



2019 All-Star Commitment Letter

Dear All-Star Player Candidates and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the North Shore Girls Softball League (NSGSL) All-Star program. All-Star Try Outs will be conducted on Monday, April 29, 2019. The All-Star evaluation details will be posted on the website (www.nsgsl.com). The All-Star program is separate from our Recreational Season and therefore some clarification is needed. The Rec Season is about individual instruction, learning the rules of the game, opportunities for every girl to play multiple positions and having fun. The All-Star season is about team competition, developing advanced skills, instilling a winning attitude and having fun. Since there is a significant difference between Rec Season and All-Star season, it is very important to set an expectation level for the All-Star season.

Players should abide by the following rules:

- Attend all practices and games on time.
- Accept whatever role the Manager places on you.
- Be willing to play positions that are unfamiliar to you.,
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and support your teammates.
- The team is more important than the player.
- NSGSL Code Of Conduct (see nsgsl.com).

Parents shall abide by the following rules:

- Support your coaches and the players.
- Consider the team's success as a success for your daughter and a rewarding experience.
- Parents will not approach coaches during warm-up, games or practices. Any concerns will be addressed off the field at a mutually agreed time. Parents will be suspended from participating in any events for failing to adhere to this.
- Parents and players may be asked to participate in fundraising efforts.
- NSGSL Code Of Conduct (see www.nsgsl.com)

In the event that a player or parent does not abide by the All-Star rules listed above, including the NSGSL Code Of Conduct, the player and/or parent can be removed from the All-Star program and possibly the league by a majority vote by the Team's Manager, All-Star Coordinator and Executive Board - NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

*Please note: the **2019 All-Star Application** should be brought to the All-Star evaluations on April 29, 2019.*

The All-Star season is a demanding schedule. It encompasses between 6 - 8 weekend tournaments (depends upon division and success of the team) including a two (2) night stay travel tournament in Irvine, California. A typical weekend tournament involves games on Friday afternoon or evening, Saturday (multiple games), and Sunday (multiple games). Occasionally, a game is scheduled on a Thursday afternoon or evening as well. For the tournament in Irvine, our league has negotiated a group rate at a local hotel at a rate of approximately \$175 per night plus tax which includes breakfast for four (4). Hotel parking is \$5/night. There will be a reception at the hotel the evening of Saturday, June 8th that will be a memorable night and arguably the most fun of the entire All-Star season!

The All-Star timeline is VERY aggressive once May 1st arrives. Please note that in the All-Star application you will be asked to indicate your player's availability for each tournament. If you indicate that your player is available, and they are actually not available to play, your player may be dismissed from their team and may not be eligible for future all-star team selection. - NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

If your daughter is selected to a team, she will be notified after the evaluations. Should your daughter not be selected, please let her know how tough the competition was and that she did a great job.

Should you have questions regarding the selection process please feel free to contact Richard Gonor, NSGSL Vice President at vice-president@nsgsl.com.

If your daughter is selected to a team, here are a few things to remember:

Financial Commitment

- The base financial commitment is \$350 - \$500 per player. This covers a high quality uniform, practice jersey, all tournament fees, the reception in Irvine, and ASA player card. 100% of this money is spent on all-stars (there is no residual profit to the league).
- The travel tournament in Irvine will involve additional expenses (hotel, meals, etc.)
- Teams that advance to the state and/or national tournaments will incur additional fees and travel expenses.

Time Commitment

- Tournament dates are listed on the All-Star Application.
- Tournaments generally start on Fridays and end Sundays; however you should be available for play on Thursday evenings, as well as Monday.
- Team managers will determine the practice days. Most teams have 3-4 two-hour practices per week, plus additional time for pitchers. Practices will start approximately May 1, 2019.

Volunteer Commitment

Each player's family will be required to volunteer for 2 shifts* of approximately 3-4 hours (per player, not family) at the North Shore Coastal Classic All-Star Tournament to be held in Carmel Valley May 16-19th, 2019. Each player will have to submit a \$250 deposit for the volunteer hours. Once those hours have been completed, the treasurer will shred (or return, if requested) the deposit check. These requirements are per *player*, not per family. Keep in mind, the proceeds from the All-Star Tournament subsidize your All-Star fees by \$100 per player.

REMEMBER...WE DON'T NEED YOUR MONEY, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

*The length of each shift will depend on shift type (snack shack, grounds, etc.) and families will have the opportunity to sign up for shifts on a first-come, first-served basis.

Team Commitment

- Playing time and defensive positions are NOT guaranteed and may not be equal. There is a possibility that some players may not play in an entire game, as this is a competitive All-Star environment.
- A Gold team in need of players has the right to request players from the Silver/Maroon/White teams ("Call Up") so long as the lower level team does not forfeit due to the Call Up.

Finally, NSGSL would like to remind our parents and players that participation in the All-Star program is a privilege that requires a new level of commitment. All players are exposed to a high level of competition and this is a great opportunity for your daughter.

Richard Gonor
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2019 All-Star Player Selection Process

Due to USA Softball rules and regulations, All-Star teams may not practice until May 1, 2019.

North Shore Girls Softball League shall choose Players for the All-Star season based upon the following:

Eligibility

- All players wishing to try out for an All-Star team must register on the North Shore website www.nsgsl.com.
- Player must have participated in at least 75% of her rec season team's games and practices.
- Per USA Softball rules and regulations, a player participating in more than one USA Softball recreation league must declare by April 15, 2019 in which league they wish to be eligible for All-Star selection. Please communicate directly to vicepresident@nsgsl.com the name of the player and the league they wish to be eligible.
- Per USA Softball rules & regulations, a player participating on a team other than their recreation team (i.e. "Select" or Travel type team) after March 31st of the current season is NOT eligible. Players must stop playing outside of their recreation team by March 31st in order to be eligible for All-Stars. Please communicate directly to the vicepresident@nsgsl.com the name of the player and the division they wish to be eligible.
- All players must submit an All-Star application, a copy of their birth certificate, and a recent photograph at the All-Star try outs.

Try Outs

- All-Star try outs will occur on Monday, April 29, 2019. There are no make-ups. Please check the North Shore website for the time and location. Concessions may be considered for players that miss the Try Outs, but will be at the sole discretion of the All-Star Committee.
- Try Outs are open to all players in 8U and older. A minimum of 10 girls is needed to field an All-Star team.
- **Players should bring their All-Star application, a copy of their birth certificate, and a recent photograph with them to try outs.**
- Each and every athlete at the All-Star Tryouts will be given equal opportunity to showcase her skills and talents to the Managers and Coaches.
- Each athlete will be given the opportunity to showcase both offensive and defensive skills for the All-Star Managers and Coaches.
- Players will be selected by, but not limited to: athletic ability, commitment, leadership, citizenship and sportsmanship as viewed both at the try out as well as throughout the Recreation Season. Selection will be determined based on all available information in forming teams, including but not limited to: a player's age, experience, skills, positions played, strength and balance of All-Star teams(if more than one team is expected to be fielded in a division), behavior of the player and player's family.
- The All-Star manager(s) and/or coaches are required to evaluate players during the try out.
- Players will not be selected for any All-Star team(s) prior to the official All-Star try out.

Selection Process

- All-Star Managers will select their team, with committee approval, after the April 29, 2019 try out. The Gold Manager will have first selection of players and coaches prior to any other teams. Additional teams will be formed based on viability including, but not limited to, player availability, coaching and pitching. Player selection will occur in the following order: Gold team (1st), Silver Maroon team (2nd) & Silver White team (3rd).
- Once each manager has selected their desired team, the team must be ratified by the Division Coordinators, All-Star Committee and the Executive Board.
- All-Star Managers will attempt to contact players and inform them of their team selection before May 1, 2019. Division Coordinators or a league-selected representative will be responsible for notifying the players that were not selected. This may be done by phone or email.

- Uniform and spirit wear fittings for All-Star players are scheduled for May 1, 2019. Players who are selected to a team will need to be available in the afternoon on May 1, 2019 for fittings.
- The All-Star Manager(s) for each Division and the Division Coordinator and/or designated league representative for each Division will evaluate players during Try Outs.
- In an exceptional circumstance parents may request their player be eligible for **a specific team(s)**, (e.g. silver/maroon/white only). Such a request must be made in writing to vice-president@nsgsl.com before April 29, 2019, and must include an explanation of the reason why the request is being made. There is no guarantee of honoring that request or being selected by their chosen team. Once any player is selected to a team, she must play on that team only, and may not request a transfer to a different team. In the event a player is chosen for a team, then subsequently elects to quit/leave that team, that player will not only forfeit the privilege to play All-Stars that year, but will forfeit the privilege of playing All-Stars the following year. The only exceptions will be medical and/or family emergencies or serious verifiable injury to the player. The validity of said exceptions will be at the sole discretion of the NSGSL Executive Board. - NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

We are looking forward to another exciting All-Star season.
Please contact me with any questions.

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2019 All-Star Application

Player's full name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____ Division: _____ U

- 1) I have read & agree to the All-Star Commitment Letter & understand the expectations, including the time commitment.
 Yes No If No, please see nsgsl.com or discuss with an Executive Board member.
- 2) Are you available to practice any night of the week and weekends May - July?
 Yes No If No, Why? _____
- 3) Can you make the following tournaments?

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENTS	DATE	Yes/No	If No, Why?
UC Del Sol (Silver/Bronze)	5/10 – 5/12		
North Shore (Silver/Gold)	5/17 – 5/19		
San Clemente Memorial Day Tournament (Silver/Gold)	5/25 – 5/27		
Scripps Ranch (Bronze/Silver/Gold)	5/30 – 6/2		
Irvine – Weekend travel (Silver/Gold)	6/7 – 6/9		
Poway (Silver/Gold)	6/14 – 6/16		
C* Districts (Silver- if participating)	6/14 – 6/16		
B* Districts –San Marcos (8U-14U Gold teams)	6/21 – 6/24		
Escondido or Mira Mesa (Silver/Gold if participating)	6/27 – 6/30		
C* States- Lancaster, CA (Silver if qualified)	6/27- 6/30		
B* States – Lancaster, CA (Gold if qualified)	7/4-7/7		
8U Gold Regionals – San Diego (if qualified)	7/12-7/14		
10U-12U C* Silver Regionals – San Diego (if qualified)	7/12 – 7/14		
10U Gold Nationals-Camarillo, CA (if qualified) B & possible C*	7/23- 7/28		
12U Gold Nationals- Medford, OR (if qualified) B & possible C*	7/29-8/4		
14U Nationals Redding, CA (Must Qualify at States) B & C *	7/23- 7/28		

*Gold teams are eligible to play B only. Silver teams might be eligible to play B or C

- 4) Do you have any other sports, vacation time, birthdays or other activities that may affect your participation in any All-Star activities?
 Yes No If Yes, What? _____
- 5) Please bring a **copy** of your player's birth certificate and recent photo (school, softball, soccer, etc.)

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Player's signature: _____ Date: _____

Manager's signature: _____ Date: _____

(Manager's signature verifies that the player has participated in at least 75% of their team's games & practices during the season including end of season tournament – Medical Exceptions to be reviewed by NSGSL Exec. Board).