



Dear Navajo Girls Fastpitch Parents,

We hope that you and your daughter have enjoyed your softball experience so far this season. Following the regular season the league will enter its competitive All Star season, which will run from May through July. All interested NGF players will be eligible and given full consideration during our All Star Selection process. **MANDATORY** All Star workouts will start on **Tuesday, May 1st** for all interested players. (See All Star Schedule for divisions & days/times) **Players need to workout in their full recreational uniform from the current season.**

The All Star program is a competitive program and completely separate from our recreational program and therefore some clarification is needed. The recreational portion of our season is about instruction, learning the rules of the game, opportunities for every girl to play multiple positions and fun, whereas All Stars is about developing advanced skills, competing against the top teams in our area and instilling a winning attitude. Some players thrive in this environment, while other players (and their parents) do not.

When determining the All Star teams, coaches will be looking for girls who have:

- \*demonstrated above average softball skills this season.
- \*improved their abilities by regular attendance at practices and games.
- \*consistently projected a positive attitude, commitment, and extra hustle.
- \*consistently been respectful to adult volunteers, umpires and teammates.
- \*been proud to represent Navajo Girls Fastpitch.

Please remember NGF All Star teams will comprise the best players from our recreational teams. Your daughter may have been a standout during the regular season; however, now she will be playing with highly skilled players and may not be the best player on the team. During the All Star season, be prepared to see your daughter learn and play a new position, and spend some time on the bench.

That being said, we feel it is important to set an expectation level for the All Star season. In order to make the transition from recreational league play to competitive tournament play, please keep the following commitments in mind:

**Players MUST:**

- \*Attend all practices, games, team meetings and gatherings, prepared and on time.
- \*Understand the possibility of sitting on the bench and accepting whatever role the coach sees for them in the overall strategy of the game
- \*Be willing to play positions that are unfamiliar to them
- \*Think more about the team than themselves and understand that one player's success is everyone's success

\*Uphold the Navajo name by showing good sportsmanship before, during and after games and win OR lose.

**Players must NOT:**

- \*sulk, pout or generally be unhappy about positions or playing time on the team
- \*make negative comments about their teammates or coaches
- \*Make negative comments to opposing players, coaches, parents, umpires or anyone else attending a game

**Parents MUST:**

- \*Attend a mandatory PCA parent meeting on **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. (see schedule for more details)
- \*Avoid the tunnel vision focus on their own daughter and look instead at the whole team
- \*Consider the team's success as a success for your daughter and a rewarding experience regardless of her role
- \*Support the coaching staff regardless of personal feelings

**Parents must NOT:**

- \*Approach a coach before, during or after a game to discuss issues relating to their daughter, other than to report an injury or other non-playing issue
- \*Discuss playing time, positioning, batting order, player statistics or game strategy at any time
- \*Discuss other players on the team with the coach or other parents

It is essential the above be followed in order to develop a cohesive team and competitive players. It is critical that parents support all players and their coaches and never let the player think that their team cannot win or that the coach cannot coach. A player who has no confidence in her team or her coach cannot learn to win or lose as a team and certainly will not learn from a coach being undermined by a parent. The coach's job is to teach players how to improve their skills and compete to win in a very competitive tournament environment. This is achieved by setting individual and team goals, teambuilding exercises, development of a positive and competitive attitude and above all, teaching players that dedication and hard work will yield desired results.

Selection to a Navajo All Star team will be an honor: however, it will also be a tremendous commitment. Players and parents should understand the commitment and be willing to meet the obligation to their team and to the league. If your daughter is selected to a team, here are a few things to remember:

\***Practices** – A very intense practice schedule will begin after the teams have been chosen. Practices will be mandatory and teams may practice 2-3 hours every day, including Sundays. Should a player miss 3 practices or games, she may be dropped from the team, with the approval of the executive board.

\***Tournaments**- It is mandatory that your daughter attend all tournament games. Tournaments will run every weekend from the middle of May until the end of June. All purple teams will attend a district tournament with the possibility of advancing to State (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U) and National (10U, 12U, 14U) tournaments that will mean the commitment will run through August.

**\*Financial** – The individual player’s family will incur the majority of expenses related to the All Star experience. While sponsorship and fundraising opportunities do exist to offset the expenses, families should be prepared to spend *approximately* **\$300-\$500** per player, per season. Typical expenses include: uniforms, helmets, tournament entry fees and miscellaneous expenses such as an incidental team fee determined by the team manager, Big Sister/ Little sister gifts, pictures, team parties, etc.

If your daughter is selected to a team, she will be notified by **May 4<sup>th</sup>** and **May 5<sup>th</sup> for 12U**. Should your daughter not be selected to a team, please let her know she did a great job. Complaints about the process, blaming other players or accusations of wrong doing all undermine your daughter’s efforts.

Finally, Navajo would like to remind our players and parents that participation in the All Star program is a privilege that requires a new level of commitment. This is a great opportunity for your daughter to take her game to another level. It is expected that our parents and players act in a way that brings respect and dignity to Navajo Girls Fastpitch. Remember, the Navajo name is on the front of your daughter’s uniform and your family name is on the back.

If after reviewing all of the above information and you and your daughter are interested in her being considered for a place on an All Star team, please send an email to the All Star Coordinators with the following information: Player’s name, player’s age division for the All Star season and their current team name or color and number on the back of her jersey by **Sunday, April 22nd, 2012**. If your daughter is currently “playing up” but will be trying out for her “age appropriate” division please email this information by **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**. Players must bring the All Star Commitment Form to their “age appropriate” All Star Workout. (see All Star Schedule for dates & times).

Please contact Jill Henderson or Desiree De La Rosa, (the All Star Coordinators) if you have any questions. They both can be reached at **navajoallstars@gmail.com**

Respectfully,

The Navajo Board of Directors, 2012

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2012 All Star Commitment Form

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Team # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

For the players who are currently "playing up" in the next division, state the division the player would like to be considered for all stars: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, our daughter and family have read and understand the *All Star commitment informational letter* and will commit to most of the All Star season; however, we/she has a prior commitment on the following date(s)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PCA Completed? Yes / No

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, our daughter and family have read and understand the *All Star commitment informational letter* and will commit fully to the complete All Star season and have no prior commitments that need to be disclosed.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) email \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 2012 NAVAJO ALL-STAR SCHEDULE EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS

- April 11th Mandatory PCA Meeting at Magnolia Science Academy @ 6:30 pm
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Girls playing up to commit to appropriate age group (via email)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> DEADLINE – Email All Star Coordinators notifying them of intent to attend workout at: [navajoallstars@gmail.com](mailto:navajoallstars@gmail.com)
- May 1<sup>st</sup> 8U MANDATORY- All Star workout @ 4:30
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10U & 14U MANDATORY- All Star workout @ 4:30
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8U/10U & 14U All Star Draft
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Start Practice for 8U/10U/14U (??)  
12U MANDATORY- All Star workout @ 4:30  
12U Draft
- May 5<sup>th</sup> All Star uniform Fittings (Time/Place TBD)
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Team Sleepovers
- May 12<sup>th</sup> NO TEAM PRACTICE!!!  
Big Sister/Little Sister Event 2pm – 5pm  
All Star BBQ  
Star Making

### TOURNAMENTS:

- May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> East County Tournament
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> San Dieguito Tournament
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vista Tournament
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Peninsula Tournament
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Poway Tournament
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Districts (Purple teams)  
UC Del Sol (White teams)
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> State Tournaments for qualified purple teams
- July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Nationals for qualified 10P, 12P and 14P teams



## **Navajo Girls Softball**

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for the youths, not for the adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child and the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies and procedures of the league.
5. I [and my guests] will present a positive role model for my child, and participating youths.
6. I will encourage good sportsmanship by exhibiting respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive and optimistic support for all players, coaches, umpires, officials and/or spectators at every game, practice, activity or sporting event.
7. All persons, players, parents, fans and spectators are asked to support their team and are welcome to cheer. Jeering, chanting, coaching from the stands or noise making in an effort to distract the pitcher, batter, players or coaching staff and/or actions targeting any other team members, which is deemed excessive by the Umpire or Navajo Softball membership shall not be permitted.
8. I [and my guests] will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior, booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, profanity, or use of profane language or gestures, as concerning or with any player, coach, umpire, official and/or spectator at every game, practice, activity or sporting event.
9. I will not encourage any behaviors, practices, or activities that will or might endanger the health, safety and well being of the youths, coaches, umpires and/or spectators at any game, practice, activity or sporting event.
10. I will teach my youth participant to play by the rules of the softball game, and obey the rules, policies and procedures of Navajo Girls Fastpitch Softball.
11. I will teach my youth participant to play by the rules of the softball game, and to resolve conflicts in an amicable and sportsmanlike manner, without resorting to hostility, violence, profanity or disturbance.
12. I will demand that my youth participant treat other players, coaches, umpires, and/or spectators with respect and consideration, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
13. I will endeavor to teach my child that doing one's best, and having fun at playing baseball, is the most important goal, rather than winning, so that my youth participant will never feel defeated, cheated or dejected by the outcome of a game or his/her performance in that game.
14. I will endeavor to praise my child for competing fairly, honestly, and trying his/her best, so that my child shall feel like a winner at every game, practice or sporting event.
15. I will never ridicule, scold or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake, errors, or losing a competition.
16. I will seek to emphasize skill development, improvement, and practice, and exhibit as the benefits of trying hard and exhibiting fine sportsmanship will benefit my child over winning and make him develop into a positive citizen.

17. I will endeavor to promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes and participants ahead of my personal desire to win and succeed.
18. I will endeavor to refrain from coaching my child or other players during games, practices or sporting events, unless I have been designated one of the official coaches of the team.
19. I will demand a sporting environment for my child which is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol or other illicit drugs, in accordance with the laws of the State of California and United States of America.
20. I agree to refrain from the use of any illicit drugs or consumption of alcohol at any practice, game or sporting event.
21. I will respect the coaches, officials and umpires and their designated authority during games and sporting events.
22. I will not question, discuss, argue, confront coaches, umpires, or officials at any game, practice or sporting event.
23. If I have any issue, that issue shall be discussed at an appropriate time and place, outside the presence of the children, with that coach.
24. No communication regarding any issue shall take place with any umpire or league official unless presented before the full board of directors.
25. I will agree to submit to the disciplinary procedures adopted by the Navajo Girls Fastpitch Softball Board of Directors, as entered into the Bylaws, and to adhere to the directives, promises, and agreements identified above.
26. I will agree to submit to the jurisdiction, rules, policies and procedures of the Navajo Girls Fastpitch Softball, Board of Directors, Bylaws, and other rules and regulations as identified in the rules established by this League.

I HEREBY AGREE TO OBEY AND FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED ABOVE, AND TO BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES AND ADOPTED BYLAWS OF THIS NAVAJO GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION.

INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A BINDING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A LICENSE TO PARTICIPATE, WHICH CAN BE RESTRICTED OR REVOKED, AT ANY TIME, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THIS LEAGUE.

INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES ONLY AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO BE GRANTED FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN NAVAJO GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL - FOR THE 2012 SEASON ONLY.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2012 All-Star Costs**

### **Returning All-Star**

\$160 Uniform (1 jersey, 1 dri-fit secondary jersey, 1 practice shirt, 1 pants,  
1 visor, 2 pr socks, 1 pr purple shoelaces)

\$120 Tournaments

\$ 30 Incidentals (workshop, ASA ID, pins, stars, stickers, jacket year "2012" embroidery)

**\$310 Returning All-Star**

Payment Option: (\$155 due on May 5 and \$155 due on May 19)

### **New All-Star**

\$160 Uniform (1 jersey, 1 dri-fit secondary jersey, 1 practice shirt, 1 pants,  
1 visor, 2 pr socks, 1 pr purple shoelaces)

\$120 Tournaments

\$ 40 Helmet

\$ 30 Incidentals (workshop, ASA ID, pins, stars, stickers, jacket year "2012" embroidery)

**\$350 New All-Star w/out optional purple jacket**

Payment Option: (\$175 due on May 5 and \$175 due on May 19)

Extra socks: \$10

Optional purple all star jacket: \$59

Other spirit wear options will be available at the All Star fitting.