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2026 Navajo All-Stars What to Expect

What is All-Stars?

- **Represent Navajo in competing against the best teams in the San Diego area and greater Southern California region**
- **Highly competitive season different than rec and even Select**
- **Whereas the focus of Select is to provide higher level player development during the rec season, All-Stars pits Navajo's top talent against other leagues' top talent**
- **It is a huge time commitment, but players improve rapidly by facing top competition and will form strong bonds and memories for life!**

What is the time commitment?

- **Season runs from May 1st through June, potentially July**
- **Practices: 10U and 12U typically practice 3-4 days/week; 8U 2-3 days/week**
- **Tournaments every weekend; pool play begins Fri/Sat, bracket play Sun**
- **If you plan on missing tournaments, we recommend not playing All-Stars – that roster spot could be taken by a dedicated player that can commit to the time**
- **Your life will be consumed by softball for 2 months, but the players will always remember All-Stars and greatly improve!**

What are the expenses?

- **Last year's registration was \$375; expect a slight increase this year**
- **This covers uniform package and entry to all tournaments**
- **Actual cost is double this amount, but the league covers half**
- **Expect additional expenses like swag, optional gear (helmets, jacket), and other unique things your team decides to do**
- **If your team qualifies for the state championship, you will travel to Irvine or Lancaster in late June/early July**
- **If your team qualifies for the national championship, you may travel out of state**

I heard the uniforms are cool! How do I know what size my child needs?

- **Uniform package includes 2 full sets of uniforms – 2 tops, 2 pants, 2 pairs of socks**
- **Cost is included in the registration fee (once selected to a team)**
- **We use Bellalete Softball Beltloop Pants with Bellalete Fundamental Jersey tops; the jersey is just about the same style we have used for Select and spring rec, so sizing of tops will be similar**
- **We will have a try-on tent at evals on May 1 where girls can try on pants and tops, then indicate their size to the check-in staff if not already indicated on their application/commitment form**
- **Helmets and All-Star purple satin jackets are optional and not included in the uniform package but can be purchased separately**
- **Belts and extra socks, if needed, are purchased separately**

How are managers selected?

- **Must be a Navajo manager or coach this current season**
- **Should have competitive softball coaching experience**
- **Application period will be April 24-29. Interested applicants can apply via Google form link on the All-Stars page on our website:**
 - <https://navajosoftball.com/content/39/All-Stars>
- **Managers will declare whether they are applying for the Gold team only, Silver only, Gold/Silver, etc.**
- **Managers will be voted upon by the rec managers in each division**
- **Manager vote will be held electronically on April 30**
- **Manager selection announcements will be the evening of April 30**

How many All-Star teams will we have?

- **12U – 1 team (Gold/Silver)**
- **10U – 3 teams (Gold, Silver, Bronze)**
- **8U – 2 teams (Gold, Silver)**
- **A number of factors play into this:**
 - **Assessed overall talent during rec season, particularly pitchers/catchers**
 - **Number of Select teams and their performance**
 - **Reviewed results from last All-Star season and how younger teams carry over to this year**
 - **Considered impact of classification and realities of talent/experience**
 - **Maximize the most players making an All-Star team without compromising competitiveness and their overall experience**

Is my player eligible?

- **Having played Select is not a requirement!**
- **Must have played in 75% of rec games this season**
- **Cannot have played travel ball after March 31**
- **Must submit player application and player/parent commitment form within submission period of April 1-22; apply via Google form link on the All-Stars page on our website:**
 - <https://navajosoftball.com/content/39/All-Stars>
- **Attend evaluations on Friday, May 1 at the lake fields**

How are players selected?

- **After evaluations, rec managers in each division will submit rankings of the top 9 players, multiplied by the number of All-Star teams**
 - E.g., 8U will have 2 teams, so 8U rec managers will rank the top 18 players
- **All ranked players will make an All-Star team**
- **The top 6 players automatically make the Gold team**
- **The Gold manager selects 3 players from any on the ranked list**
- **The Gold manager selects the final 3 players from any that attended evaluations**
- **Full roster = 12 players**
- **Process repeated for Silver and Bronze teams**

Any other things to know about team selection?

- **Rec managers are required, by Navajo rules, to attend All-Star evaluations and submit list of ranked players**
- **If a player declines an offer to play on an All-Star team, she will be prohibited from playing All-Stars the following year**
 - **Rare but has occurred when a player is upset for not making a certain team, e.g., making Silver instead of Gold**
 - **Or if you voluntarily quit or are removed from a team, violating your commitment agreement**
- **Team selections will be announced the evening of May 1**

Congrats, you made the team! Now what?

- **Saturday, May 2nd – Managers deliver yard signs and teams may hold their team slumber party that night!**
- **Sunday, May 3rd – All-Star family BBQ and little/big sister gift exchange at the lake fields**
- **Monday, May 4th – Practices begin**
- **Friday-Sunday, May 8-10 – First tournament (North Shore Coastal Classic)**

What is the tournament schedule?

- **May 8-10 – North Shore Coastal Classic**
- **May 15-17 – East County Corky Russell Classic**
- **May 21-24 – PQ Memorial Day Classic**
- **May 29-31 – Peninsula Cool Breeze**
- **June 5-7 – Poway Summer Heat**
- **June 12-14 – Navajo Summer Sizzle / C District Championship**
- **June 19-21 – B District Championship**
- **June 26-28 – C State Championship / Escondido Freedom**
- **July 1-3 – B State Championship**

Wait, we have our own tournament?

- **Yes we do, and we need all hands on deck to help run it!**
- **We will host our Navajo Summer Sizzle tournament at the lake fields on June 12-14**
- **Every All-Star family is expected to work a shift, whether it be manning the BBQ grill, field crew, check-in booth, selling swag, etc.**
- **This coincides with C Districts but families still need to find a time slot to help, so we can avoid loading all the work on the same few people**

Resources

- Refer to the Navajo Rules and Regulations available under the Resources tab on our website
 - <https://navajosoftball.com/downloads>
- All-Stars page on our website for forms/info:
 - <https://navajosoftball.com/content/39/All-Stars>
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