



Orange Canyon Girls Softball



All-star Policy 2024

I. Objective:

- A. To establish policy and procedures to field All-star team(s) in the 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions.
- B. Our All-star teams should represent OCGSL respectfully and positively as a united league exemplifying our mission to play softball in a competitive and fun environment. Our All-star teams include all board members, managers, coaches, players, parents, family members, and other individuals affiliated with OCGSL.

II. Eligibility Requirements for All-stars:

- A. An All-Star Team contract to participate on a team should be completed by [April 28th, 2024](#).
- B. Players must have played in at least 75% of the current season (per USA Softball Rules).
- C. Players must have dropped from travel team rosters and travel ball team participation by [March 31st, 2024](#) (per USA Softball).
- D. Players may participate in league select programs up to [April 7nd, 2024](#) (per USA Softball).
- E. All star teams may not be formed until May 1st 2024.
- F. All star practices cant start until May 5th, 2024.
- G. Players must commit to attending all tournament games and practices unless approved by the All-Star committee, OCGSL Board of Directors, and/or VP of Player support.
- H. Players may either play in the same division as played during the regular season or, if their birthday qualifies for a lower division, may play in the lower division with appropriate eligibility.
- I. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers must agree to pay All-Star fees determined by the OCGSL Board of Directors. All-Star fees must be paid in full before the first tournament or the player will be held out of all games until the fees are paid.
- J. Players will be assessed by members of the OCGSL Board of Directors (minimum of 3 board members). It will be OCGSL's goal to utilize board members without eligible daughters in a respective division to be part of the assessment process.
- K. Any exceptions to the eligibility requirements will be reviewed by the OCGSL Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

III. All-star Teams:

- A. Participation in the All-Star team's selection process is open to 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U Divisions.
- B. VP of Player Support will survey the participating managers/coaches for recommendations as to the number of All-Star teams to be fielded from that Division.
- C. The OCGSL Board of Directors shall decide how many All-Star teams to field on the recommendations of the VP of Player Support, Managers/Coaches as well as the league's ability to commit financially to all the All-Star teams.
- D. Each team shall consist of up to twelve (12) players unless the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors votes to increase the number of players on a team during the All-star team selection.
- E. In the event an issue arises and/or incident occurs with a team player, coach, and/or parent, the manager is required to submit a written report to the VP of Player Support within 24 hours for further review. In the event the manager requests suspension/expulsion of a coach, player, and/or parent, a third-party committee made up of the OCGSL Board of Directors will convene to hear the issue and decide whether to forward the matter to the overall OCGSL Board of Directors for a vote. If the player, coach, and/or parent is suspended/expelled, that party may appeal the decision to the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors.

- F.** In the event an issue arises and/or incident occurs with the team manager, the reporting individual is required to submit a written report to the VP of Player Support within 24 hours for further review. In the event the reporting
- G.** individual requests suspension/expulsion of a manager, a third-party committee made up of the OCGSL Board of Directors will convene to hear the issue and decide whether to forward the matter to the overall OCGSL Board of Directors for a vote. If the manager is suspended/expelled, that party may appeal the decision to the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors. If the appeal is unsuccessful, one of the coaches or parents on the All-Star team will need to be appointed by the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors.

IV. All-star Player Nomination Procedures:

- A.** All-Star interest forms shall be submitted and returned to the VP of player support at playersupport@ocgsl.org no later than **April 28th, 2024**, as allowed by USA Softball Rules.
- B.** All parents of players that returned their All-star interest forms will be evaluated by the members of the OCGSL Board of Directors at an All-Star evaluation event at a date to be determined. The Board of Directors that will be doing the evaluation will have no interest in that age division to make sure Girls are Evaluated fairly.
- C.** Once all the Parent Player contracts are submitted and the deadline passes, a list of the interested players will be sent out to all managers. Managers will then Rank all players from 1 through 12. This is only to help with what they have seen throughout the year.

V. Team Selection Process

- A.** All-Star player selection shall be focused on the players that had completed All-star interest forms submitted before the deadline, attended the evaluation (if applicable) or approved by the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- B.** The OCGSL Board of Directors will place up to 6 players on each team primarily based on rankings completed by the members of the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- C.** Each All-star team manager will be selected utilizing the process outlined in section VI and each All-star team manager will then add up to 6 players to finalize the awarded All-Star team. Additional players must follow the applicable selection process outlined in section V.A. Any exceptions must be approved by the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- D.** The procedures listed in steps 5A through 5D will be repeated for all divisions starting with the oldest division moving to the youngest division by age.
- E.** The OCGSL Board of Directors has the final determination on the formation and roster of the All-star teams to ensure our league is represented well. The OCGSL Executive Board of Directors will conduct a final vote to finalize and approve all the All-star teams.
- F.** Once the final vote is completed by the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors, the team managers may notify their approved team members, starting with (B) Gold, then (C) Silver, and finally (C) Bronze teams if applicable within a division starting from the oldest division moving to the youngest division by age.
- G.** If it is determined that a player is no longer eligible or physically able to play softball on their approved team, the team manager may fill that position with any player nominated for All-Stars including players from a lower team. If the alternate player is playing on another OCGSL All-Star team, that player will have the option to move up to that requested team or stay with their current team pending OCGSL Board of Directors approval.
- H.** If a player leaves their All-star team for any reason not approved by the OCGSL Board of Directors, the player may become ineligible for next year's All-Star consideration. Any ineligibility ruling may be appealed to the OCGSL Executive Board of Directors by the parents or guardian of the impacted player.

VI. All-Star Manager Selection:

- A.** All Requests for All-star team manager/coaching positions must be turned into the board member responsible for player support playersupport@ocgsl.org by **April 23rd, 2024**. An All-star team manager may not be chosen until after **April 24th, 2024**.
- B.** The All-star team manager will be selected from a list of division managers and/or head coaches who submit an All-star manager/coaching application and are willing to put in the time and effort required by the position.

- C.** Only division managers/head coaches shall be eligible for selection for All-star teams. If there are no division managers applying for the team manager position of a Gold team by the deadline, then coaches will become eligible to apply.
- D.** All-star team managers and coaches are responsible to take all training required by USA Softball by any established deadline or their eligibility to be the team manager or coach of an All-star can be revoked.
- E.** Factors to consider in the All-star team manager/coaching selection process may include the following:
 1. Previous experience managing or coaching in sports (with a focus on youth sports).
 2. How the coach interacts with the players, parents, other coaches, and umpires.
 3. Any documented problems the coach has had with players, parents, other coaches, umpires, and the OCGSL Board of Directors.
 4. Ability to positively represent the league in district and tournament play.
 5. Additional criteria may be utilized as determined appropriately.
- F.** All applicants may be asked to interview for the All-star team manager role with the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- G.** The voting for the All-star team manager will be completed utilizing a closed ballot involving the current Board of Directors that doesn't have an interest in that division (i.e. their child doesn't play in that division)
- H.** After all voting is completed, the OCGSL Board of Directors will review and compile the results to determine who will be offered the All-star team manager of the All-star teams starting with B (Gold), then C (Silver), and then C (Bronze) if applicable with each respective division started from the oldest to the youngest division.
- I.** If an OCGSL Board of Directors member is in that said division and has filled out an All-star manager application, that board member will be asked to be dismissed from the review and compilation of voting results for the All-star team manager.
- J.** The OCGSL Board of Directors has the final determination of the All-star team managers and coaches to ensure our league is represented well. The OCGSL Executive Board of Directors will conduct a final vote to finalize and approve all the All-star team managers and coaches.
- K.** All-Star managers will not be notified until after the (6) placed players by the board of directors has been announced.
- L.** The manager will be selected after all age divisions evaluations.

VII. All-star Costs:

- A.** An All-star fee will be determined by the OCGSL Board of Directors and communicated to all All-star parents or guardians of a selected All-star player for participation in All-Stars. This fee involves costs for the tournaments and player equipment and must be paid to OCGSL directly.
- B.** All-star teams may determine additional costs for extra tournaments, umpire fees for scrimmages, team parties, additional team apparel, etc. that will not involve payment to OCGSL. Any concerns related to these costs should be directed to the team manager. If there are any complaints, please contact the OCGSL Board of Directors.
- C.** Additional costs may occur with the All-Star's program which may include commuting, lodging, meals, etc. In the event a team qualifies for States, Regionals, and/or Nationals, there may be further costs such as car rental, lodging, and airfare, depending on where the event is being held. These expenses are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian and will not be reimbursed by OCGSL. Your Submittal of the Player contract confirms your commitment to anticipate and pay for these additional costs. If you cannot afford these costs, please reach out to your team manager or the OCGSL Board of Directors in advance of any further participation with the All-star team

