

**Palos Verdes Peninsula Girls Softball League
All-Star Procedures and Rules
2019 – Board Approved 8 October 2018**



The PVPGSL mission is to provide recreational and competitive softball programs for the players through teaching the game of softball and instilling the spirit of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. This organization strives to inspire them through healthful and positive recreation for girls. The building of character and the molding of personality transcends the acquisition of athletic skills or the winning of games. The primary concern of PVPGSL is to provide good recreation and leadership for girls in its care.

1. Goals & Objectives

- 1.1 The PVPGSL All-Star Program provides an opportunity for advanced players to both participate in a more competitive level of post-season play and to further enhance their softball skills. All-Star team selection recognizes players who have excelled throughout regular season play, as evidenced by their game performance, softball skills, positive attitude and overall sportsmanship.
- 1.2 As representatives of the PVPGSL and the Palos Verdes community, it is expected that all those involved in the All-Star program, including players, managers, coaches, and parents, exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship.
- 1.3 PVPGSL will recognize and support, as warranted, up to two All-Star teams each in 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U and 8U. The first team in each Division will be known as the Gold All-Star team. A second team, if warranted, in each Division will be known as the Silver All-Star team.
- 1.4 The objective of PVPGSL All-Star Program is to field competitive teams who play in selected ASA All-Star Tournaments. The mission of Gold teams is to achieve the highest levels of success in ASA Championship play - Districts, State and Regional Tournaments. The mission of Silver teams is to be competitive in ASA All-Star Tournament play.
- 1.5 The PVPGSL All-Star Procedures and Rules include additional criteria beyond ASA rules. As a member of ASA, PVPGSL Procedures and Rules will comply with ASA Championship play rules.

2. Manager Selection

- 2.1 To be considered as an All-Star Manager, every candidate must meet each of the following criteria:
 - Be a Manager, Coach, General Member or Member of PVPGSL Board of Directors (BOD), during the current PVPGSL season, or have demonstrated similar experience.
 - Has the ability to teach players and to establish positive player-coach relationships.
 - Has demonstrated good sportsmanship and conflict resolution skills.

- Will make the required time commitment, including running at least two practices per week, managing at all tournaments and handling administrative matters.
- Adheres to the Procedures and Rules of the PVPGSL All-Star Program and ASA Code of Conduct.
- Will represent PVPGSL and our community in a positive manner.
- Passes the ASA background check and obtains ACE certification.

2.2 All-Star Managers are selected on or after April 24 (per ASA Yellow Book). All current PVPGSL Managers, Coaches, General Members and Board Members will be notified via email in early March about the Manager selection process. Interested candidates must contact the All-Star Director by March 31. Qualified candidates will be officially invited to the BOD meeting (to be held April 24 or as soon as possible thereafter) where he/she will make a five-minute presentation about his/her qualifications, coaching methods, and commitment to the PVPGSL All-Star Program.

2.3 One Manager per All-Star team will be selected by a majority vote at a closed session of the BOD. A quorum of two-thirds of BOD members (per By-Laws) must be present at the meeting. The vote will take place by Division - following the presentation of the candidates to the BOD. If a candidate (and/or his/her spouse) is a member of the BOD, he/she will be excluded from both the discussion and vote for that Division. Candidates will be notified of the outcome immediately following the vote.

2.4 Documented failure to meet the criteria specified in Section 2.1, during the All-Star season, may result in the removal of a Manager or Coach. If warranted, the All-Star Director will recommend removal of a Manager or Coach to the BOD, noting the failure of meeting criteria listed in 2.1. Removal of a Manager or Coach must be approved by a majority BOD vote

3. All-Star Eligibility

3.1 An All-Star Player/Parent Agreement Form will be distributed to every player by April 15. To be considered for All-Star selection, the player's completed form must be returned to her regular season Team Manager by April 25.

3.2 Eligibility Requirements: All potential All-Star players must meet the following PVPGSL and ASA requirements to be eligible for consideration as an All Star player:

- Returned a completed All-Star Player/Parent Agreement Form to the Team Manager by April 25.
- Played in at least 50% of regular season games (excused injuries and illnesses are not considered an absence).
- Attended at least 50% of regular season practices with their own team (excused injuries and illnesses are not considered an absence).
- Adheres to the PVPGSL Player Code of Conduct.
- Does not have any violations of the PVPGSL Player Code of Conduct and/or All-Star Code of Conduct.

- Has not participated in a travel type team after March 31 of the current year (per ASA Yellow Book).
- Received an ASAR (All-Star Availability Rating) of “C’ or better (refer to Sec. 3.3).
- 14U players and eligible 14U & 16U high school players must attend an All-Star try-out - to be scheduled on or after May 1 (refer to Sec. 4).

3.3 All-Star Availability Rating (ASAR): The All-Star Director will rate each player based on the availability information provided in the All-Star Player/Parent Agreement Form:

- “Gold A” - 100% availability for every tournament weekend during Gold All-Star Season. Must be available for ASA Championship play - District and State tournament dates.
- “Silver A” -100% availability for every tournament weekend during the Silver All-Star Season, which ends before District dates.
- “B” - Not available one tournament weekend during the All-Star Season but available for District dates.
- “C”- Not available two tournament weekends during the All-Star Season but available for District dates.
- No ASAR Rating is given for those not fitting any rating above.
- No All-Star consideration will be made for a player without an ASAR Rating.

3.4 Players who choose to play down during the regular season are not eligible for All-Star selection. Any family petitioning for their daughter to play down must be informed of this rule so that they know that playing down forfeits All-Star consideration.

3.5 All high school players who participated in PVPGSL the three previous calendar years will be sent an email by April 15 with the All-Star Player/Parent Agreement Form and an invitation to the 16U & 14U All-Star try-outs. Up to four high school players can be selected for each 14U All-Star Team (per ASA Yellow Book).

3.6 All potential 16U & 14U All-Star players, currently in high school, must meet the following PVPGSL and/or ASA requirement to be eligible for consideration as an All-Star player:

- Returned a completed All-Star Player/Parent Agreement Form by April 25.
- Attend the 16U or 14U All-Star try-out (to be held on or after May 1).
- Adhered to, with no documented violation of, the PVPGSL Player Code of Conduct and/or All-Star Code of Conduct while participating in PVPGSL the previous calendar year(s).
- Has not participated in a travel type team after March 31 of the current calendar year (per ASA Yellow Book).
- Received an ASAR Rating of “B” or better.

4. All-Star Try-Outs – 16U & 14U Division

- 4.1 In accordance with ASA rules, there is no discussion or evaluation of any potential All-Star player candidates prior to May 1.
- 4.2 On or after May 1, the 14U Division Director will send the 14U Team Managers a list of all players who are eligible for All-Star consideration (as outlined in Sec. 3). Team Managers will each rank the girls based on season play and sportsmanship.
- 4.3 16U & 14U All-Star try-outs will be conducted on or after May 1. The 14U Division Director, Vice-President and All-Star Director will work together to organize and oversee the try-outs.
- 4.4 Any 12U player who tries out for 14U All-Stars team(s) will not be considered for the 12U All-Star team(s). The decision to try out for an upper division is binding.
- 4.5 Players will be assessed on the following skills during drills and/or a practice game:
 - Hitting
 - Fielding
 - Agility and Speed
 - Hustle and Attitude
- 4.6 Separate Pitcher/Catcher evaluations will be conducted immediately after the try-out.
- 4.7 Players will be assessed by three individuals who are chosen for their impartiality. Paid instructors and/or coaches who work with 16U & 14U players are prohibited from assessing due to the inherent conflict of interest.
- 4.8 All 16U & 14U All-Star player candidates must be rated in three categories:
 - Manager Ranking
 - Try-out Assessment Scores
 - ASAR Rating
- 4.9 Using the Team Manager Ranking, Assessment results and ASAR Rating for guidance, the 16U & 14U Managers, 14U Division Director, Vice-President and All-Star Director will discuss and agree on the overall ranking of players in the Divisions.
- 4.10 During this discussion and subsequent All-Star Selection, when there is any specific comparison, evaluation or relative ranking of a daughter of any attendee, that attendee must leave the room.
- 4.11 In the event the 16U or 14U Manager is the current All-Star Director, the PVPGSL President or Vice-President will serve as acting All-Star Director during that team selection.

- 4.12 Gold Team Roster Size: The 16U & 14U Gold team rosters will have a minimum of eleven players.
- 4.13 Gold Team Selection 16U: The top eight 16U players will be invited to join the Gold 16U All-Star roster. These top eight players must have a “Gold A” or “B.” ASAR Rating. The Gold All-Star Manager will then select the remaining players from the overall ranking – selected players *must* have an ASAR Rating.
- 4.14 Gold Team Selection 14U: The top eight 14U players will be invited to join the Gold 14U All-Star roster. These top eight players must have a “Gold A” or “B.” ASAR Rating. The Gold All-Star Manager will then select the remaining players from the overall ranking – selected players *must* have an ASAR Rating.
- 4.15 Silver Team Selection: If a Silver 16U or 14U All-Star team is warranted, the next top ranked eight players with “Gold A” or “Silver A” Rating will automatically be invited to join the 16U or 14U Silver All-Star roster. The Silver All-Star Manager will then select the remaining players from the overall ranking – selected players *must* have an ASAR Rating.
- 4.16 Alternate Selection: Using the overall ranking, up to five players in each Division will then be designated “Alternates”. These players will not be notified of their Alternate status. Alternate players will be contacted by the All-Star Director and, or, an All-Star Manager, when needed (refer to Sec. 7). Any Alternate called on to play becomes a regular member of the team roster for the remainder of the All-Star season. Should the list of Alternates be exhausted, the All-Star Manager will meet with the Division Director and All-Star Director to identify additional players as Alternates.

5. All-Star Player Nominations - 12U, 10U and 8U Divisions

- 5.1 In accordance with ASA rules, there is no discussion or evaluation of any potential All-Star player candidates prior to May 1.
- 5.2 On or after May 1, Division Directors will send the Team Managers of each Division a list of all players who are eligible for All-Star consideration (as outlined in Sec. 3). Team Managers will each rank the girls based on season play and sportsmanship. The Division Director and All-Star Director will compile a consolidated Team Manager Ranking and determine each player’s ASAR Rating.
- 5.3 All-Star player candidates will have two ratings, both created on or after May 1
- - Manager Ranking
 - All-Star Availability Rating (ASAR)
- 5.4 All-Star nomination meetings for each Division will convene on or after May 1. The respective Division Director will chair each meeting and the All-Star Director will be present. All regular season Team Managers must be present at their Division’s All-Star selection meeting. If a Team Manager is unable to attend, he/she may designate one Assistant Coach from their team to represent him/her in the nominating process.

- 5.5 Using the Team Manager Ranking and ASAR Rating for guidance, the Managers, Division Director and All-Star Director will discuss and agree on the overall ranking of players in the Division.
- 5.6 During this discussion and subsequent All-Star Selection, when there is any specific comparison, evaluation or relative ranking of a daughter of any attendee, that attendee must leave the room.
- 5.7 In the event the All-Star Manager is the current All-Star Director, the PVPGSL President or Vice-President will serve as acting All-Star Director during team selection.
- 5.8 Gold Team Roster Size: The 12U, 10U and 8U Gold team rosters will have a minimum of eleven players.
- 5.9 Gold Team Selection: The top eight players, as listed in the overall ranking and *who must* have “Gold A” or “B” ASAR Rating, will be invited to join the Gold All-Star roster. The Gold All-Star Manager will then select the remaining players from the overall ranking – selected players *must* have an ASAR Rating.
- 5.10 Silver Team Roster Size: The 12U and 10U Silver Team will have a minimum of eleven players. 8U Silver will have a minimum of twelve.
- 5.11 Silver Team Selection:. If a Silver All-Star team is warranted in any Division, the remaining top eight players in the Division, as listed in the overall ranking with “Gold A” or “Silver A” ASAR Rating, will receive an invitation to join the Silver All-Star roster. The Silver All-Star Manager will then select the remaining players from the overall ranking – selected players *must* have an ASAR Rating.
- 5.12 Alternate Selection: Using the overall ranking, up to five players in each Division will then be designated “Alternates”. These players will not be notified of their Alternate status. Alternate players will be contacted by the All-Star Director and, or, an All-Star Manager, when needed (refer to Sec. 7). Any Alternate called on to play becomes a regular member of the team roster for the remainder of the All-Star season. Should the list of Alternates be exhausted, the All-Star Manager will meet with the Division Director and All-Star Director to identify additional players as Alternates.

6. All-Star Roster Finalization and Approval

- 6.1 Player Notification/Acceptance: In all Divisions, the Gold All-Star player candidates will be contacted by the Gold All-Star Manager as soon as possible. Once the Gold team roster is confirmed by the Manager, Division Director and All-Star Director, the Silver All-Star Manager is able to notify his/her players.
- 6.2 Player Refusal/Replacement: All-Star Managers must inform both the Division Director and the All-Star Director of any player who declines an invitation to join the All-Star roster. In the event a Gold player candidate declines to join the Gold roster or requests to be considered only for the Silver roster, Silver All-Star player candidate(s) and/or Alternate player(s) may then be selected and invited

to join the Gold All-Star roster. Once the Gold roster is confirmed, should a Silver player candidate decline an invitation to join the All-Star roster, an Alternate player(s) may then be selected and invited to join the Silver All-Star roster.

- 6.3 Board Approval of Rosters: The All-Star Director will present the finalized All-Star Team rosters and Alternates for each Division for approval by the BOD as soon as possible. BOD approval may be conducted via e-mail per established By-Laws procedure. All-Star Team rosters are official upon BOD approval.

7. Pick-Up Players

- 7.1 A pick-up player should be from the same Division. A Silver All-Star can be a pick-up player for a Gold All-Star team but a Gold All-Star player cannot be a pick-up player for Silver.
- 7.2 A player can be a pick-up player only once per season and becomes a permanent player on the roster of the team that picks her up (per ASA Yellow Book).
- 7.3 A Silver All-Star player in the same Division may be added to the Gold All-Star Team for ASA Championship play - District and/or State tournaments - after the Silver All-Star season is concluded.
- 7.4 All-Star team roster changes or player additions must be must be approved by the All-Star Director and majority vote of the BOD.

8. League Support

- 8.1 Every All-Star player must pay an additional fee to participate in All-Stars. The amount will be evaluated each year and approved by BOD.
- 8.2 All-Star fees contribute to covering the costs of the following items:
- ASA-sanctioned Tournament entry fees (three invitational tournaments plus ASA Championship play - District and State for Gold and three invitational tournaments for Silver).
 - Uniforms – including one practice T-Shirt per player.
 - Official PVPGSL shirts, hats and/or visors for All-Star managers and coaches.
 - ASA All-Star Registration
- 8.3 Jackets, socks and sweatshirts are the responsibility of each family. All other non-essentials, including tournament T-Shirts and pins, are the financial responsibility of the parents. Parents are responsible for all costs of travel.