



## **PSA SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME (SPRING SEASON ONLY)**

### **General Information**

Each Spring season, PSA provides an All-Star game experience for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through High School leagues after the regular season playoffs have completed. This is an exciting and memorable evening as the leagues recognize and celebrate these girls on their achievement in being named an All-Star! The games are intended to be friendly, competitive matches in a fun, relaxed, family atmosphere. The program will feature team programs, team introductions, national anthem, music, and t-shirts for all players.

### **How to Choose an All-Star Player**

The head coach from each team chooses the players they feel have earned a spot on the All-Star roster and will be representing their team for the All-Star game. We encourage coaches to emphasize the importance of not only skill, but other factors which make a player an All-Star, such as the players' character, sportsmanship, commitment level, effort/hard work, attitude, and leadership. Being an All-Star player encompasses several different traits which does not make this decision easy!

Although it is primarily up to the Head Coach to select their representatives for the All-Star game, we also suggest getting feedback from others such as assistant coaches, team managers, parents and teammates. Or, several teams have the players take a vote on who they believe will best represent their team!

### **Team Formation/Rosters/Coaches**

The All-Star game is a true collaborative effort. Two teams will be formed from each league based on team rankings at the end of the regular season. Each roster will consist of 15 players, and up to 4 coaches. The number of players from each team who will participate in the All-Star game will depend on the number of teams who participated in the league for the season. PSA will match up teams in the best manner possible in order to keep balanced competition. For coaches, the higher ranked team on the roster will provide the "official" head coach. Most coaching representatives are the head coach and the coach who pitches to the girls (for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade MKP), but this designation is completely up to each team and their preference.

Player and coach names will need to be emailed to the PSA Softball Sports Manager to be included in the program and to also to be announced at the start of the game. This can be a favorite part of the program where the girls hear their name over the speaker and line up on the foul lines after their name has been called.

### **Lineup/Positions**

After player names have been submitted, the All-Star coaches will receive these names in order to work together on creating the lineup and position assignments. We suggest when making the lineup, alternate players by team. For instance, Team 1 batter, Team 2 batter, Team 1 batter, Team 2 batter, etc. Also, the goal is for each girl to play their regular/favorite position in the field for at least 1 inning to prevent the same girls playing in the same positions throughout the game. This provides a great opportunity for the girls to try new positions and also develop an appreciation for positions they do not normally play. The pitching position should be alternated by team by inning as well. For 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade MKP, it is recommended to have the team's coach pitcher pitch to his/her team's batters. This provides consistency for the girls.

### **Other Volunteers Needed**

Each All-Star team will also need to provide an announcer, a scorekeeper and someone to run/manage the music/sound system. The names of these volunteers should be emailed to the Softball Sports Manager along with the player names.

### **Game Play**

The regular season league rules will apply for the All-Star game. For 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade MKP games, the game time will be 90 minutes instead of the usual 80. PSA umpires will call the games.

### **Uniforms**

A custom All-Star t-shirt will be provided for each player and coach. Players are to wear their normal uniform bottoms with the All-Star t-shirt.

**ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN WITH THE GIRLS!**

