

**2019 CNY/Freeport Softball
LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS APPLICATION
Due Tuesday, May 28.**

Dear Parents and Players,

All Star season is almost upon us, and it's now time to submit an application if your daughter would like to be considered for one of this year's CNY/Freeport Softball All-Star teams. CNY/Freeport Softball will field two teams (9/10 and 11/12) that will include 12-13 players each. The CNY and Freeport Little League Softball programs have partnered again to field teams that are able to compete at the District 6 and State All-Star level. Our leagues' top priority is to put the **most competitive team** on the field. Since there are normally more applicants than spots, it may be necessary to **cut some players**.

Being selected to one of the All-Star teams is a great honor that requires significant player and parent commitment. It is expected that players will not go on vacation during the All-Star practice and tournament time period. If your child will be away during the specified times below AND you wish for her to be considered, please detail her travel plans in the attached application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the deadlines as well as your commitment to be forthright with your summer plans so that the All-Star Selection Committee can choose the girls fairly. Finally, you and your child are asked to sign the attached documents attesting that you've read the FAQ section and that you and your daughter are prepared for the challenges and commitment of this All-Star season.

We must receive these completed documents by **Tuesday, May 28** in order for your daughter's name to be added to our list of candidates. Kindly understand that you will be reminded via email only.

Kind Regards,
CNY/Freeport Little Leagues

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Is All-Stars an extension of the regular softball season?

A. **Regular season play** is about giving all kids an opportunity to learn and love the game, providing a taste for all positions. **All-star play** is about putting the most skilled players in the field and line-up in a position that helps the team win. We still continue to have plenty of fun, and it is a great bonding and learning experience for the girls. The greatest difference is the seriousness of the preparation and the expectation that the girls try their hardest to perform.

Q. Who can play and what is League Age?

A. CNY Freeport will be fielding two teams: 9/10 and 11/12. The numbers refer to league age, and league age is determined by birth year, according to the chart below. It is important to note that league age does not correspond to grade in school, and it also does not correspond to regular season divisions of majors or minors. As an example, there are several league age 10 year olds that play in the majors, and they will be eligible for the 9/10 all-star team along with league age 9 and 10 year olds playing in minors.

League age is defined by the calendar year in which the player was born. For this year's teams:

2006 = League Age 12

2007 = League Age 11

2008 = League Age 10

2009 = League Age 9

Q. Who will pick the teams/coaches?

A. An All-Star selection committee will be made up of current Head and Assistant coaches, specific LL Board members as well as the Head and Assistant coaches for both All-Star teams. This Selection Committee will meet to assess the applications soon after the May 28th deadline. Players will be notified shortly thereafter when teams are posted on the CNYLL.com website. All-Star head coaches will also be asked to submit applications and will be selected in a similar manner and timeframe by the LL Board.

Q. What are the criteria to be selected?

A. All star players will be chosen based on **skill level and coach-ability** as well as individual strength in positions needed. These skills will be determined by your daughter's current coaches. **Availability** to play in practices/tournament games is also potentially a determining factor. Coach selection is based fully on experience, knowledge of the game, coaching philosophy and recommendations from board members.

Q. What is the time commitment for All-Stars?

A. **11/12** All-Star tournament practices will occur 4-7 nights per week beginning June 1. Tournament play begins June 14. **9/10** All-Star tournament practices will occur 4-7 nights per week begin in early to mid-June. Tournament play begins June 21.

Q. Where are the practices and the tournament held?

A. Practices will be held at either GHS Softball field on Greely Rd (11/12) or NYMS field (9/10) in North Yarmouth. On occasion, we may practice at the Freeport Complex.

A. District 6 Tournament play for 9/10s will occur in South Portland or Westbrook and for 11/12s will occur in Gray-New Gloucester or Westbrook.

Q. Exactly what dates and times will our games be?

A. This is unknown until District 6 publishes the brackets. We will share them as soon as they are available. They will be in the evenings and during the day on weekends. Even once the brackets are published, we will only know the dates/times of the first game. Dates/times of subsequent games will depend on the team's result in the previous game.

Q. How much playing time will my child have?

A. Variable. The minimum playing time in tournament play is either 1 at bat for a team with 13 players, or 6 defensive outs and one at bat for a team with 12 players. Your child's playing time will be determined by the coaching staff. Any questions must be directed specifically and privately to the head coach.

Q. How long does the tournament last?

A. Each tournament is a double-elimination tournament. Historically, the girls get through 3-4 games, of course each year we hope to win the District 6 title. To do so will take around two weeks once the tournament starts.

Q. What happens if we win the District 6 title?

A. We move on to play in the State tournament, beginning July 6th for 11/12 in Bangor and July 20th for 9/10 in York.

Q. What costs will my family incur?

A. The fee per player is \$25, largely to cover the cost of the practice and game jerseys that the girls will keep. Your LL program has already set aside money to support the All-star program. Should we advance far in the tournament and more costs are incurred, there will be fundraisers as well as a potential individual family cost burden for travel fees.

Q. How and when do I return the two documents attached?

A. Hard copies to your Head Coach or via email to playeragent@cnyll.com by Tuesday, May 28 by midnight. Inability to do so will exclude your daughter from consideration. We will send reminders via email only.

Parent's Pledge

(This document is due back with your child's application.)

By my signature below, I give my consent for _____ to become a candidate for selection to the All-Star Tournament team. I have read and countersigned the application of the player and confirm the availability for ALL practices and game times unless noted. I have read and understand all FAQ's. I will promptly provide all required documentation if my child is selected. I understand that signing this form in no way commits the All-Star selection committee to choose my child for the All Star team.

I understand that the minimum playing time in tournament play is either 1 at bat for a team with 13 players, or 6 defensive outs and one at bat for a team with 12 players. I understand that my child may play positions other than those played during the regular season.

I understand and make the further commitment that if my child becomes a member of the team, I will give my child's coaches full coaching control of my child during games and practices. I will not at any time criticize or argue with the coaches, umpires, or any tournament officials. If I have a grievance concerning the tournament team conduct, I will immediately take it to the Head Coach, Player Agent, or CNYLL Board President.

I understand and agree that any violation of these rules by me, other family members, or by someone attending with me may result in the violator's removal from further attendance at any All-Star game or practice.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Player Information and Pledge:

Player Name:

Circle birth year: 2006 2007 2008 2009

Current Team:

Head Coach:

In submitting this application, I agree to work as hard as I can to support my team with a positive attitude and willingness to learn at every practice and game. I agree to be respectful of all coaching decisions of the All-Star coaching staff. I will respect all umpires and their decisions as well as our opponents.

I have written below all the dates and times that I will be unable to attend practices and games due to extreme commitments. I understand that I'm expected to commit completely to the All-Star schedule and not participate in other sports or camps that will interfere with practices or game attendance until my team is eliminated from the District, State or Regional tournament this summer.

Personal conflicts described below, including dates:

Player Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____