

LHYL Softball All-Star Rules

1. Purpose

- To select all-star teams of the best players to showcase talent and teamwork in a higher competitive environment.
- To motivate players to develop skills during and across seasons through more advanced play.

2. Team Formation

- One (1) all-star team will be selected from each division.
- Additional teams per division may be formed based on coach/player interest.
- Division Commissioners recommend the number of all-star teams to the VP of Softball.
- Multiple teams per division are encouraged to develop experienced players and coaches and strengthen the all-star program.

3. Team Composition

- Each all-star team includes one (1) Head Coach and up to twelve (12) players.
- Additional players may be added as tournament rules allow.

4. Coach Selection

- The first-place coach from each division in the Spring season will be offered the All-Star coaching position. If they decline, other coaches may volunteer. If multiple volunteers come forward, a coach selection rubric will be used to determine the All-Star coach.
- Division Commissioners nominate coaches; the VP of Bas and Commissioners select coaches.
- If multiple coaches exist in a division, an order of merit list will determine coaching assignments based on:
 - Prior all-star coaching experience
 - Tournament coaching experience
 - Regular season team standing
 - Other metrics as decided by the VP of softball
- Coaches will pick players in order of the merit list, filling their roster before the next coach picks.
- Parents cannot choose which coach their child plays for.

5. Player Tryouts and Selection

- An open tryout for all-star eligibility will be held at least two weeks before the End of Season Tournament.
- Players must commit to the all-star schedule before attending tryouts.
- Players must confirm eligibility per tournament rules (especially if they participated in select tournaments).
- Coaches select teams from tryout attendees, using tryout performance, season stats, or other evaluations.
- Coaches may consult other division coaches for team selection input.
- All division coaches are encouraged to assist with player assessments during tryouts.
- The VP of Softball and Division Commissioners oversee the process to ensure fairness.

6. Fees and Expenses

- The League covers all entry fees for approved all-star tournaments.
- Players pay a minimum fee of \$150 for uniforms, entry fees, and umpire fees.
- Travel and related expenses are the responsibility of the team or player families.
- Fundraising efforts should coordinate between softball and baseball teams to avoid overburdening local sponsors.
- All funds raised through fundraising efforts will be transparently tracked and made accessible to all families. A detailed breakdown of expenditures will be communicated to parents. All purchased items will be designated specifically for use during the All-Star month to support team needs and activities.
- Teams may hold fundraisers such as car washes, bake sales, BBQs, or pancake suppers to help cover expenses.