



## 2018 All Star Information

Dear Parents,

Each year, All Star teams are selected in each age division to represent Vista Girls Softball in All Star tournaments in Southern California. We often have two teams in each age division. The **GOLD** Team is the Primary All Star Team. The **GOLD** team will represent Vista Girls Softball in the

ASA District "B" Tournament held at the end of June. Our other team is the **SILVER** Team. The **SILVER** Team is considered the developmental team, and also represents Vista Girls Softball at All Star tournaments and potentially at the ASA District "C" Tournament. It is considered an honor to be selected for either of these teams.

The decision to be considered for All Stars is an important one. It is an additional expense beyond the normal fees to play during the recreation season and requires a significant commitment of time. However, the rewards are also significant. The girls will receive extremely focused attention and coaching during the All Star season. They may learn and play positions they have never played before. Most importantly, they will face a higher level of competition during the All Star campaign. By the end of All Stars, your daughter will be a much better softball player.

The following sections will cover the expectations during All Stars. This should help you make your decision. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

**FEES:** The cost to register for All Stars this year is **\$350.00 (GOLD), and \$300.00 (SILVER)**. This covers the cost to enter each team in all tournaments as well as the cost of the uniform. This fee ***must be paid in full*** on the day selected for the uniform fittings, or a payment plan must be established. You are responsible for the full registration fee if you commit to playing All Stars regardless of how much time you play. We accept Mastercard and Visa now as a convenience for payment of All Star Fees. Parents will also pay a snack bar deposit in the amount of \$50 and will be required to work snack bar or field shifts during the ASA District Tournament (B or C) if we are selected to Host. There will also be Snack Bar shifts available if other leagues (Carlsbad, San Marcos, Oceanside) need our facility to help run their tournaments. Your fee will include all tournament fees, Insurance, and uniform (pants, jersey, pair of socks and visor or headband). A breakdown of the costs per player can and will be provided upon request

**TIME:** There is a significant commitment of time to participate. Practices are held Monday through Thursday and are generally 2 hours long. In most cases, the younger teams (8U & 10U) practice at 5:00PM while older teams (12U & 14U) generally practice at 7:00PM. Practice schedules are determined once the All Star coaching staff & teams are assembled.

**TRY-OUTS:** There will be **MANDATORY** try-outs for team selections on **Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> times TBD**.

**TRAVEL:** Teams generally travel to at least ONE All Star tournament outside of San Diego County. This may require a hotel stay depending on the playing schedule. If the schedule requires a team to play early in the morning, traveling from Vista is not a realistic option in some cases. You are free to make your own arrangements or reservations. ***However, you should be prepared to travel if the schedule requires it.*** The schedule will be available on the VGS Website.

**EQUIPMENT:** Some teams may elect to buy equipment outside of what is provided by the league. These items **ARE NOT A REQUIREMENT** they are optional. The expense for the additional items



are paid by each player. The items that are **generally purchased** are EQUIPMENT BAG, BATTING HELMET, & KNEE PADS. Other items that **may be** purchased include spirit wear, cleats, slider shorts and an All Star jacket. These items are at the discretion of the parent. Again, this is in addition to your All Star fee, which covers Tournament Fees, Insurance and the All-Star Uniform. **These fees generally need to be paid when the equipment is purchased.** All fees outside of the All Star Registration Fee will be paid to either your Team Manager or Team Mom. All-Star Teams are responsible for managing their own finances. The league will not be involved in ordering or collecting of fees for team gear.

**FUNDRAISING:** *Fundraising for both the team as well as individual players is a vital part of the All Star experience. This CANNOT be stressed enough.* It costs a lot of money, not just in fees, but overall. A key part of making the All Star experience affordable is fundraising. We will provide templates for letters you can send to relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. We will also help with letters to businesses to ask them to sponsor your team. However, each player is strongly encouraged to personally fundraise as well. **No one person on the team can provide enough for everyone.** Just as softball is a TEAM sport, fundraising for your All Star team must be done by everyone.

**SNACK BAR DUTY:** All Star parents are required to work snack bar duty during events that are hosted by VGS (Districts other league Tournaments). Consideration is NOT given to working around the game times for your daughter's team. You must work at your assigned times. You should, however, be able to choose your own times. More information on this will be available closer to the tournaments.

**SCHEDULING:** Teams, both **GOLD** and **SILVER** will play in tournaments beginning on Friday May 18, 2017. They will then play in tournaments weekly thru June 15, 2017. Most tournaments start on Friday and end on Sunday. Exceptions include the Memorial Day weekend tournaments, which may require play on the holiday Monday. The District Tournaments (B and C) are considered CHAMPIONSHIP Play. The **GOLD** Team will play in District "B" (June 22-24) and if selected the **SILVER** Team will play in the District "C" ( June 15-17) Tournaments (venue TBD). The "B" and "C" District Tournaments are qualifiers for the "B" State (July 5-7 ) and "C" State ( June 28-30) Tournaments. The **GOLD** Teams that Place in the top 12 at the "B" State Tournament qualify for the WESTERN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT (date and venue TBD)

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** There is POOL Play and BRACKET Play. In most cases, teams will play two pool games. Then they will be seeded in the BRACKET based on their records. Bracket play may be either single elimination (lose and go home) or double-elimination (lose twice, go home). Each tournament has their own format.

We hope that this additional information provides answers to some, if not all, of your questions. Should you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact Angel Amicay- All Star Director

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Thank you for considering playing All Stars for Vista Girls Softball