

# Coventry Girls Softball

## All Star Tryout Information for Parents & Guardians

### Nomination Process:

- A player must earn at least **4 points** in order to be **eligible for nomination** by the coaching staff to try out for All Stars.
- Players are only nominated if the coaching staff believes that the player may have the skills to compete for a place on an All Star Team within her age group.
- A player will only be nominated for tryouts after a candid discussion has taken place with the parent or guardian (without the player present) regarding the time and financial commitment. The discussion should include the following:
  - Practices are numerous. At the manager's discretion, practices can be every weeknight and on weekends when not playing in a tournament.
  - Teams can play in three or four tournaments between late June and early August. Tournaments are usually structured as "double-elimination" meaning that each team plays at least two games. Tournament schedules are often rigorous. There may be several games over the course of a weekend or even in a single day.
  - Playing time and position assignments in games are at the manager's discretion. There, is no required minimum playing time as it exits during the regular season.
  - Tournaments are held in RI. Travel is required. If the team wins the State tournament, travel outside Rhode Island may be required.
  - There is an extra fee if a player is selected for an All Star team. The fee can range from \$75.00 to \$150 per player depending upon uniform choices and number of tournaments participating in.
  - Frequent absences from practice and games will impact a player's development and team competition. If a player's family vacation plans require the player to miss one or more tournaments and practices, nomination to tryout should first be discussed with the player's regular season manager and then with the All Star manager for the player's ages bracket.
  - Each player's family will be expected to assist in staffing the concession stand during tournaments hosted in Coventry.

### Try-out Process:

- All managers in a player's division are present at the try-out. Each player is graded on their fielding, catching, throwing, batting and running by each manager. The process is similar to that followed at tryouts when entering a new division for the regular season. The difference is that not every player will be selected for a team.
- Managers are not permitted to grade players on their own team.
- Managers are instructed to consider their knowledge of a player's ability demonstrated during the regular season when grading a player at tryouts. **A PLAYER'S GRADING IS NOT SOLELY BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE TRYOUT.**
- Girls selected for an All Star team will be notified within one week of the tryout.
- Any questions or concerns regarding All Starts can be directed to any Executive Board Member.

### Final Note:

Although each manager strives to combine winning with fun, All Star teams are competitive in nature. The competition begins with the nomination process (competing with your teammates for nomination), is present during tryouts (competing with other girls in our League for an All Star team position) and continues once the team is selected (competing with teams from other Cities and Towns for a trophy)