



## ALL-STAR RULES & REGULATIONS 2025

These All-Star Rules and Regulations are intended to be NON-DISCRETIONARY. Any attempt to circumvent and/or manipulate these rules shall result in the dismissal from MVGSA of all persons involved. Extenuating circumstances can be brought to the Executive Board for a decision. All decisions made by the MVGSA Board of Directors are final.

### Section 1 – Player / Team Eligibility

- A. A player must play in at least 75% or more of the games in the league’s intramural spring game schedule in order to be eligible for selection to the league’s All-Star teams, with the exception of High School (16U / 18U) players.
  - 1. A player who officially drops from their team during current spring season will be ineligible.
- B. A team shall not have any players who participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.
  - 1. “Participated” above, is defined as a player taking part in a tryout, practice, practice game, scheduled game, friendly, or tournament.
- C. A team shall not have more than four (4) players who participated with a **travel type team** at any time after **January 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current season.
- D. The team shall not practice or play together before **May 4<sup>th</sup>** of the current year.
- E. High School (16U / 18U) division eligibility shall be per USA Softball pick-up player eligibility rules as follows:
  - 1. “B” Classification High School (16U / 18U) teams. These Age Classifications provide competition and championship play for players and teams who have not yet reached the Junior Olympic (JO) “A” Classification skill level. This program is devoted to High School (16U / 18U) age players who wish to improve their softball skills and thereby benefit their league, their high school and themselves.
  - 2. “B” High School (16U / 18U) Player Eligibility:
    - a. Player age eligibility is in accordance with the USA Softball Code.
    - b. A player who participates on an intercollegiate softball team at a two (2) or four (4) year college or university is NOT eligible to participate in the JO “B” Classification Championship play.
    - c. A player shall not be on two (2) Championship rosters during the same season. For example, a player shall not be on a “B” High School Classification-recreation-team and a USA Softball “A” Classification-travel-team during the same season.
    - d. A player is eligible to be a pick-up player for a USA Softball “A” Classification-travel-team only after their current team is eliminated from Championship play.
    - e. A team shall not have any players who participated on a **travel type team** after **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.
  - 3. “B” Classification High School (16U / 18U) team eligibility.
    - a. A team shall register before June 1 with a minimum of five (5) players individually registered with USA Softball. A minimum of eight (8) players shall be individually registered before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Every player on the roster shall be individually registered prior to starting Championship Play.



- b. A team roster may include fifteen (15) players, including pick-up players.
- c. A team shall be comprised of players who meet all of the High School (16U / 18U) "B" eligibility rules.
- d. A team may be a single team or an All-Star team as selected and certified by a league.
  - 1. The team shall not practice or play together before **May 4<sup>th</sup>** of the current year.
  - 2. If a league has one team only during the season, that team shall be the All-Star team. The team must meet the requirements of paragraph 2a above.

**NOTE:** A team selected in pre-season or mid-season for tournament play is NOT eligible.

- e. A team represented by more than five (5) high schools requires approval of the USAS So Cal Junior (JO) Commissioner.
  - f. A team may participate in "A" and/or "B" Classification invitational tournaments after **May 1<sup>st</sup>** but risk being reclassified. If reclassified, a team may appeal the reclassification to the USA Softball SoCal JO Commissioner.
  - g. A team that participates in a USA Softball "A" or Gold qualifying event, shall not be eligible to participate in "B" Classification Championship Play.
  - h. A team participating in USA Softball Championship Play shall abide by the USA Softball codes pertaining to Championship Play and the policies outlined in the back of the Official "B" Championship Roster.
  - i. A player who pitched at the high school varsity level may pitch in these classifications unless classified above "B" Classification level of play by the District Commissioner. The District Commissioner's decision may be appealed to the State JO Commissioner-Recreation.
- F. The league Player Agent shall verify the eligibility of ALL players and prepare a list of all ineligible players.
- G. A player who plays up one (1) age division is eligible for selection to an All-Star team in their appropriate age division or in the current division they are playing in. A player is only eligible for All-Star consideration in one (1) age division for the current season.

## Section 2 – Number of All-Star Teams

- A. The league Board of Directors shall determine the number of All-Star teams to be selected in each Division at a scheduled board meeting.
- B. MVGSA All-Star teams will be defined as Gold and Silver.

## Section 3 – All-Star Coaches

- A. The All-Star head coaches **shall be voted** by the league Board of Directors.
- B. Coaches of the Fall / Spring seasons can be approved as the head coach of the All-Star team. If no coach applies for the All-Star team(s), then ANY badged coach of the Fall / Spring seasons can apply. If no badged coach is available, then it will be open to any current Board member.
  - 1. The candidates for the All-Star Coach position must apply by the deadline.



- C. The All-Star Coach shall submit a complete list of their coaching staff and contact information to the Board of Directors for approval within 10 days **after** the draft.

#### Section 4 – All-Star Player Selections

- A. The league will conduct All-Star tryouts to be held on **Sunday**, May **4<sup>th</sup>**. Tryouts are open to all eligible players.
  - 1. Players **MUST** participate at All-Star tryouts, with the exception of the High School (16U / 18U) division.  
**Exception:** IF there's not enough players to field a team, player(s) can be considered for another division/team that they are age eligible for.
- B. One (1) Badged Team Representative from each team, the All-Star Head Coaches, the Division Vice-President and/or **up to** two (2) additional board members will be eligible to vote for All-Stars. If the Division Vice-President is unavailable, another Division Vice-President or Executive Board Member will be appointed to stand in. If the Badged Team Representative who is eligible to vote will be unavailable at the elections, they forfeit their vote. In the event of a tie, their vote will go to the player with the higher ranking according to their list.
  - 1. All Badged team representatives, Head Coaches, and Committee members must turn in their respective player rankings immediately following the All-Star tryouts. A group collaboration period or "Bucket Talk" shall include the up to three (3) board members.
  - 2. The Player Agent shall tabulate the votes. The vote count shall remain confidential.
  - 3. In the event that a selected player will miss more than five (5) practices, one (1) tournament, or Districts/State tournaments, the All-Star Coach will have the option to decline the player from being placed on his or her All-Star team.
- C. Player All-Star selections shall take place after try-outs during their divisions predetermined time as scheduled by the league Player Agent.
- D. Players shall participate on the team for which they were selected or that player shall forfeit their participation with MVGSA for the current All-Star season, the upcoming Fall and Spring Select seasons and the next All-Star season.
  - 1. It is understood that, if selected, coach's daughter(s) will play for parent.
- E. The results of the selection shall be delivered to the head coaches by the league Player Agent at the time of the selection meeting.
- F. The coach will be given the option to select the 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked player of any eligible player he/she chooses. Players selected for the All-Star team will be contacted by the All-Star Coach immediately after the selection meeting.
  - 1. The league Player Agent will maintain the results of the selection throughout the All-Star season in the event that additional players are needed. Additional players will be assigned in accordance with Section 5.B below.
  - 2. If no All-Star selections remain, the head coach will select additional players from the division for loss of a player only.  
**Exception:** Does not apply to High School (16U / 18U) (see Section 1 - E).
    - a. **Exception:** The head coach will select additional players per USA Softball for State or Nationals.



- G. All-Star team rosters will be posted by the last name in alphabetical order on the website after the selection meeting.

## Section 5 – All-Star Composition

- A. All-Star teams shall be comprised of a minimum of twelve (12) players selected in the selection meeting. The number of players can increase at the Board's discretion.  
**Exception:** High School (16U / 18U) divisions may or may not have a complete roster at the conclusion of the selection meeting depending on the skill level of girls at tryouts.
- B. Any vacancies may be filled from the Alternate Players list in descending order of the voting results.  
**Exception:** The head coach will select additional players per USA Softball for State or Nationals. At the request of the All-Star Coach, the Executive Board can make decisions based on a case by case scenario.
- C. Alternate player for key positions of pitcher and/or catcher can be pulled out of descending order due to official injury or drop.

## Section 6 – All-Star Team Activity

- A. All-Star teams shall be financially supported by the league for all approved activities listed on the All-Star Parent Commitment Letter.
  - 1. The Board of Directors shall approve all proposed activities for the All-Star teams.
  - 2. The Board of Directors shall approve all proposed expenditures for the All-Star teams.
    - a. Upon approval of proposed activities and expenditures, Board of Directors will determine if league is financially able to support qualifying teams for State and National Tournament entrance fees.
- B. An All-Star team may request to be allowed to enter into activities not supported by the league (between May 5<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year) by emailing their Divisional VP for approval (including fundraising and extra tournaments, etc.).
  - 1. The Divisional VP shall seek approval from Executive Board of Directors.
  - 2. The All-Star team's members and personnel shall be responsible for financially supporting the activity.
- C. All teams must adhere to MVGSA fundraising All-Star policy as stated below:
  - 1. All fundraising money raised by team must be turned into MVGSA. Once league team sponsorship has been met, additional funds raised must be submitted and reviewed for allocation back to team by the MVGSA Treasurer.
    - a. In order to receive reimbursement, team shall submit receipt or invoice with request to the league Treasurer.
      - i. If invoice is provided, check will be made out to payee on invoice.
    - b. Each team must provide two (2) accounting representatives (see All-Star Staff form). Representatives must be from different families within the team and they must NOT be the



head coach's spouse or be related to the head coach. Representatives are responsible to submit a bi-weekly itemized expense report to all parents, division VP, and treasurer.

**NOTE:** A Financial Representative cannot be the league Treasurer due to conflict of interest.

- c. At conclusion of All-Star season and events any funds remaining shall stay with MVGSA.
2. Expenses above initial registration fee to be decided within team. No team can mandate 100% participation.

## Section 7 – Player Participation

- A. In pool play all players must play a minimum of one (1) defensive inning within the first three (3) innings of each game. Each team will bat round robin (all girls bat) during pool play.  
**Exception:** In the Upper Divisions (14U / High School (16U / 18U), in pool play, all players must play a minimum of one (1) defensive or offensive inning within the first three (3) innings of each game.
- B. In elimination (bracket play) games there shall be no guarantee of playing time.
- C. There shall be no guarantee of playing time during USA Softball District, State, and National tournaments.

## Section 8 – All-Star Team Conduct

- A. All members of the All-Star team, coaching staff and parents must maintain the highest degree of sportsmanship and integrity when participating in All-Star activities as described in the All-Star Expectation letter provided to the parents.
- B. The All-Star team players, families, and coaching staff are representing the Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association and the city of Murrieta usually in other cities and their conduct should be a representative of the purposes and objectives of the league. Should a critical incident arise including and not limited to an ejection, then a notification **MUST** be made by the involved individuals in writing within 24 hours to the Division Vice-President (please check our website for the individual email addresses). There will be a zero-tolerance policy for fighting.
- C. The players must wear their designated / issued uniform jersey on or available board approved alternative at all games during the All-Star season.
- D. We expect full commitment to the All-Star team regarding practices and games. A player may be dropped for missing excessive practices or any tournaments. Another player may be pulled up to take her place. Any recommendation by a coach to drop a player shall be brought to the league Player Agent. It will be a decision of the divisional VP and the Executive Board if a player will be dropped.
  1. If there is a loss of a player on any "Gold" or "Silver" team, the coach shall advise the league Player Agent, who will then meet with the divisional VP and the MVGSA Executive Board to make a decision, based on a case by case situation.
- E. All MVGSA Rules and Regulations, Coaches and Parent Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies apply.