

POST SEASON TEAMS

All-Star Guidelines

1. Introduction:

- A. Post season All-Star teams are created from current spring season SAYS players within their respective age groups. Players that “played up” during the league season may drop down to try out for the All-Star team within their eligible age group.
- B. SAYS promotes all players selected as All-Stars to be treated as such and all be given a fair chance to play and succeed. It is strongly recommended that all players be included in play time.
- C. As SAYS is an USSSA sanctioned league, our All-Star teams are required to play in the USSSA State Championship tournament. SAYS will pay this entry fee in addition to the funds allocated to the team.
- D. All-Star season usually starts Memorial Day weekend and continue into the summer or the second weekend in August. Teams will not be permitted to continue to play past this point.
- E. SAYS supports one post season All-Star team for each league age group (6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, MIXED) unless otherwise approved by the board.
- F. All SAYS All-Star teams shall have the same style uniforms and basic equipment, and as such, these items shall be distributed and controlled by the league. This aids in promoting and identifying SAYS teams as they travel from park to park and helps control cost. If a team chooses to purchase additional uniforms, it must be from one of the Board pre-approved designs.

2. Financial and Equipment Policy:

- A. Families of selected All-Star players shall pay \$200.00 each to SAYS which will help defer cost. This does NOT pay for the uniform or bag which must be returned if a girl leaves the team for any reason.
- B. The league will supply a team equipment bag to each manager. All equipment issued must be checked back in at the end of the All-Star season.
- C. The league will pay up to \$1000.00 towards tournament entry & umpire fees. Each team manager will need to coordinate in advance with the league treasurer. All money that is not spent on team expenses will be credited to SAYS general league account. This includes any additional funds which were solicited for the team.
- D. Travel expenses will be the responsibility of the individual parents.
- E. All fundraising and sponsorship proceeds shall be deposited with the league and disbursed by the league treasurer.
- F. Each team manager will be responsible for keeping a ledger and all receipts of expenses, which are to be turned in to the treasurer at the end of each month of the All-Star season. To be eligible for reimbursement from the All-Star funds, all expenses must be pre-approved.

3. Manager Selection and Tryout Dates:

- A. Persons wishing to manage a SAYS All-Star team shall submit a written request to the select team commissioner prior to the 2nd Monday in April or a posted deadline. All request submitted on time will be reviewed in the selection process.
- B. Prospective managers should be a current SAYS participant. Team request shall include the following information: Number of seasons as a manager, potential assistant coaches, additional time volunteered during league events, history with players & parents, in current & past seasons, etc.
- C. The Select team Commissioner shall submit the names of the prospective managers for post season teams to the SAYS Board of Directors for final approval.
- D. Tryouts and announcement of player names are not permitted for post season teams prior to the 2nd Saturday in April; participation in tournaments is not permitted until completion of scheduled league games. League make-ups and play-offs shall also be accommodated. In no case may a post season team require a player to not fulfill her responsibilities to her league team. The Select Team Commissioner shall have the authority to suspend the manager of the team that violates these constraints, pending SAYS board investigation. Practices are permitted as long as they does not interfere with league ball.

4. Tryout Procedures and Player Selection:

- A. Managers will coordinate with the Select Team Commissioner to choose and post their tryout date which will be open to all spring season participants.
- B. Parents shall be able and willing to commit to the financial responsibilities and more intense practice and game schedule.
- C. Tryouts will give players an additional opportunity to showcase their skills. Managers shall rate players based on performance during league games as well as performance during tryouts. Managers shall also consider a prospective player's conduct, sportsmanship and overall player attitude. Each prospective player shall represent SAYS in a positive manner.
- D. The Select Team Commissioner shall seek assistance from Spring Stampede teams to help with tryouts if additional assistance is needed. Select Team or Board Members shall conduct the physical part of the tryout – hitting the balls, etc. – thereby freeing the All-Star Manager and others to evaluate the players.
- E. All-Star teams shall be selected by the All-Star coach and the other coaches in the age division. The managers shall rank players from 1 to the # of players that will be carried on the team. The list will be turned in to the commissioner (or acting board member for team selection) to be reviewed. Players that are ranked on every evaluator's list will be on the team. The roster will continue to be filled with players in order of those with the most votes. Commissioners will assist the manager in any final selection of players if ties are present. All-Star teams shall select between 11 and 13 players, 12 is recommended. This will be the official team roster.
- F. Should a manager need to pick up a player for a tournament due to an absence of original roster player(s), they should select a player that participated in tryouts. Any changes to a team's roster must be approved by the executive board of directors.

5. Expenditures:

A. Team party:

Team is allowed to have one team party at the end of the season, must have funds in team account and cannot be more than \$50 per player. This includes any and all year end awards, dinner and / or venue. (Alcohol is not allowed and shall not be present at any team function). All players attending party shall be part of updated All-Star roster provided to Select Team Commissioner and or VP of Athletics.

B. Travel:*

All travel requiring an overnight stay shall be approved by the SAYS Board of Directors two weeks prior to tournament. An All-Star team is allowed to travel at their expense (team funds) but limited as follows:

1. Hotel rooms cannot be more than \$200 per night and two night max stay.

C. Any overnight stay more than 2 nights or rooms higher than \$200 per night MUST be approved by the SAYS Board of Directors two weeks before tournament or the team will be required to pay out of pocket and request reimbursement from the team account. This is in case a team travels to the larger tournaments and all rooms are booked. Funds shall be reimbursed within 1 week of submitted receipts if approved. Receipts for reimbursement shall be sent to the SAYS Treasurer and Select Team Commissioner.

**Proof of participation in tournament for allocated stay must be provided, i.e. bracket and or receipt from tournament director.*

All-Star Manager Acceptance of All-Star Guidelines

All Star Manager: _____
Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Manager Signature: _____
Name: _____ Date: _____