

# **SAN CLEMENTE GIRLS SOFTBALL**

## **2010 ALL STAR GUIDELINES**

### **1.0 Objective:**

1.1 The objective is to establish an equitable system to select all star teams that will best represent SCGS in the end of the season tournaments and championship play (i.e. District Championships).

### **2.0 General:**

2.1 All star teams: All star teams will be selected in all age divisions except 6U. All age divisions will field one or more all star team(s), the number of players selected for each team will be between 10-12 players.

2.2 Player eligibility: Every player is eligible to be an all star within the division they are playing unless they are not age eligible for the division. ASA restrictions also apply for all star players who have participated in travel ball up until a certain date. Please refer to the "Yellow Book" with the latest ASA rules for the current calendar year.

2.3 "Play up" players: Specific players who were at the evaluations at the start of the Spring season who were evaluated by coaches in their age division to be worthy of playing up in age division. Those "play up" players may be nominated by either division, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

2.4 Head coach eligibility: All star head coach candidates can be made up of player parents who are head or assistant coaches in Spring 2010. Factors the board will consider include the following: 1. Experience as a coach. 2. How the coach interacts with players, parents, umpires and other coaches. 3. Any problems the coach has had with other coaches or umpires during the season. 4. That coach's ability to positively represent the league in tournaments. 5. A.C.E. Certification. 6. Coach performance evaluations.

### **3.0 Player & Coach Nomination Process:**

3.1 Player nominations: Head coaches will nominate as many players from their teams they deem qualified for potential selection for the all star team. Nominees will be candidates from their team whom they feel represent the highest skill level. In nominating the players, coaches should consider all abilities including hitting, fielding, and throwing as well as player and parent conduct and attitude. Specific skills in pitching and catching warrant special consideration and should be compared to players on other teams. All star player nominations are to be confidential, between only the head coach and the parent(s) of the nominated player.

3.2 Nomination process: On May 1<sup>st</sup> (not before May 1<sup>st</sup>), head coaches will notify (email & phone call) parents of All Star Nominees and ask them to review & sign the All Star Team Contract (password log-in on the SCGS.org website). In order to minimize the negative effect of being nominated but not selected, we ask that the coaches submit

only those names of players who have a realistic chance of making an all star team. Head coaches will also notify (via email) the other head coaches in their division (with a 'cc to league President & Vice President) of; 1) Their all star player nominees. 2) Their notification or nominee for head coach of their division's all star team. Any coach's concern or questions regarding players in their division who were not nominated should go through the President & Vice President.

3.3 All star player nominee support documentation: Each all star player nomination must also be accompanied by a 1-3 sentence write up of why the player was nominated along with accurate batting statistics for the 2010 season. Batting statistics in 8U should simply include each nominees' number of hits off opposing pitchers (not coach pitch hits) during the season. Batting statistics in all other divisions need to include, at a minimum; Batting Average, # of Strike Outs, # of Walks, and, number of multi-base hits (i.e. Doubles, Triples & HR's). Scoring "hits" via Errors & Fielder's Choice will be discussed within each division prior to the beginning of Spring season. Pitcher statistics are recommended but not required.

3.3 All star contract: Parents of the nominated players must fully understand and sign the all star team contract. By 9:00 am, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, all nominee parents must agree to the all star team contract. Those all star nominees who have agreed to the contract are now eligible for their 2010 all star teams.

## **4.0 All Star Team Selection process**

4.1 All Star player evaluation: On May 1<sup>st</sup>, after all the coaches have communicated their player nominations, by 6:00 p.m., all coaches will determine if an all star player evaluation will be necessary to determine the all star team(s). An all star evaluation (similar to player evaluations done at the beginning of the Spring season) is only needed when there is a high number of nominees. Head coaches in their age division will vote (via email with a 'cc to the Pres. & VP) if an all star evaluation is necessary, majority vote wins, tie breakers will be determined by the board.

4.2 All star selection meetings: The board will announce the date, time, and location of each division's all star team selection meeting (including all star player evaluation, if needed). All star team selection meeting times will be staggered so that board members are available to help facilitate all star selection meetings.

4.3 One representative: Head coaches must be present at the all star evaluation and/or selection meeting, if a head coach is not available, they may select one assistant coach from that team to take the place of the head coach. All information about all star player & coach nominees will be communicated to that assistant coach.

4.4 Evaluation begins: If there is an all star player evaluation, no discussion about all star teams or players will take place, the evaluation begins and notes & observations are collected by the coaches.

4.5 All star selections begin: With all all-star coach representatives present (and in possession of their; team Scorebook, nominee batting average information, and notes from the all star player evaluation), the meeting begins with a short round table

discussion and Q & A, about the nominees. At the appropriate time, an anonymous voting ballot will be cast by each head coach, selecting the top 10 All Star players. The votes are tallied by a Board member (who does not have a player in that age division). The top 10 vote recipients are assigned to the all star team. For nominees who tie in votes received, there will be an anonymous tie-breaker vote for those players. Dead-lock ties will be broken by a board vote or compromise. SCGS Board must grant final approval of all star teams.

4.6 All star head coach vote: After determining the players on the all star team, an anonymous voting ballot will be cast by all coaches to determine the head coach of the all star team. Only those coaches who submitted their nomination or were nominated are eligible. Coaches may vote for themselves. The votes are tallied by a Board member who does not participate in that age division. If there is a tie; an anonymous tie-breaker vote will take place. Dead-lock ties will be broken by a board vote or compromise. SCGS Board must grant final approval of all star teams.

4.7 Red team and Black team: After the first 10 players on the all star team (red team) and head coach is determined. The coaches will discuss and vote if a second all star team (black team) can be created with the remaining nominees. If there is majority agreement among coaches a competitive second (black) all star team can be created. The red team head coach will then complete his/her all star team roster by having the option to select 1-2 "Coach selected" players" (see 4.8). The process starts again for the black team's player & coach selection (detailed in 4.5 & 4.6) and including selecting the final coach selected players. SCGS Board must grant final approval of all star teams.

4.8 Coach selected players: At the conclusion of the Red team all star player vote, the team head all star coach has the option of selecting up to two "coach selected" players. These players must be all star nominated and should (but not mandatory) have received at least one vote from a coach on the original 10 player all star ballot. Coach selected players will have a limited roll on their all star teams during championship play and will be outlined in the all star team contract. Confidentiality between coaches on which all star players were voted in and which players were coach selected is required. SCGS Board must grant final approval of all star teams.

4.9 Assistant coaches: The head all star coach for each team will select his/her assistant coaches and communicate that to the team and board after the all star teams have been posted on the SCGS web site. SCGS Board must grant final approval of all star teams.