

# Burleson Youth Association

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## **Softball All-Star Rules & Procedures**

(Updated for NCS Fastpitch C-Rec All-Star Participation)

BYA All-Star teams will operate under all **NCS Fastpitch C-Rec All-Star rules and tournament requirements**. The guidelines below outline BYA's internal process for player selection, drafting, and team formation. All BYA All-Star teams, coaches, and families are expected to follow these standards throughout the All-Star season.

The All-Star season begins immediately after the conclusion of the Spring season. Players should expect **two to three practices per week**, with each practice lasting **no more than two hours**. Head Coaches will determine player positions based on team needs and competitive readiness, and should work to develop athletes in multiple positions to prepare for injuries, absences, and tournament demands.

Coaches are responsible for educating players and families on proper hydration, heat safety, cooling towels, and other warm-weather precautions. Rotating players as needed to support health and performance during summer heat is strongly encouraged.

### **All-Star Team Structure**

The following section outlines how BYA All-Star teams are organized, named, and approved for participation.

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## **1. All-Star Team Structure**

- The **league champion (best record)** is awarded the **A-Team** head coaching position.
- The **second-place team** is awarded the **B-Team** head coaching position.

Only **current spring BYA coaches** within the age division may serve as All-Star coaches for that division.

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## **2. Player Nominations**

- Each All-Star coach may exempt 5 players:
  - Their top players, **and**
  - Any other players in the division that they believe are All-Star caliber.
- Exemptions must be emailed to the Director of Softball **within 2 days** of the All-Star drafts/meeting.
- Coaches must verify **player commitment to the required NCS tournaments** before nominating, such as the C-Rec World Series tournament and any other league-play C-Rec tournaments deemed necessary.

- Only players listed as part of the 5 exemptions and their tryout registration sheets/draft sheets are eligible. If there are short players for a specific division, additional players will come from nominations by other teams.

Parents may pre-register their player for tryouts and must indicate availability for:

- NCS C-Rec tournaments
- NCS C-Rec World Series
- Practice commitment and completion of the season

Players **must attend tryouts** to be eligible unless they are part of the 5 exemptions. A makeup tryout may be offered at the Director of Softball's discretion.

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### 3. Automatic Inclusions

- The **Head Coach and their daughter (only 1)** are automatically placed on the roster.
  - Assistant coaches' daughters count as **exemption picks** (see below).
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### 4. Player Evaluations

- Players are evaluated using the official BYA Evaluation Sheet.
  - A committee of **1–2 impartial evaluators** scores each player.
  - Scores are compiled, and players are ranked highest to lowest.
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### 5. Number of Teams & Roster Size

- The number of All-Star teams per age group is determined before the draft.
  - Each team will draft **11–13 players**, depending on age group and coach preference.
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### 6. Exemption Picks

Exemptions allow coaches to select certain players regardless of ranking.

## A-Team

- Allowed **5 exemptions**.
- Must include:
  - Head coach's daughter
  - Assistant coaches' daughters
- Exempted players **cannot** be drafted by other teams.

## B-Team

- Allowed **5 exemptions**.
- Must include:
  - Head coach's daughter
- Exempted players **cannot** be drafted by other teams.

## General Exemption Rules

- Exemptions must be declared **before** the draft begins.
  - If a coach wants to select a player who **did not attend tryouts**, Director of Softball approval is required.
  - A maximum of **3 Prime players** may be selected per team (if applicable).
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## 7. Draft Format

After exemptions are finalized:

1. **A-Team drafts first**, selecting their roster first.
  - Must include their own daughter and assistant coaches' daughters.
  - May **not** draft other coaches' daughters.
2. **B-Team drafts next**, selecting their players.

## Draft Rules

- Draft order follows evaluation rankings (highest available score drafted first).
- Coaches may skip a player **only if**:
  - Both coaches agree, or
  - Committee approves (injury, attendance, discipline, etc.)
- Coaches should consider:
  - Attitude, effort, coachability
  - Positional needs

- Tournament availability
- Past dedication to BYA

A brief meeting may be held post-evaluations to address special circumstances.

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## 8. Player Commitment Rules

- A player who **declines** an All-Star selection **cannot** join another BYA All-Star team.
  - Non-requests made at the start of the spring season still apply.
    - Example: If a parent requested not to play for a specific coach before spring drafts, that coach **cannot** draft that player for All-Stars.
    - If disputed, coaches vote; ties are decided by the Director of Softball.
  - Once rosters are finalized, **players may not switch teams**.
  - Replacement players must come from the **remaining draft pool**.
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## 9. Uniform Requirements

Here is the rewritten section in **clear bullet-point format** with flexible naming options included:

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### All-Star Team Naming & Uniform Guidelines (Bullet Format)

- All BYA All-Star teams must follow the approved BYA All-Star uniform standards.
- Teams must be identified under the **Burleson All-Stars program**, but flexible naming variations are allowed.
- Acceptable name variations include (but are not limited to):
  - **BTX All-Stars**
  - **Burleson Elite All-Stars**
  - **Burleson Select All-Stars**
  - **Burleson Premier All-Stars**
  - **Burleson United All-Stars**
  - **BTX Legacy All-Stars**
  - **BTX Impact All-Stars**
- Additional similar variations may be approved during the draft/meeting.
- Uniforms must include the wording “**Burleson All-Stars**” or an approved variation somewhere on the jersey, and/or the Burleson Logo.
- Teams may use **any combination of red, white, and blue** for their uniform colors.

- Final uniform names and designs will be reviewed and approved at the draft/meeting.
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## 10. Tournament Requirements

All BYA All-Star teams must participate in:

- **At least 2-4 NCS C-Rec tournaments**
- **NCS World Series** (June if available)
- **NCS Southern Nationals** (July if available)

Coaches will meet to determine the full tournament schedule with Director of Softball.

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## 11. Conduct Requirements

Players, parents, and coaches must follow:

- BYA Code of Conduct
- NCS Fastpitch rules
- All BYA All-Star policies

Violations may result in removal from the team, and future All-Star participation.

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## Why This System Works

- **Unbiased:** Independent evaluators score players.
- **Transparent:** Draft order follows rankings.
- **Flexible:** Coaches can use exemptions for chemistry and positional needs.
- **Fair:** Ensures competitive balance and development across all age groups.