



2026 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. The All-Star Try-Out will be conducted **Friday May 1, 2026**. 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 Recreational 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 the Recreation and All-Star experience, it is important to establish expectations for the All-Star season.

Players shall abide by the following rules:

- Attend all practices and games on time.
- Accept whatever role/position/contribution the Manager designates for 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).
 - In the event that a player does not abide by the All-Star rules listed above, including the NSGSL Code Of Conduct, the player 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.

Parents shall abide by the following rules:

- Support the coaches and players.
- Consider collective team success as a benefit and rewarding experience.
- Do not approach coaches during warm-up, games, or practices to discuss playing time, positions, batting order, etc. Concerns must be addressed off the field at a mutually agreed time. Failure to adhere may result in suspension.
- Parents and players may be asked to participate in fundraising efforts.
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 - *Please note: Bring the **2026 All-Star Application** to the All-Star Evaluation on May 1, 2026.*
 - The All-Star season is a demanding schedule. You should expect to practice multiple times per week and play in 7-8 weekend tournaments (Friday - Sunday). Likelihood for most tournaments is multiple games on Saturdays and Sundays.

If your daughter is selected to a team, she will be notified after the evaluations.

Should you have questions regarding the selection process, please contact Matt Spiegel, 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 will be \$625 per player.
 - This cost covers a high quality uniform, practice jersey, all tournament fees, and USA Softball participant player card. There is no residual profit to the league.
- There may be additional travel cost in the event you choose to stay in a hotel.
- Teams advancing to state, regional, or national tournaments will incur additional fees and travel expenses.

Time Commitment

- Tournament dates are listed below in the All-Star Application form. Teams advancing to state, regional, or national tournaments are expected to play through end of July.
- Tournaments generally start on Fridays and end on Sundays; however you should be available to play on Thursdays and Mondays (including holidays).
- Team managers will determine the practice days. Most teams will conduct 3-4 two-hour practices per week, plus additional time for pitchers. All-Star practices will commence on May 4, 2026.

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 8-10, 2026. Each player will have to submit a \$300 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.

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-serve basis.

Team Commitment

- Playing time, positioning, and batting order are NOT guaranteed and may not be equal. There is a possibility that some players may not play in games, as this is a competitive All-Star environment.

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.

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2026 All-Star Player Selection Process

Due to USA Softball rules and regulations, All-Star teams may not practice until May 4, 2026.

North Shore Girls Softball League will choose players for the All-Star season based upon the following criteria:

Eligibility

- All players wishing to try out for an All-Star team must register on the interest list.
- Eligible players must have participated in at least 75% of the team's recreational season games and practices.
- Per USA Softball rules and regulations, a player participating in more than one USA Softball recreation league must declare by March 31, 2026 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, any player participating on a team other than their Recreational or Select team (i.e. Travel) after March 31, 2026 is NOT eligible to play All-Stars. Players must cease playing outside of their Recreational or Select team by March 31, 2026 in order to be eligible for All-Stars. Please communicate directly to vicepresident@nsgsl.com the name of the player and the division they wish to be eligible.
- All players must submit the All-Star Application form, a copy of their birth certificate, and a recent photograph at the All-Star Evaluation.

Evaluation

- The All-Star Evaluation will occur on Friday, May 1, 2026. There are no make-up dates. Please refer to communication for time and location of each division. Concessions may be afforded for players that miss the evaluation, at the sole discretion of the All-Star Committee.
- The evaluation is open to all players in Divisions 8U and above. A minimum 10 players are required to field a team.
- **All players must submit the All-Star Application form, a copy of their birth certificate, and a recent photograph at the All-Star Evaluation.**
- Each and every athlete participating in the All-Star Evaluation will be given equal opportunity to showcase her skills and talents to the All-Star Managers and Coaches.
- Each athlete will be given the opportunity to showcase both offensive and defensive skills.
- Players will be selected by, but not limited to: athletic ability, commitment, leadership, citizenship and sportsmanship as viewed both at the evaluation and demonstrated throughout the Recreation Season. Selection will be determined based upon all available information in forming teams, including but not limited to: player age, experience, skills, positions played, strength and balance of All-Star teams (if more than one team will be fielded in a division), behavior of the player and player's family.
- All-Star Manager(s) and/or Coaches are required to assess players during the evaluation.
- Players will not be selected for any All-Star team prior to the official All-Star evaluation.

Selection Process

- All-Star Managers will select their teams, with Committee approval, following the May 1, 2026 evaluation.
 - The Gold Manager will have first selection of players. 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 team (2nd) and Bronze team (3rd).
- Once each Manager has selected their desired team, the team must be ratified by the NSGSL Division Coordinators, All-Star Coordinator, and Executive Board.
- All-Star Managers will contact players and inform them of their team selection by May 2, 2026. Division Coordinators or a league-selected representative will be responsible for notifying players that were not selected. This may be done by phone or email.
- Uniform and spirit wear fittings for All-Star players is scheduled for May 2, 2026. Players who are selected to a team must be available in the afternoon/evening of May 2, 2026 for fitting.
- Only under exceptional circumstances may parents request their daughter be eligible for a **specific All-Star team** (e.g. silver, bronze). Such request must be made in writing to vice-president@nsgsl.com before May 1, 2026, and must include

an explanation of the reason for the request. There is no guarantee of honoring that request or being selected by their preferred team. Once any player is selected to a team, she must only play for that team, and may not request transfer to a different team. In the event a player is chosen for a team, then subsequently quits/ leaves that team, that player forfeits the privilege of playing All-Stars for 2 years. Exceptions will be accommodated for 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 look forward to another exciting All-Star season. Please contact me with any questions.

Drake Welch
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2026 All-Star Player Application

Player Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Division: 8U 10U 12U
circle one

- 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? Use back for add'l
North Shore Girls Softball Coastal Classic	May 8-10		
San Marcos Summertime Warmup	May 15-17		
PQ Memorial Classic	May 21-25		
Carlsbad Seabreeze Tournament	May 29-31		
Irvine Summertime Classic	June 5-7		
Navajo Summer Sizzle (Gold Teams)	June 12-14		
C District Championship (Silver & Bronze Teams)	June 12-14		
B District Championship (Gold Teams)	June 19-21		
41st Annual Freedom Tournament (Escondido)	June 25-28		
C State Championship * (Silver & Bronze Teams)	June 25-28		
B State Championship * (Gold Teams)	July 3-5		
C Regional Championship * (Silver & Bronze Teams)	July 18-20		
B National Championship * (Gold Teams)	July 22-Aug 3		
* Teams must qualify for States, Regionals & Nationals			

- 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 the player’s birth certificate and recent photo (school, softball, soccer, etc.)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Manager’s signature verifies that the player has participated in at least 75% of their team’s games & practices during the recreation season, including end of season tournament – Medical exceptions will be reviewed by NSGSL Executive Board).