASSC and be assigned to a divisional committee. The three person committee will also observe and collect player data to

be used at their discretion for assigning Managers to the appropriate team. Whereas this data is subjective, the committee will work together to share and discuss their findings and opinions.

- 4.5. Manager selection will take place on May 1st or at the earliest date permitted by USA Softball. The selection process will be determined as follows:

At the earliest date possible 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:

1. Candidate's Ballot - Each candidate within the division will be required to submit a ballot (either physical or electronic) and rate each All-Star Manager candidate. Managers will be asked to rank all candidates in their order of preference.
2. All-Star Sub-Committee (3 person Committee) Ballot - the 3 person committee will collectively submit one ballot (either physical or electronic) with a candidate ranking. They will rank the candidates in their order of preference.
3. Program Director Ballot - the Program Director will submit a ballot independent of the 3 Person Committee. The PD will rank the candidates in their order of preference.
4. Umpire Ballot - When possible, the ASSC will solicit one umpire per division to observe and evaluate our All-Star Manager Candidates. The selected umpire will be asked to submit a ballot (either physical or electronic) ranking the manager candidates in their order of preference.
5. The ASSC will collect and tally all ballots and appoint Managers based on the following:
 - a. The Candidate receiving the most points will be appointed as the District (Gold) Manager under the following guidelines:
 1. The committee feels the Candidate's daughter would rank top 15, the candidate would be appointed District (Gold) Manager and the team would carry a 12 player roster.
 2. The committee feels the Candidate's daughter would rank top 20, the candidate would be appointed District (Gold) Manager and his/her daughter would be added as the 13th player to the roster.
 3. The committee feels that the Candidate's daughter would not rank in the top 20, the candidate would be appointed Tournament (Silver) Manager (subject to the final ranking of this candidate's daughter & her possible selection to the Gold team) and his/her daughter would be assigned to the roster of up to 14 players.
 - b. The candidate receiving the second most points will be appointed the District (Silver) Manager except in the event listed in 6.a.3 above. In that scenario the candidate would be subject to the terms in 6.a.1 and/or 6.a.2 above. If the second candidate's daughter does not meet the criteria listed in 6.a.1 or 6.a.2 above, the ASSC will have the discretion to assign the candidates to best fit the teams involved.
 - c. The ASSC will oversee the entire Manager Selection process and has discretion to override decisions if by a 2/3 vote of the ASSC they feel it is in the best interest of the league.



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- d. Each Manager upon appointment to their respective teams must submit a list of Assistant Coaches and Team Administrator to the ASSC for approval. The ASSC must approve all AC and TA candidates prior to their appointment. The Manager has the discretion to remove any volunteer from the team at any time during the All-Star Season for any reason.

5. Team Formation

- 5.1. It is the intent of the league each season to field Gold & Silver all-star teams for the 8U/10U/12U age divisions and a Gold team in the 14U age division. The ASSC may elect to add one additional team in any age group if they decide, based on discussions with the Managers & PD in the division, that sufficient talent exists to field the additional team.
- 5.2. On May 1 or the earliest date permitted by USA Softball rules and scheduled by the ASSC, the ASSC will meet with the Managers from each division and conduct a ranking of all nominated players within that division.

The All-Star Committee will tally the rankings of all eligible players (as defined in Section 3) in the order of the number of votes received on the All-Star Ballots (whether physical or electronic). Players will receive true rankings based on all ballots. The ASSC will have the discretion to remove or adjust any ranking given that appears to be abnormal or bias.

- 5.3. District Team Formation (Gold). The District Manager will be given a list of the All-Star Pool names with email, phone number, and mailing addresses on a date as designated by the All-Star Committee.

The list provided will include the top eighteen (18) ranked players as determined by the All-Star Committee. Of the top eighteen (18) ranked players, the first nine (9) will automatically be placed on the District team. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be determined by highest number of 1st place votes. If neither of the tied players received 1st place votes, it will default to 2nd place votes, and so on etc. The Manager's daughter will automatically be placed on the team, if ranked in the top fifteen (15). If the Manager's daughter is not ranked top 15, but is top 20 she will be placed on the team as the 13th player. The District Manager will then select additional players from the Top 18 ranked players to complete the team roster. That will be the District Team given to the Manager (once all confirmations have been obtained).

- 5.4. Tournament Team Formation (Silver). Once the District Manager has received his/her list of 12-13 players, the Program Director will release the names of the remaining players to the Tournament Team Manager. The next nine (9) highest ranked players will automatically be placed on the Tournament team. The Tournament Manager will select up to 5 additional players from the remaining nominees to complete the Tournament Team roster. The team shall have no less than twelve (12) players and no more than fourteen (14) players. Note: If the division has been awarded a Bronze team, the Tournament (Silver) team's roster will be limited to 12 players.
- 5.5. Tournament Team II Formation (Bronze). Once the Tournament Manager has received his/her list of 12 players, the Program Director will release the names of the remaining nominees to the Tournament II Manager. The next top 9 ranked players on the list will automatically be locked onto the Tournament II (Bronze) team. The Manager will select the remaining players from all available players to complete his/her 12 player roster.



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- 5.6. The Program Director, with the assistance of the selected All-Star Managers will notify all players within 24 hours of being selected to a team. This will be completed by yard sign notification, email, and phone if necessary. An email from the Program Director will be sent to all selected players congratulating them on their selection to their respective team. The email will ask for a response confirming their ability to meet all required commitments of section 2.

Note: Rosters are not final until the Program Director has received confirmation from all selected players. If a player declines or does not meet the eligibility requirements listed in section 2, the Program Director will have the ability to move players from one team to another to complete rosters.

- 5.7. 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.
 - 5.8. Should a player, who receives placement on a team, not be able to commit as outlined, she will be removed from All-Star consideration and the next highest ranked girl will be placed on the team.
 - 5.9. When the Program Director has received affirmative answers from all players contacted, he/she will give his/her final roster to the District, Tournament, and Tournament II Team Managers. The Managers will then contact their players personally.
 - 5.10. 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.
 - 5.11. Per USA Softball restrictions, the District Teams and Tournament Teams, or Bronze Team, cannot be formed, announced or practice prior to May 1st or sooner, if allowed by USA Softball.
6. General Guidelines and Information
 - 6.1. The District Manager and Tournament Team Manager(s) will each have a team meeting outlining the costs for uniforms, other tournaments, the Coach's expectations of his/her players and practice schedules.
 - 6.2. 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.
 - 6.3. The District and Tournament Team Manager(s) will be contacted by the Field Scheduler for practice times.
 - 6.4. The District and Tournament Team Manager(s) if need be, will contact the Equipment Manager for District and Tournament Team equipment.
 - 6.5. With the approval of the MVGS Board, the District and Tournament Team Managers, if need be, may ask any active Manager, 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. All Assistant Coaches and Team Administrators must be submitted and approved by the ASSC.
 - 6.6. Managers must obtain copies of birth certificates and I.D. pictures from the players and provide them at tournament check-ins.



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- 6.7. Number of players per team not to exceed USA Softball Yellowbook rule of (20) players per team.
7. Uniforms
 - 7.1. The league will design uniforms for the District and Tournament Team(s), if need be.
 - 7.1.1. The league will provide a jersey, pants, and socks 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. Program Directors will provide individual player registration forms/medical releases to each District and Tournament Team Managers, if need be.
 - 8.2. The Field Scheduler provides fields to all teams, with District Teams having preference over Tournament Teams, if need be, 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 five (5) tournaments for Tournament Teams and 5 Tournaments PLUS the ASA B District Tournament for the District Team. Should any team advance to the ASA States/Western Nationals, MVGS will pay the tournament fee as well.