



## 2023 All-Star Team Selection Process & Commitment

All prospective All-Star players are strongly encouraged to attend a tryout to be considered. Per USA Softball rules players can only attend one tryout session. For selection, the San Dieguito Youth Softball board uses an evaluation process which includes but is not limited to: evaluation at tryout, review of spring season overall, availability and all-star application.

Every player is eligible to try out for All-Stars. If a player "played down" during rec season they may only try out for their age-appropriate division (for example, players that are 14U by age but played down to 12U during rec season may only try out for 14U All-Stars). At this time, the board is still determining whether SDYS will be forming a 14U All-Star team this year.

SDYS rules allow a player who is "playing up" in a higher recreational division to drop down to their appropriate age division for All-Stars. For example, a player with a 2014 birthday who is on a 10U rec team can, based on her age, try out for the 8U all-star team. It is SDYS policy to field as many All-Star teams as possible in each Division, based on a consideration of the number of players trying out, their skills to compete in their respective division, and the commitment of coaches.

The Gold All-Star team from each division is chosen by a combination of (1) spring Rec Manager voting and (2) selection by the All-Star team head coach. Spring Managers from each division vote for the top six players in their respective division. The votes are counted by the league president and validated by another non-coach board member (in the event of a tie, the president, non-coach board member, and the head coach will vote to break the tie). Once the six voted positions have been filled, the all-star head coach will then select 4-9 additional players for the Gold team. Each Gold team will consist of a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 15 players, at coach's and board's discretion.

Only AFTER the Gold All-Star team has been selected, and participation has been confirmed by all selected players, will a similar process take place for the Silver All-Star team, if applicable in that division.

Since information about voting results and team selection are sensitive, all information will be kept strictly confidential by the parties involved (the president, non-coach board member, and the head coach).

Players participating in Travel Ball tournament play (as defined by USA Softball) as of April 1st are ineligible for all-star consideration.

All-Star teams cannot have any practices until May 8, per USA Softball rules. Any practice done prior to May 8 is a violation of USA Softball rules and will result in the expulsion of the team and the suspension of its coaches.



## **SDYS 2023 All-Star Tournament Schedule**

*(Silver teams may decide not to play in all tournaments)*

### **Invitational Tournaments**

| <u>Tournament/Location</u>                         | <u>Dates</u>          | <u>Host League</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Coastal Classic (Carmel Valley/Del Mar)            | May 12-14<br>(Gold)   | North Shore        |
| Tournament Del Sol (Kearny Mesa area of San Diego) | May 12-14<br>(Silver) | UC Del Sol         |
| Rancho Roundup (Rancho Santa Margarita)            | May 19-21             | Rancho Trabuco     |
| Memorial Day Tournament (Cardiff/La Costa)         | May 26-29             | SDYS               |
| Carlsbad Seabreeze Tournament                      | June 2-4              | Carlsbad           |
| Summer Heat Classic                                | June 9-11             | Poway              |

### **USA Softball District/State Tournaments**

For the 2022 All-Star Season, all Gold SDYS teams have preliminarily been classified as “B” level teams. There is a possibility that some teams may be re-classified as “C” level, so please note the different dates on the schedule are possible. These details on classification should be known by early June. Silver teams are classified as “C.” The State Tournament is only for teams that qualify by placing high enough in their District Tournament. Additional Regional Tournaments may follow if teams qualify from the State Tournament.

| <u>Tournament</u>   | <u>Dates</u>   | <u>Location</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| C District Tournament   | June 16-18     | Ramona/TBD      |
| B District Tournament<br><i>*If Silver teams qualify for state, they may have friendlies this weekend)</i>                      | June 23-25     | San Marcos/TBD  |
| C State Tournament (if Silver teams qualify)<br><i>*If Gold teams qualify for state, they may have friendlies this weekend)</i> | June 30-July 2 | Lancaster       |
| B State Tournament (if Gold teams qualify)  | July 7-9       | Lancaster       |



### All Star Commitment Terms

To play for an All-Star team is an honor. Players are expected to make an extra commitment to success. Depending on division, teams practice on average 3-4 times per week for two hours. Some practices, especially in the beginning, may go longer. All-Star teams will play 3 games (with potential for up to 6) per weekend.

**It is very important that all girls commit to their team and to the tournaments.** Players must be at all practices and all tournaments unless they are sick or clear it with the Manager ahead of time. This includes a commitment from all families to not plan family vacations during the All-Star season that would cause players to miss practices or tournaments.

**Also note that playing time and positions are solely up to the All-Star Manager.**

### Tryout Information/Birth Certificate

Tryouts for all players will be held on Monday, May 1st & Tuesday, May 2nd at Cardiff Sports Park. There is no fee to try out.

Schedule is as follows:

Monday:

- 5-6pm: 8U (Teams Der, Dillon, Duncan, Faull, Messy, Quentin, Walter)
- 6-7:30pm: 12U
- 7:30-8:30: 14U

Tuesday:

- 5-6pm: 8U (Teams Ale-Ali, Burkel, Howard, Mahoney, Remy & Sinclair to come as soon as their game ends)
- 6-8pm: 10U

**In order to be permitted to participate in tryouts, families must fill out the digital application form and upload a copy of the player's birth certificate.**

### Application forms:

- [8U](#)
- [10U](#)
- [12U](#)
- [14U](#)

If you are unable to attend tryouts, please fill out the digital application form for your age division and email Matt Walker ([playeragent@sdysoftball.com](mailto:playeragent@sdysoftball.com)) to confirm your request for consideration.



### **Volunteer Commitment**

SDYS hosts the **Memorial Day Tournament May 26 – 29, 2022**. This tournament helps subsidize All-Star expenses. Each family will be required to work 2 - 3 shifts (per All-Star player) during this tournament. These shifts will be either working in the snack bar or prepping fields between games. **If you cannot volunteer your time, a \$300 buyout is available.**

### **Financial Commitment**

Basic registration fees for the 2023 All-Star season will be **\$300**. Registration fees help cover costs of uniforms, tournament entry fees, USA Softball player cards, among other things.

In addition to the registration fees, players new to All-Stars will need to purchase All-Star gear (such as bag and helmet) ranging from **\$100-150**. Returning players that wish to replace old bags/helmets can also purchase one or both items. Spirit wear/car decals will also be available for purchase (optional).

All-star tournaments sometimes require driving significant distances and some may necessitate an overnight hotel stay (see tournament list). *Full and partial scholarships may be available – please contact the player agent or SDYS treasurer to apply.*