

## 2025 EGSL ALL STAR RULES

### All Star Committees for Each Division

- Will be comprised of two division directors, an additional voting board member (with no ties to the division) and an Executive Board member (non-voting and with no ties to the division) to provide oversight.

- Will make a commitment to watch as many games and practices during the season in order to have the best knowledge for voting on the All Star Coaches and with selecting the All Star teams.

Will request coaches to submit their interest in being chosen the All Star coach by April 15, 2024. Once those names are received the All Star Committee may schedule interviews with all prospective coaches and present them to the EGSL Board of Directors for approval prior to the coach selection meeting. Approved potential coaches will be publicized to the league in general prior to tryouts.

Will coordinate the player invitation meeting, coach selection meeting (voting), evaluation day and player placement.

- · **Coach Selection**

#### Requirements for All Star Coaches

- To have been an active coach in good standing in the Escondido Girls Softball League
- To have submitted a request to coach a team to their Division Director
- To accept EGSL guidelines for managing an All Star team and sign the Coach Code of Conduct
- To complete all training (ACE Certification for teams playing in Districts) per USA Softball
- Interview with All Star Committee
- Manage all practices and games for the team
- Responsible for all team communication
- Coordination and overall approval of team expenses
- Must be present at 100% of tournaments (including Districts, State, Regional and Nationals); illness or religion related activities to be exceptions. Any additional exceptions must be made with the members of the selection committee in advance. Failure to meet these obligations will be grounds for removal as a coach.

- Will not be a rostered coach on more than one All Star team without board approval
  - Any coaching staff member may be disciplined by the Disciplinary Committee according to the Coaches Code of Conduct.
  - Only rostered coaches will be allowed to coach an All Star team and any exceptions require Board approval
- 1) The All Star Committee will meet with the head coaches from each team to invite potential All Star players and vote on the All Star coaches. All All Star committee members are required to see a minimum of 5 games in person.
  - 2) Each team's head coach will vote for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice from the coach candidates. Each first place vote will count for three points, each second place vote will count for two points and each third place vote will count for one point. The team voting will count for 50% of the coach selection.
  - 3) If there are less than three candidates the head coaches will only vote for one.
  - 4) The All Star Committee will vote in the same manner as the teams (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice). Points will be weighted so that the team and committee votes are weighted equally. (For example, if there are 3 Committee members and 6 teams in the division, Committee votes will count 2 times as much as the coach votes.
  - 5) After the vote the non-voting Executive Board member (with no ties to the division) will tabulate the votes and announce the top three but not the order. The votes will be placed in sealed envelopes and counted in front of the All Star Selection Committee after the teams have been selected. If there is a tie, the All Star Committee will break the tie.

## Teams

The number of All Star teams in each division will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

- 1) The League will pay for a predetermined number of tournaments. The All Star teams wishing to participate in additional tournaments will be responsible for their own entry fees. The EGSL Tournament Director must approve all tournaments attended by ESGSL teams and payment must be submitted by the EGSL Finance Director.
- 2) All money raised for All Stars must go through the EGSL banking account. All outgoing monies must go through the EGSL banking account.

## Player Eligibility

### 1) Blocking a coach in spring/ blocking a coach in All Stars

A.) If a player blocked a coach in the spring season and is nominated for all stars, once the player accepts the nomination they must fill out a form before tryouts stating the following...

-If I make an all star team and get put on the team of the coach I blocked in spring, I would still like to play all stars with said coach.

OR

-If I make an all star team and get put on the team of the coach I blocked in the spring, I would like to be removed from that team and not participate in that all star season.

B. Players will still be eligible to play the following All Star season as long as they filled out the form must be done before All Star tryouts.

2) A player MUST BE available 100% for District, State, National and Regional Tournaments.

3) A player who misses Districts, State, Regionals or Nationals will be considered as quitting the team (see Rule 5).

4) A player must be able to play in 75% of all tournaments to be selected to play on a team; illness, school or religiously related activities to be exceptions.

5) Any player who quits the team for reasons other than injury or illness will not be eligible for All Stars the following All Star season and cannot be reinstated during that same season.

6) A coach who has received 3 or more forms of players requesting to not be placed on his or her team the following actions will be taken....

-If a coach wins the votes for a team but has 3 or more forms of players requesting to not be placed on his or her team, the all star committee will validate these forms by confirming player blocked said coach in spring and they will validate any complaints or disciplinary issues concerning this coach that was brought to the division directors involving said coach and players. If there is no evidence of the above concerns then the coach will be eligible to coach the all star team. If there is evidence of the above concerns then the all star committee and executive board will take action to solve the problem at their discretion.

7) Failing to inform all star committees about potential missed days during the all star season and requesting time off after being placed on a team that does not involve illness or family death will result in a possible penalty of not being considered for the next all star season. This rule is here to protect teams and coaches who have dedicated their time and summer to the all star season.

8.) If you play up in a division for spring rec season, you MUST declare by March 31st. Which age division you are trying out for in all stars. If you do not make the all star team in the division that was declared, you may not try out for the other division.

9.) A team shall not have more than 4 players who played with a travel ball team after January 1 of the current season.

Note: This applies to All-Star Teams only and is limited to four (4) players per division within the league. This team shall be classified "B"

Note: Travel type team is defined as any team that is not part of the players' approved Recreational League Team of League Select Team.

Suggested add: if an all star team is having issue to where the executive board has to step in, a player should be allowed to leave the team without penalty.

## Player Selection

1) The All Star invitational meeting will be held prior to closing day. The All Star nominating committee will consist of the head coaches from each team in the division along with the division directors and the pre-selected committee members as identified in Rule #1 of the coach's section. All players nominated from the meeting will be invited to evaluations.

2) The head coach will nominate players from their teams. Any All Star nominating committee member or coaches from the respective division may nominate players from any team. Coaches must provide a list of players who are not interested in All Stars prior to the nomination meeting.

3) The head coaches from each team will list who they believe are the "Top 4" girls playing in the division. The coaches cannot vote for more than 2 players on their team as one of the top four girls. The All Star Committee members will also cast a ballot for who they believe the top four players are in the division. The ballots will all be put in a sealed envelope until the selection meeting where the overall top four players will automatically be placed on the Gold team. If a division has 2 teams, coaches can vote for players on either team.

4) The All Star Selection Committee will be composed of the All Star Committee for that division plus the final potential coaches based upon the number of All Star teams for that division. (Ex: If one team 2 coaches, if 2 teams 3 coaches, 3 teams 4 coaches) The selection committee will place the final eight players on the Gold team, all 12 players on the Silver team and all 12 players on the Bronze team (if applicable).

- 5) Players will be selected by but not limited to athletic ability, commitment, leadership, citizenship and sportsmanship as viewed both at the evaluation as well as throughout the Spring Season.
- 6) Each player will be given equal opportunity to showcase her skills and talents during the All Star tryouts.
- 7) Each player will be given equal opportunity to showcase both offensive and defensive skills during the evaluation.
- 8) Selection will be determined based on all available information in forming teams including experience, skills, positions played, strength and balance of All Star teams, behavior of the player and the player's family.
- 9) The members of the All Star Selection Committee will be required to rate all players at tryouts according to the criteria listed in Paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section. Selection committee members are encouraged to consider the entire season as well as the evaluation session when rating players. Division Directors may contact head coaches for additional input on specific players. Each member of the Selection Committee will have input into selecting the All Star teams.
- 10) Prior to tryouts parents will be asked to notify the Division Director of any prior commitments or vacations that would affect the player's ability to attend practices and tournaments. This information will be considered during the player selection process.
- 11) The coaches on the selection committee will step out of the room during the initial discussion and placement of their daughter.
- 12) Teams will be posted on the EGSL website on the date that is determined to allow enough time for the All Star Selection Committees to finish their process.
- 13) If any team qualifies for State, Regionals or Nationals and chooses to add a player(s), the potential player must be a registered EGSL All Star player and should be submitted to the division directors for approval.

### **Player and Parent Rules**

It is essential that the EGSL Player and Parent Rules be followed in order to develop a cohesive team and competitive players. It is critical that parents support all players and their coaches and never let the player think that her team cannot win or that the coach can't coach. A player who has no confidence in her team or coach cannot learn to win or lose as a team and will not learn from a coach being undermined by a parent. The coach's job is to teach players how to improve their skills and compete to win in a very competitive tournament environment. This is achieved by setting individual and team goals, team building exercises, development of a positive and competitive attitude and teaching players that dedication and hard work will yield desired results.

## Player Rules

- Attend all practices and games on time
- Accept whatever role the Coach gives you
- Be willing to play positions that are unfamiliar
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and support your teammates
- Accept that the team is more important than the player
- Uphold our League's reputation by demonstrating good sportsmanship before, during and after games – win or lose.
- Follow the EGSL Code of Conduct

## Parent Rules

- Support your coaches regardless of personal feelings
- Consider the team's success as a success for your daughter and a rewarding experience
- Avoid the tunnel vision focus on your own daughter and look instead at the whole team
- Will not approach coaches during practices, warm-ups or games. Any concerns will be addressed off the field at a mutually agreed upon time. Parents will be suspended from participating in any events for failing to adhere to this policy.
- Parents and players are required to participate in fundraising events.
- Uphold our League's reputation by demonstrating good sportsmanship before, during and after games – win or lose
- EGSL Parent Code of Conduct

A player or parent may be removed from the All Star program for the current season and possibly future seasons for failure to abide by the rules listed above.

## Playing Rules

- 1) If a team is affected by injuries, or a player leaves the team, the All Star Selection Committee will determine if a player is to be brought up from the Silver team in the same division. The All Star Selection committee will determine a replacement player from the same division to fill the spot on the Silver team if necessary. Once a player is added she will play the remainder of the tournament season.
- 2) All players must play a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of each tournament except for USA Districts, States, Regional and National Tournaments. The 50% playing time can be achieved in pool play only at the coaches' discretion. (Example: If a player plays in 2 pool play games they could sit out 2 bracket games and would still have played 50% of the tournament).
- 3) For Designated Players (DP) or Extra Player (EP) who bat but do not play a fielding position, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning batting will count as a full inning. For "Flex" players who field but do not bat, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inning fielding will count as a full inning. If a team bats everyone in the lineup (bat around) they will be considered to have played the entire game.