



All Star Tryout Information for Parents & Guardians



What is All-Stars?

The All Star program is a competitive program and completely separate from our recreational program and therefore some clarification is needed. The recreational portion of our season is about instruction, learning the rules of the game, opportunities for every girl to play multiple positions, having fun, whereas All Stars is about developing advanced skills, competing against the top teams and instilling a winning attitude. Some players thrive in this environment; while other players (and their parents) do not. The All-Star team represents the "best of the best" from WYSA in their age division. These girls represent The City of Walnut and show other cities what we have to offer! It is a huge commitment that involves several practices a week and tournaments during the weekend for most of May, June and July.

When is All-Stars?

The All-Star season is after the regular season playoffs. Tryouts usually take place in early May. Practices are much more frequent than the regular season and are determined by the All-Star coaches. In the upper divisions (8U-14U), practices can range from four to six times per week with tournaments during the weekends. The length of the season varies but usually lasts between May-June-July-August. Dependent on how well teams do, the season can continue into early fall.

Who Can Be an All-Star?

Anyone and everyone who has played in the regular WYSA season of that year is welcome to participate in tryouts. *Any player that was approved to play up in age during the regular season will be allowed to try out for both the age group in which they are currently playing and their actual age group. They will be evaluated by each group at All-Star try-outs. Scores will then be evaluated by the WYSA Board and a decision will be made as to which team that player will have a greater impact on.

1. All managers in a player's division are present at the try-out. Each player is graded on their fielding, catching, throwing, batting and running by each manager. The process is similar to that followed at tryouts when entering a new division for the regular season. The difference is that not every player will be selected for a team. Managers are not permitted to grade players on their own team.
2. Managers are instructed to consider their knowledge of a player's ability demonstrated during the regular season when grading a player at tryouts.
A PLAYER'S GRADING IS NOT SOLELY BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE TRYOUT.
3. Girls selected for an All Star team will be notified within one week of the tryout.

4. You and your daughter must understand that playing time is not guaranteed, it is earned. All-Stars do not have a minimum playing requirement. Girls will be played where their coaches feel they will best serve the team.
5. Each player's family will be expected to assist in staffing the Snack Bar during Memorial Weekend tournament hosted by WYSA.
6. Any questions or concerns regarding All Stars can be directed to any Executive Board Member.

Where do they play?

TOURNAMENTS - Tournaments are usually in the surrounding Area but depending on how well each team performs, further travel may be involved. In these instances, the team may coordinate fundraising to offset the costs.

Why All-Stars?

The All-Star program is intended to support the player that has a passion for softball and strives to improve her skills post-season.

General Process:

1. Attend tryouts.
2. Make the team! (You will be informed when results are publicly posted.)
3. Attend practices as directed by your All Star Coach.
4. Pay associated fees and sign commitment letter.
5. Attend all tournaments and improve your game while representing Walnut!

*In order to be eligible to play up a division for All-Stars the player must try-out in both divisions. Final team Placement will be decided by the WYSA board.