

Coach Selection

Coaches in good standing with the Region are selected by the Regional Commissioner, Coach Coordinator and All-Star Coordinator, in 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions. Coaches who wish to be selected are expected to participate in the coach development programs and to observe players throughout the season. All Star coaches typically have a higher level of experience in competitive play, higher level of AYSO coaching and referee certification.

Player Selection

Player selection is ultimately the decision of the selected All Star coaches, Regional Commissioner, Coach Administrator, and All Star coordinator. This subject to the following guidelines and consistent with consideration for the best interests of the children and team. Many may be deserving, but due to roster limitations every eligible player may not be selected.

It is to be understood that children demonstrating superior talent and skill, combined with traits of sportsmanship, fair play, honesty, leadership, dedication and coach-ability are the primary candidates for selection.

- Sportsmanship is a major part of any game and should be emphasized. All Star teams (including all spectators) represent the region when participating in any endeavor, especially All Star tournaments.
- Practice habits, sporting conduct as well as families sporting conduct should also be a consideration. An All Star player comes with a parent/s and therefore parents modeling good sporting conduct is also an element in the selection process.
- During the Fall season, evaluations should be obtained as to those players that exhibited the highest levels of talent, skill and those traits set forth above. * Data should come from numerous sources
- Commissioner, Coach admin, and All Star Coordinator should observe the players during Fall games in an effort to identify primary candidates for selection as All Stars.
- Fall season coaches may be asked to nominate players from their team that they believe merit consideration for selection as an All Star
- All Star coaches should try to include at least one player from each team if at all possible, and this should be a factor in making close calls, but here is no guarantee that every Fall team will have a player on the All Star team, or that an equal number of players will come from each Fall team.
- Players will also be selected on their position, not just scoring ability. A well rounded team is needed with strong players in each position.
- If there is more than one All Star team in a division, the Commissioner and All Star coaches should form their teams based on an equity system -- whether by a draft or otherwise -- to ensure equal talent across teams. In other words, there should be no "A" team and "B" team.
Sons and daughters of All Star coaches should be automatically included on the All Star roster unless the coach specifically turns this down. Assistant coach should be chosen based on a player that would be selected for the All Star team.

Confidentiality

To avoid disappointing players, all aspects of the All-Star selection process must be kept confidential. Selected players may not be discussed until after the final roster has been handed out. The Head Coaches will then notify families that their players have been invited to play on the All-Star team. This process may take several days to complete.

Player Commitment

Players are expected to make a serious commitment to their selected team. While some players are involved in other sports, we require that All Star teams practices and games take precedence over other teams or sports. Players need to make a decision to commit to the coach and the team, otherwise it is unfair to the other committed players. Players are selected and thus can be "un-invited" if a coach is having problems with a player or parent. Any disputes that arise will be discussed and resolved by an All Star review board including with the Regional Commissioner before making a decision.

Those players that are selected to an All Star Team are expected to make all practices and games as there is an attendance requirement for all players in order to play in the All Star Play-offs, injuries or approved absences to player may be an exception. A player must agree to make the All Star program his or her top sports priority, this is usually late November through early February. A player that cannot or will not make this commitment will not be selected to a team. A player that does not honor his or her commitment without good reason may be uninvited likely not be considered for future

All Star teams. Teams will participate in AT LEAST THREE tournaments for the All Star Season with most tournaments being on Holiday weekends.

Parental Commitment

The select team program operates very differently than regular season. Each team has a team manager or coach that is responsible for registering for tournaments, and handling its own finances. Parents need to be financially responsible to the team. The coaches have enough to worry about and all parents are expected to help.

Time commitment

High level parent commitment is required. Weekly practices are required. Attendance is required. Teams can practice 2-3x per week for a duration of 60-90 minutes if preparing for a tournament. Practices are not optional but required.

All Star Cost

All Star teams also participate in other tournaments before the All Star games.

There are fees for each tournament entered and costs vary based on tournament fee and number of team players. The fee typically ranges from \$40.00 - \$100.00 per player depending on the number and choice of tournaments entered. There will be 3-4 tournaments entered.

There are no registration fees for the final area All Star Tournament, however, there are travel costs associated with teams that advance to Sectionals and State Finals. Additionally, families should consider team gear such as jackets, sweatshirts or bags for player and family members which are optional purchases.

When will Registration be Available?

All Stars is a completely new and separate season and registration is required in Blue Sombrero as All Stars is an additional program. The coach or manager will notify parents when registration is open. To register for the All Star program, log into your player's AYSO region 295 account and click on the Green "New Program Available". Follow the Prompts for the All Star Program including Checkout for "\$0.