All-Stars Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the season start and end?

A: Starts: May 7, 2023

Ends: 6u: Approximately Third weekend of June

8u: Depending on how well the team does they could play through

approximately the middle of July

All other Depending on how well the team does they could play through

divisions: approximately the first week of August

Q: What is the time commitment? When are practices and games?

A: Typically, practices are held on weeknights. Practice schedule is determined by the manager for each team. Gold teams tend to practice more each week than the Silver and Bronze teams. On average, there are approximately 3-5 practices a week. Players are expected to make every reasonable attempt to participate in all team practices throughout the All-Star season.

Participation in other activities (i.e.: other sports, family vacations, etc.) that will directly conflict with an All-Star player's ability to give a 100% commitment to the Gold All-Star team is not acceptable. Players who can't make that commitment may be eligible to play on the Silver or Bronze team if the manager approves. Prior to accepting an All-Star nomination, a choice MUST be made by the player and parents as to which activity is the most important. If All-Star softball is determined to be the most important activity, full and complete participation is expected and required.

If a player knows in advance that she will miss one or more tournaments, that information **must** be disclosed on the All-Star Letter of Interest form as this will impact their eligibility for All-Stars and the All-Star level team selection. Failure to disclose any known conflicts relating to practices, games, or tournaments will result in a minimum one (1) game suspension for the player.

Most tournaments play their games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The TOGSA Memorial Day Tournament is one of the exceptions and is played on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday during Memorial Weekend.

Q: Where are the tournaments played?

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May 12-14 Moorpark (all teams except 6U & 14U)

MmmaMay 19-21 El Rio (14U)

May 26-29 TOGSA (all teams)

June 2-4	Camarillo (all teams except 14U)
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June 9-11	tbd (all teams except 6U)
June 16-18	Simi Valley (all teams)
June 23-25	Western Region Districts (Gold teams)
July 7-9	So-Cal State Championship (8U-14U)
July 14-16	Pacific Coast Region Championship (8U)
July 24-30	USA Softball Western Nationals (10U-14U)

*State and Nationals are TBD and based on qualifying.

Generally, tournament play begins the second or third weekend of May. Most tournaments are within a short driving distance, with one possible tournament being an overnight tournament (except 6U). Travel expenses are the responsibility of individual families.

Note that other All-Star tournaments are available during weekends TOGSA teams are not entered by TOGSA in a tournament. Teams may decide to play in these other tournaments at their own expense, but cannot conflict with their TOGSA tournament schedule.

Q: Are uniforms provided?

A: Yes, uniforms (2 jerseys, 2 pairs of socks, and 2 pairs of pants) are covered by part of the registration fees. Uniforms will be ordered as soon as teams are formed, so it is very important that you attend the fitting time that will be assigned to your team. The 6U team will receive (1 jersey, 1 pair of socks, and 1 pair of pants).

Q: How much are the registration fees?

A: 6U = \$200, 8U and above = \$395

Q: Do we have to work any volunteer hours?

A: Yes, there will be a mandatory field cleanup day on May 20, 2023 where each player's family must work a minimum of 2 hours. The 2 hours can also be worked on May 26th or Tear-down on May 29th.

In addition, each player's family will be required to work in the Snack Shack (5 hours) and on Field Duty (5 hours) during our Memorial Day Tournament. You do have the option of buying out at \$75 for each category or \$150 for both. At the mandatory All-Star Parent meeting, you will be required to provide a deposit for each category to be held until after the tournament. If you have worked the hours required, your deposit will be returned. Failure to work or buy out of volunteer hours will result in player suspension for the next tournament.

There are no other volunteer commitments after the TOGSA tournament.

Q: Will there be any additional fees?

A: Outside of the team sponsorship, there may be additional costs including but not limited to: an additional pair of pants, All-Star helmet, All-Star bat bag, or matching team cleats. Those items are determined by the team. These additional costs are the team's financial responsibility and can be offset by raising sponsorship funds.

Q: How are girls selected for a team?

A: There are no evaluations, the managers of the division meet and agree on the first 8 players for the Gold team followed by the Gold manager choosing the balance of the team. If there are enough qualified girls and a Silver manager is available, then the Silver manager will build a team. If there are still enough qualified girls and a Bronze manager is available, then the Bronze manager will build a team. For more detailed information on the selection process, see the Operating Procedures on the TOGSA website, under the Download tab. Selection for the 6U All-Star team is based on experience and age. For more detailed information on the selection process, see the Operating Procedures on the TOGSA website, under the "Downloads" tab.

Q: Who is eligible to be selected for a team?

A: All players who played a minimum of 75% of the current regular rec ball season games that are used to determine the standings within the league are eligible. A documented injury will be an exception to this rule. Players who play on a travel ball team or a team outside TOGSA after March 31st are not eligible for All-Stars.

Q: How will I be notified if my daughter makes the team?

A: The team manager will reach out to all selected players within 24 hours of the selection process. The teams will also be posted on TOGSA.org.

Q: Can a prospective All-Star player specify what All-Star level (Gold, Silver, or Bronze) they wish to play on?

A: Players do not have a choice on which All-Star team they play on.

Q: Does every player get to play in every game?

A: Unlike the rec ball regular season, playing time is a function of ability and practice time commitment. It is up to the All-Star manager and staff to determine each players playing time. Unlike the regular season, the emphasis in All-Stars, especially the Gold team, is winning games.

Q: What happens if a selected All-Star player decides to leave the team?

A: A player shall remain committed to their All-Star team for the duration of the All-Star season. In the event that a player departs their All-Star team without cause, as determined by the Board, the parent(s) and player are subject to disciplinary action by the TOGSA Board.

Q: Can a player who "played up" during the rec ball season play up during all-stars?

A: All players who "play up" during the regular rec ball season are eligible for the All-Star team in their age-eligible division only. No player shall play up for All-Stars.

Q: Can a player who "played down" during the rec ball season play down during All-Stars?

A: All players who "play down" during the regular rec ball season are eligible for the All-Star team in their age-eligible division only. Under no circumstance will a player be allowed to play down for All-Stars.

For more information on the All-Star process, please download the <u>TOGSA Operating Procedures</u> and review the Section VIV: All-Star Rules & Regulations.