



## 2026 ESO All-Star Information Packet

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### Overview

ESO's spring season ends Saturday, **April 25th**, and the All-Star season begins in a few weeks.

Starting in early May, ESO's All-Star teams will begin practicing in preparation for tournament season. The All-Star teams will begin playing tournaments on **Friday, May 8th** and will continue through mid/late July.

All-Star season is a tremendous opportunity for your daughter to experience a higher level of softball competition than the typical recreational season. Plus, she will get to experience being a part of the larger, thriving softball community in the San Fernando Valley and Southern California.

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### Commitment

Beginning in May then running through the last days of B-league or C-league States in early July, and potentially extending to the end of July for Nationals, families that make the All-Star commitment are expected to make a full commitment to All-Star softball. Participation in other activities (other sports, family vacations, etc.) that directly conflict with an All-Star player's availability will be considered by the league when selecting All-Star teams.

**Tournaments** will begin May 8th and continue every weekend until early July, with an additional tournament in late July.

**Practices** are typically 3 days per week and scheduled at the managers discretion.

Note: If you are absolutely unable to make tournament weekends or practices on certain days, please include that on your interest list enrollment. These requests will be considered when choosing players and can have a negative impact in the selection.

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## Upcoming Key Dates

- April 1 – All-Star Interest List Opens
  - April 9 (8:30 PM) – All-Star Information Meeting (Zoom details to follow)
  - April 18 (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) – Uniform Try-On Day (Field 3)
  - April 30 – Interest List Closes
  - May 1 – First Day Teams Can Be Discussed/Selected
  - May 4 – First Day Teams Can Practice
  - May 8 – First Day Teams Can Play in Invitationals
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### All-Star Information Meeting – April 9

ESO will host a virtual information meeting for all interested families. We highly encourage attendance as we will cover common questions and set expectations for the All-Star season.

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### Uniform Try-Ons – April 18 (Field 3)

All players interested in participating should attend the uniform try-on session. We are working with a new vendor used by many Southern California leagues and want to ensure proper sizing.

Uniform orders will be submitted immediately after teams are formed beginning May 1. Costs will be somewhat higher than previous years but will reflect improved quality consistent with other competitive programs. Additional details will be shared during the information meeting.

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### Hotel Booking – PYL Classic (May 23–25)

Each year, we participate in at least one travel tournament where families have the option to stay together. While it is not required to book a hotel, this has consistently been one of the most memorable parts of the All-Star experience.

We have secured a room block at the Marriott Fullerton for the PYL Classic:

- Rooms are first come, first served
- You may reserve now and pay upon arrival
- Recommended stay: May 23 & 24 (teams advancing may play on Memorial Day)
- Optional: May 22 if you prefer to arrive early
- 48-hour cancellation policy applies
- Rate: \$179 + taxes/fees (includes parking, Wi-Fi, and breakfast for four)
- Group rate available through April 24 or until sold out

Book here: <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1774496012651&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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## Eligibility

For your daughter to be eligible for All-Stars, you must register for the All-Star interest list on our website by **April 30th, 2026**. There is no cost to sign up. If you wish to remove your daughter from consideration, email us at [info@esogirlssoftball.com](mailto:info@esogirlssoftball.com) by 12PM PDT on **May 1st**.

All-Star managers will be selected the week following **April 24th** and announced via email and our website. If your daughter is removed **after** team selections in May, she will be ineligible for All-Stars this year and next.

The following are the age eligibility rules for All-Star players:

- **6U:** Born between **Sept 1, 2018 – Aug 31, 2020**
- **8U:** Born between **Sept 1, 2016 – Aug 31, 2018**
- **10U:** Born between **Sept 1, 2014 – Aug 31, 2016**
- **12U:** Born between **Sept 1, 2012 – Aug 31, 2014**
- **14U:** Born between **Sept 1, 2010 – Aug 31, 2012**

If a player played up in the Spring rec season, they will have to be considered for the All Star team in that upper division gold team first. If she is not placed on that gold team, she would then be eligible for team selection in her normal age division. The only exception is 6U players playing up in 8U. They will be eligible for 6U All Stars.

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## Team Selection

Beginning **May 1st**, managers in each division will begin selecting the All-Star teams for that division. Typical rosters include 11–12 players. Therefore, if there are 22 or more players that have registered on the interest list, it is possible that multiple teams will be selected for a division.

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## Gold, Silver, and Bronze Teams

- The first team selected in a division is referred to as the **Gold** team.
  - The second team is the **Silver** team.
  - The third team is the **Bronze** team.
  - Once the Gold team has been selected, the managers will determine if enough pitching and catching (and coaching) exists to form a Silver team. The process is repeated once the Silver team is selected, to determine if a Bronze team can be formed.
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## All-Star Tournaments

All-Star tournaments occur throughout Southern California, from May through July.

- Team Entry fee: typically \$650–\$800
- Teams must be official league All-Star teams (Gold/Silver/Bronze)
- Tournaments generally offer a 3-game guarantee
- Games usually include 2 on Saturday, bracket play on Sunday
- Some events have Friday games for local teams

### Awards:

- The Champions and Finalists (1st and 2nd place) in each division typically receive trophies/rings following the Championship Game
  - Spirit awards are given after each game
  - 6U players generally receive championship rings or participation medals
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## Championship Tournaments

USA Softball hosts **District**, **State**, and **Regional/National** tournaments for 8U and up (there are no championships for 6U). ESO is classified as a “**B**” **recreational league**, That means that all of our Gold teams will compete in the “B” District tournament.

- Silver teams also participate in **C-Districts**
  - Top teams at Districts advance to States
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## Schedule

**All-Star practices** begin **May 4, 2026**. At the All-Star manager's discretion, practices may be scheduled for every day during the week and on weekends when tournaments are not being played. All-Star players are expected to make every reasonable attempt to participate in all team practices and events during the All-Star season.

### Here is the Tentative Tournament Schedule for the 2026 All-Star Season:

- May 8–10 – Moorpark Tune-Up (no 14U)
- May 15–17 – ESO Summer Slammer
- May 22–25 – PYL Summer Classic (Memorial Day Weekend)
- May 29–31 – Glendora POTF
- June 5–7 – Ventura Breeze (no 14U), Diamond Bar BOTD (14U only)
- June 12–14 – C Districts; Chino Hills (Gold & 6U only); Simi Valley (14U only)
- June 19–21 – B Districts; 6U All-Star Tournament (Whittier)
- June 25–28 – C States (Lancaster)
- July 2–5 – B States (TBD); NAGS Bronze/Silver Teams Only
- July 10–12 – Bring the Heat (6U, 8U, 10U – all teams)
- July 16–20 – Regionals (8U, 10U, 12U C Teams) & 8U B-State Games (San Diego)
- July 17–19 – Bring the Heat (12U, 14U, HS – all teams)
- July 22 – Aug 2 – Western B Nationals (10U, 16U, 18U – Salem, OR)
- July 29 – Aug 3 – Western B Nationals (12U, 14U – Seattle, WA)

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## Cost and Fundraising

Estimated fees:

- **8U and up:** \$650–\$750
- **6U:** \$550–\$600

Fees include:

- Tournament entry
- Two uniforms
- Practice shirts and insurance

**\$25 ESO All Star Fee:** applies to Summer Slammer staffing. Volunteering can reimburse rec season volunteer deposits.

Optional purchases include gear bags and helmets, not included in fees. Teams may fundraise independently (sponsors, sales, etc.) and manage their own funds.

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## ESO Summer Slammer Requirements

Each participating family must commit to supporting our league tournament which is the ESO Summer Slammer. Teams will be assigned field maintenance duties. During the tournament it is that team's responsibility to make sure the field is maintained during the entire tournament, from start to close, and in preparation prior to the tournament start.

ESO charges a \$25 All-Star season fee to help offset other tournament costs including supplemental help and equipment during the event.

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## All-Star Program Participation Disclosures

Your agreement to these terms is required:

- **No guaranteed placement.** Teams are selected based on current performance.
- **No early promises.** No one can promise a spot before selection.
- **Open to all team levels.** Signing up means accepting the possibility of any team placement.
- **Full commitment.** Families agree to attend all practices, games, and team functions.
- **Playing time is not guaranteed.** Coaches determine positions, substitutions, and lineups. Families must support the team regardless of playing time or roles.

Upon signing up for the select interest list you will need to acknowledge the full list of disclosures which are summarized above.