



All-Star Director: softballselectallstardirector@lcyo.org

LCYO Softball Players and Parents,

The end of April signifies the conclusion of recreational softball and the league begins to transition to the All-Star season. All-Star play builds on the recreational program but shifts focus from player development and participation to a competitive program that gives players the opportunity to compete against other premier Southern California fastpitch leagues.

LCYO will field teams in the 8U, 10U, and 12U divisions, with roster sizes typically capped around 12 players. Teams should plan to participate in four-six tournaments in the Southern California area. Costs for 2025 All-Stars are estimated in the range of \$500-550. The cost covers uniforms, player swag, and tournament registration fees.

The All-Star selection process will consist of **(1) a declaration of interest and eligibility, (2) nomination from your spring season coach, and (3) a skill evaluation.** This letter represents a request for pre-commitment and eligibility only. Your daughter may or may not be nominated or selected to a team. Girls interested in All-Star play are required to complete the form below and return to the All-Star director at the address below by **April 26, 2025**. Parents are encouraged to have an open dialogue with their daughter's coach about her interest in All-Stars.

How does All-Star Play differ from recreational play?

- Focus on competitive play.
- Players receive advanced instruction of skills and strategies.
- Players will learn specific positions, which may include positions unfamiliar to the player.
- Manager focus is to prepare the team to compete at the highest level and instill a winning attitude while providing a goal oriented, team-centric, fun environment to achieve results from dedication and hard work.

Skill Evaluation

- All nominated players will attend a mandatory evaluation **May 3rd (8u, 10U and 12u)**. There is no makeup date.
- Exceptions may be considered for players that miss the evaluation, but decisions will be at the sole discretion of the selection committee. Absent players can request their spring season coach to submit a written evaluation on their behalf and other division coaches will be polled for their assessment.
- Players will be given an equal opportunity to showcase both offensive and defensive skills for the All-Star Selection Committee consisting of All-Star managers, assistant coaches, and members of the board of directors.
- Players will be evaluated and selected by, but not limited to softball-specific skills, athletic ability, positions played, commitment, and sportsmanship demonstrated at both the evaluation session as well as throughout the recreational season. Teams will be formed placing emphasis on putting highly competitive teams on the field at each division/level.
- Check in a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the start of the evaluation. Players should be ready to take the field at their start time. Times will be communicated on subsequent date.

Players interested in participating in LCYO All-Stars must read and abide by the following:

- A fee will be collected to cover the cost of tournaments and the uniform. Once the fees are determined, online payment is required by **May 6** (the balance will be added to your LCYO.org account).
- Additional fees may include Secret Sister goodies, travel expenses, optional gear bags and equipment, optional spirit wear, and additional tournaments beyond what LCYO has committed to.
- There is a time commitment to All-Stars:
 - Practices are weeknights and weekends, up to 3+ times per week.
 - District and state tournament dates are predetermined. The Gold Team from each age division will compete in the B classification and the Silver Team will compete in the C classification.
 - If teams qualify for the state, regional, or national tournaments, play may continue into the months of July and August. The incurred costs are the responsibility of the individual team.
- Tournaments generally begin on Fridays and end on Sundays. However, occasional Thursday/Monday tournament play may be scheduled. Tournament schedules do not come out until midweek before the tournament, so weekends must be held open by families for tournaments.
- Playing time and defensive positions are not guaranteed and may not be equal. Some tournaments do not allow round robin batting (only 9 will bat) and require straight substitution per USA Softball rules.
- Missed practices and games may impact playing time. Commitment and attendance are essential for developing a cohesive, competitive team.
- Playing time, positions, and in-game decisions are at the manager's discretion and not appropriate subjects to discuss with any coach before, during, or after a game. Concerns should be addressed off the field at a mutually agreed upon time.
- Parents do not belong in the dugouts and players do not belong in the stands.

Tentative LCYO 2025 All-Star Schedule and Key Dates:

5/3	All-Star Evaluations: 8U, 10U and 12U (Times TBD)
5/4	All-Star rosters announced
5/5	Mandatory uniform fitting
5/6	All-Star practices begin

Tournament Schedule (subject to change):

5/16-5/18	Rancho Roundup (Rancho Santa Margarita)
5/23-5/26	SDYS Memorial Day (Cardiff/Carlsbad)
5/30-6/1	Carlsbad SeaBreeze (Carlsbad)
6/6-6/8	Old Town Shootout (Temecula)
6/13-15	"C" District Tournament (Location TBD) – Silver Teams only
6/20-22	"B" District Tournament (Location TBD) – Gold Teams only
6/26-29	"C" SoCal State Championship (Lancaster, CA) Must qualify at C District Tournament
7/3-7/6	"B" SoCal State Championship (Lancaster, CA) Must qualify at B District Tournament
7/18-7/20	"C" SoCal Regionals (TBD) Must qualify at C Regional Tournament

