



Encino-Sherman Oaks Girls Softball

2025 ESO All-Star Information Packet

Overview

ESO's spring season ends on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, and the All-Star season kicks off shortly after. Starting in early May, ESO All-Star teams will begin practices in preparation for tournament season. Practices may begin as early as **Monday, May 5th**. Tournaments begin **Friday, May 9th**, and run through early July, with a potential extension into late July for Nationals.

All-Star season offers your daughter an incredible opportunity to experience higher-level softball competition beyond the recreational season. She will also become part of the thriving softball community across the San Fernando Valley and Southern California.

Commitment

From early May through the conclusion of the B-League or C-League States in early July — and potentially through the end of July for Nationals — families are expected to make a **full commitment** to All-Star softball.

Participation in other sports, family vacations, or conflicting activities will be considered during the team selection process.

- **Tournaments:** Every weekend beginning May 9 through early July, with additional tournaments in late July.
- **Practices:** Typically **three times per week**, scheduled at the manager's discretion.

Important: If you know you will have conflicts with practices or tournaments, **note this on your interest list enrollment**. These conflicts will be considered and may impact selection.

Eligibility

To be eligible for All-Stars:

- Register for the All-Star interest list on the ESO website by **April 30, 2025**.
- There is no cost to register.
- If you wish to remove your daughter from consideration, email **info@esogirlssoftball.com** by **12PM PDT on May 1st**.

Age eligibility rules:

- 6U: Players born on or after September 1, 2017
- 8U: Players born on or after September 1, 2015
- 10U: Players born on or after September 1, 2013
- 12U: Players born on or after September 1, 2011
- 14U: Players born on or after September 1, 2009

A player must meet the age eligibility rules regardless of her spring season division.

Team Selection

Starting **May 1st**, managers in each division will select the All-Star teams. Typical roster sizes are **11-12 players**. If more than 22 players register, multiple teams may be formed.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze Teams:

- **Gold Team:** First team selected.
- **Silver Team:** Second team selected, if enough pitching, catching, and coaching exists.
- **Bronze Team:** Third team selected, under the same conditions.

All-Star Program Participation Disclosures

Participation in the ESO All-Star program requires acknowledgment of the following:

- **No Guaranteed Placement:** Past participation or performance does not guarantee selection.
- **No Early Promises:** No manager, coach, or league official can guarantee placement before the official selection.
- **Open to Any Team:** Players must be willing to accept placement on any Gold, Silver, or Bronze team.
- **Full Commitment Required:** Attendance at practices, games, and team functions is mandatory.
- **Playing Time Is Not Guaranteed:** Managers determine playing positions, substitutions, and batting orders. Players and families are expected to fully support the team regardless of individual playing time.

All-Star Tournaments

ESO teams will compete throughout Southern California from May through July.

- **Entry Fee:** Typically **\$600-\$800**.
- Teams must be official Gold, Silver, or Bronze teams.
- Most tournaments offer a **3-game guarantee** (2 Saturday games + Sunday bracket play).
- Some tournaments offer **Friday games** for local teams.

Awards:

- **1st and 2nd place teams** typically receive trophies or rings.
- **Spirit awards** are given after every game.
- **6U players** usually receive participation medals.

Championship Tournaments

USA Softball hosts District, State, and Regional/National tournaments for **8U and up**.

- ESO is classified as a **"B" recreational league**.
- All **Gold teams** compete in "B" Districts (unless reclassified by USA Softball).
- **Silver & Bronze teams** compete in "C" Districts (unless reclassified by USA Softball).

Top teams at Districts advance to States and Regionals.

Tentative 2025 Tournament Schedule

- May 9-11: Moorpark Tune-Up Tournament
- May 16-18: ESO Summer Slammer Tournament
- May 23-26: PYL All-Star Summer Classic Tournament (Memorial Day Weekend)
- May 30-June 1: South Huntington Beach Surf City Classic Tournament
- June 6-8: Ventura Breeze All-Star Tournament
- June 13-15:
 - Simi Valley Amanda Tree Tournament (B Teams)
 - C-Districts (C Teams)
- June 20-22: B-Districts
- June 26-29: C-States
- July 3-6: B-States
- July 12-14: C-Regionals
- July 12-14: NAGs Bring the Heat Tournament (12U-14U)
- July 18-20: NAGs Bring the Heat Tournament (6U-10U)
- B-Nationals: TBD (mandatory if qualified)

Cost and Fundraising

Estimated Costs:

- 8U and up: **\$550-\$650**
- 6U: **\$400-\$500**

Fees include:

- Tournament entry
- Two uniforms (one for 6U)
- Practice shirts
- Insurance

Additional Costs:

- Optional equipment bags and helmets (not included in registration fee)
- **\$50 ESO All Star Fee:** applies to Summer Slammer staffing. Volunteering can reimburse rec season deposits.

Fundraising:

- Teams may fundraise independently (sponsorships, product sales, etc.).
- Teams manage their own funds and expenses.

Uniforms

- **8U and Up:** Two uniforms (Saturday and Sunday).
- **6U:** One uniform.

We are excited for another unforgettable All-Star season! We look forward to seeing our players grow, compete, and have fun!