

YCGS All-Star 2025 Commitment Letter

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 YCGS All-Star Program. The following information applies to our 2025 season which will run from May 1 to possibly the end of July.

In order to be eligible for the 2025 All-Star season:

- Player **MUST** be registered for the YCGS Spring 2025 recreational season and have participated in at least 75% of the regular spring recreational season, including games and practices.
- Player **MAY NOT** have been involved with ANY travel ball team after March 31 of the current year.
NOTE: participation includes, but is not limited to, try-outs, practices, games of any type, tournaments, workouts, and/or clinics affiliated in any way with travel ball teams.
- Any participation in travel ball from January 1 of the current year must be disclosed to the league prior to all-star tryouts.
- All-Star players may **NOT** participate in any other softball programs after March 31, 2025 (other than YCGS recreational team) and for the duration of the All Star season.
- All-Star teams shall not have more than four players who have participated in travel ball at any time after January 1st of the current year.
- Every participant (including parents/guardians) must be in good standing with the YCGS league.
- Every participant is expected to abide by the YCGS and USA Softball code of conduct at all times, both on AND off the field.
- Parents, family members, friends, and players must always conduct themselves in a respectful manner and not create any unnecessary drama or participate in “bad-mouthing” of any player, team, league, or tournament staff, including umpires! This includes, but is not limited to, any negative posts on social media or other public form. We are representing not only our league, but the cities of Yucaipa and Calimesa, and ALL participants are expected to help uphold a positive reputation.
- Players must remain in good academic standing during the All-Star season and may not be failing any classes or subjects.

Selection Process:

All-Star Managers: To be considered for an All-Star Manager position, you must be a registered volunteer for the current Spring season AND must be in GOOD standing with the league. Each potential candidate must fill out and submit an All-Star Manager Application no later than April 24, 2025. Applications must be emailed to both ycgscompetitiverrep@gmail.com and president@ycasa.com.

Players: To be considered for an All-Star team, all interested players must attend the All-Star tryout for their **USA softball determined age division**. This age division is based on the player’s age on SEPTEMBER 1, 2024. Playing up in the division above your USA softball determined division may be considered and evaluated on a case-by-case basis and will be decided on by the league’s competitive representative and president. Priority is always given to the younger division All-Star team. If desiring to play up, a request must be emailed to the league competitive representative at least one week prior to tryouts (ycgscompetitiverrep@gmail.com). Per USA Softball, all-star teams shall not have more than four (4) players who have participated in travel type ball at any time after January 1 of the current year.

Try-outs: All-Star tryouts are open to all current YCGS 2025 Spring registered players. Not every player who participates in tryouts is guaranteed to make an All-Star team. Tryouts for each division will be run by managers

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with support from the YCGS board. Managers will not participate in their division's tryout but will be present to evaluate and can instruct on how the tryout will be run. It is our goal in All-Stars to form a highly competitive team for each division. That being said, several factors are taken into consideration when forming a competitive team, including the level of talent within each division, potential pitchers/catchers, available coaching staff, etc. If it is determined that any of these factors are lacking, it is up to the league president and competitive representative to determine if an all-star team will be formed for any one division.

Managers will submit their final All-Star roster for approval no later than May 2, 2025. The final roster must be approved by the league president along with the league competitive representative. The roster will then be presented to the YCGS Board for final approval. Once approval from the Board is obtained, chosen players will be contacted by email.

Time Commitment: The all-star program requires a much bigger commitment than a normal spring season. As a member of the team, each parent/guardian and player must recognize the commitment involved and accept the requirements of such commitment. As a participant in the all-star program, parents/guardians, players, managers, coaches and spectators must agree to the following:

- Players/parents/guardians are expected to attend all practices, games, tournaments, team bonding, and fundraising events.
- Players/parents/guardians are expected to participate in all fundraising.
- Players/parents/guardians must engage in open communication with the all-star manager throughout the season and monitor all means of team communication, including but not limited to GroupMe, text messages, etc.

Season: YCGS's All-Star season begins May 1 and runs through the end of July (season may end sooner depending on how well our teams do). Our league is scheduled to play in tournaments almost every weekend. Tournaments may sometimes begin on Fridays, continue through the weekend and sometimes end of Mondays (Memorial Day). Each tournament is (usually) at least three games guaranteed. Players should expect to play multiple games a day. Tournament play is VERY DIFFERENT from recreational league play. Participants can expect rule differences including not requiring all players to bat/play, intense competition, and a **STRONG** focus on winning. Players can also expect to practice up to 3-5 days a week for two hours or more each day. Practice days and times are decided by the team's manager. Practices are expected to begin the week of May 4.

We understand emergencies and illness happen. Any absences must be discussed with the manager in advance. No unexcused absences are allowed. Players are subject to removal from the team following any unexcused absence (NO REFUNDS,) and their future competitive eligibility (Select/All-Stars) may be jeopardized.

Financial Commitment:

The estimated all-star registration cost for each player is expected to be from \$450-\$550; this includes uniforms, equipment bags, helmets, field time, and some tournaments. Players may choose to submit the full payment themselves or search for a sponsorship to help cover part of the cost. Parents/guardians are encouraged to seek sponsors. Sponsor forms are available and include tax information. Participation by all players in fundraising is also mandatory to help cover any additional costs of tournaments.

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Participation in the All-Star program involves travel throughout Southern California. Should you be selected to participate on an All-Star team, parents/guardians must accept the responsibility of said travel and will be responsible for all expenses incurred by travel including but not limited to meals, overnight accommodations, gas, parking fees, etc. Other possible fees may include extra equipment, extra apparel, and extra tournament fees. If teams qualify for State or National Championships, the YCGS league will pay for those tournament registration fees.

Player numbers will be assigned by the team manager. Each player will be asked for three choices with their first choice being granted so long as there are no duplicate requests for the same number.

It is a **PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT**, to participate on a YCGS All-Star team. Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy and proper conduct at all times is mandatory. This applies to all players, coaches, parents/guardians, and fans. All participants shall follow the Code of Conduct (found on the YCASA.com website), which applies to all team events (practices, games, tournaments, parties, etc.). All participants are also expected to follow all rules set forth by all tournaments in which our league participates in. **Alcohol is not allowed at any All-Star event including practices, games, tournaments, fundraising, etc.** Failure to comply with the code of conduct or any tournament rules may result in immediate dismissal from the All-Star program and team (NO REFUNDS).

Players are expected to play fair and strive to win while maintaining a positive and motivational attitude. Players are expected to be respectful towards all players, coaches, parents, officials, umpires, fans, etc. A player's position on the field and in the batting order (**IF ANY**) will be earned through hard work, skills, ability, a positive attitude, and the specific needs of the team in each game situation, as determined by the manager and coaches of the team. Players are expected to be a part of the team at all times, attending all practices and games, regardless of their playing time. Parents/families are expected to also support the team and coaching staff at all times regardless of their player's playing time.

Tentative Tournament Schedule:

May 16-18: Lake Elsinore Battle at the Lake Tournament
May 23-26: San Dieguito Softball by the Sea Memorial Day Tournament
May 30-June 1: South Huntington Beach Surf City Classic All-Star Tournament
June 13-15: Eastern C District Tournament (usually held in Beaumont)
June 20-22: Eastern B District Tournament (usually held in Rialto)

Depending on how teams do at District, the following tournaments are possible:

June 26-29: C District State Tournament (usually held in Palmdale/Lancaster)
July 3-6: B District State Tournament (Palmdale/Lancaster)
July 18-20: C District Regional Tournament (usually held in San Diego)

**IF YOU CANNOT COMMIT TO ALL OF THE ABOVE TOURNAMENTS,
THE ALL-STAR PROGRAM IS NOT FOR YOU.**

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2025 All Star Commitment Form

Upon selection to a YCGS 2025 All-Star team, players and parent/guardian must be able to commit and agree to the following:

- ◆ Provide a copy of a legal certified birth certificate proving they are age eligible.
- ◆ Be available to play from May 1 through the end of July.
- ◆ Be able to participate in **ALL** team activities, events, practices, and fundraising.
- ◆ Attend all tournaments scheduled during the all-star season
- ◆ Agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics set forth by YCGS League and USA Softball, and to abide by all rules set forth by all tournaments.
 - Any violations of said Code of Conduct/Ethics or any tournament rules by any player/parent/guardian/family/friends is grounds for removal from the team, NO REFUNDS.
- ◆ Pay registration cost of \$450-\$550 (\$300 due by 5/4/25 for uniforms and bags/helmets to be ordered). Registration cost is non-refundable once uniforms/equipment has been ordered.
- ◆ There is NO GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME! Understand that the managers/coaches have the final say on playing time and positions.

Player Name _____ Player date of birth _____

Player's age on 9/1/2024 _____

Current Division & Team name _____

Are there any dates that your player is not available this summer (circle one) YES or NO

If "YES" please elaborate on when and why you will be missing: _____

Have you participated on a travel type team or any travel ball activities (clinics, practices, etc.) after January 1 of this year? Circle one: YES or NO

If "YES" please note Team Name and dates participated along with explanation:

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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE INFORMATION AND TERMS SET FORTH ON PAGES 1-5 OF THIS DOCUMENT. BY SIGNING BELOW, I CONFIRM THAT MY PLAYER, IF CHOSEN FOR THE ALL-STAR TEAM, AND OUR FAMILY CAN FULFILL THE COMMITMENT TO THE YCGS ALL-STAR PROGRAM AND TEAM. I CERTIFY ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM TO BE TRUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT SIGNING THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE MY PLAYER WILL BE SELECTED FOR AN ALL-STAR TEAM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SIGNING THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SPECIFIC POSITION AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE ANY AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME ON AN ALL-STAR TEAM.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME PRINTED: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

Our **TENTATIVE** date for tryouts is Friday, May 2nd on the Main Field

8u: 4-5:30pm

10u: 5:30-7pm

12u: 7-8:30 pm

HS division 8:30-10pm

Players must arrive **at least 30 min prior** to tryouts for check in, uniform sizing, and warm ups.

Please note: uniform sizing can take extra time depending on the number of players, so please plan accordingly.

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