



## 2023 All-Star Letter

All-Star Candidates and Parents:

We are very excited that you are interested in trying out and playing for SDYS this all-star season. In order to make your experience more enjoyable we would like to outline the structure of our all-star teams. For more details about how all-star teams are selected and the commitment required, please see the “All-Star Selection and Commitment” form.

The application form needs to be submitted by Monday, April 24, 2023 for 10U/12U/14U, or Saturday, April 29, 2023 for 8U, with a copy of your daughter’s birth certificate uploaded to the Google form. Submitting the form and birth certificate before the tryout will help expedite the tryouts.

The commitment to All-Stars is one you should seriously consider when trying out. All-Stars is a competitive environment (competing against other leagues), and the number and intensity of practices is significantly enhanced compared to the rec season. This allows the team to work together and become a finely tuned machine.

Some of the benefits of playing All-Stars include:

1. Creating lasting and meaningful friendships
2. Improving and expanding your softball skill set
3. Playing at a competitive level

All-Star participants should be prepared to dedicate entire successive weekends to softball—starting as early as Friday evening and running perhaps deep into Sunday depending on success (Monday for Memorial Day Weekend), and weekday evenings for several consecutive weeks for practice time.

Also, please note that playing time and positions are solely up to the all-star coach. Rec season playing time rules do not apply to all-stars.

Gold Teams – We will have a Gold team in 8U, 10U and 12U, and possibly 14U to represent SDYS in the tournaments during this year’s all-star season.

Silver Teams – If and when we have a large group (by division) of girls who are interested in becoming All-Stars, and we have interested and qualified coaches, we may create a Silver level team. These teams are made up of high quality players – girls who are competitive in nature and who are looking for the chance to improve their softball skills as well as bonding with their teammates. Our league does not consider these players to be less competitive than our Gold players; however, there are some distinct differences.

1. Gold teams will play in the District Tournament and aim to qualify for the State Tournament. Silver teams will have the option to compete in District and State Tournaments at the discretion of the team and league.

2. Silver teams might not play in all tournaments that Gold teams do.
3. Silver teams will compete in “Silver” divisions against mostly other Silver teams.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the selection of the tournaments which fit our level of play. We do not have any control over how these tournaments are run by other organizations, but we do expect all coaches, parents, and participants to be respectful of the rules which are set for these tournaments.

There are times when we will be required to play a Friday night game during the season – it is not often but it can happen, so please plan accordingly. Our league traditionally travels to one invitational tournament out of the area (in Orange County) and most families stay in a hotel, which is a highlight of the season for the girls. If teams qualify for the State tournament, it is also an out-of-town tournament/hotel stay.

The objective of our All-Star season is to allow our girls who want that competitive level of play to grow their game and have a fabulous time doing it! We appreciate your participation and look forward to a great season.

Best regards,  
San Dieguito Youth Softball Board of Directors