

Summer Softball All-Star Program

Introduction

Provide expanded playing opportunities for continued growth and competition of our Recreational Softball Program into the Summer. Summer All-Stars will be tournament based play against other Char-Meck member organizations and Executive Board approved “other” organizations.

Summer All-Stars Objective

Summer All-Stars will provide interested players an opportunity to play in a “more” competitive yet recreational based environment during the Summer timeframe. Summer All-Stars will provide the opportunity to continue to develop their skills and competitive spirit. Although skill may be a partial determining factor, we encourage a broad range of players to enable growth of the program and individuals in this expanded environment.

Summer All-Stars extends the opportunity for players to advance beyond regular season recreational play to the next level within the Char – Meck Softball League. This program would allow those Recreational players looking to take their play to the next level, a “step up” opportunity to advance their skills and play in a tournament based competitive environment.

Although competitive, it is NOT a WIN AT ALL COST objective; we are a recreational organization and need to plan and play accordingly.

Team Composition

- Summer All-Stars will be open to all Char-Meck Softball Organizations and age groups: 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14/15/16U (if applicable).
- Each team will typically consist of 10-14 players (Local Association can make this determination).
- Organizations are encouraged to field a team in each age group, with the option of having multiple teams in a specific age group if they have players interested. Our objective should be to maximize both players and teams.
- It is recommended that your organization develop a formal selection process to determine player selection. This can be done through coaches “Consensus Selection” or another local association approved process.
- Selection of players would be at the discretion of each association but should focus on players with an interest and capability (with or without additional learning) to play in a more competitive environment.
- A player will be ineligible to play Summer All-Stars if they are currently on the active full-time roster of a Travel team or have played in more than one travel tournament during this calendar year (Calendar year is defined as January through the conclusion of the All-Star Commitment; typically July).
- Two or more Char-Meck Organizations may combine to make a single Summer All-Star team in one or more age groups only after inviting all players from their regular Spring Recreational Season.

- A formal request must be made and approved by the “Summer All-Star Advisory Board before the team can form”.
- Players who played Recreational Softball in the Fall, but not in the Spring may be added to a Summer All-Star team only after exhausting all of the Spring Rec Season Participants.
 - A formal request must be made and approved by the “Summer All-Star Advisory Board”.

Season Format

The Summer All-Star program will typically consist of 2 to 4 weekend tournaments played in June and July. Number of tournaments and their format (i.e. single or double elimination) will be determined once teams are identified.

Player Eligibility

- Players who played Recreational Softball in the Fall, but not in the Spring may be added to a Summer All-Star team only after exhausting all of the Spring Rec Season Participants. A formal request must be made and approved by the "Summer All-Star Advisory Board".
- Only active Spring Recreational Players are eligible (unless approval received per note above). Travel ball players are not eligible to play (Travel is defined as on an active Travel Team Roster or played in 2 or more travel tournaments since January of the current year through completing the All-Star Season; typically July).
- Player must play on the Summer All-Star Team that corresponds to the age group they competed in during the Spring Season. Players cannot move up or down (even if age eligible) for Summer All-Stars without approval by the "Summer All-Star Advisory Board".

Rules of Play

The Summer All-Star program will follow the “Char – Meck Girls Softball Rules of Play” with the following exception:

- Home Team/Visitor Team will be determined by a coin flip at the beginning of each game.

Recognition:

Char-Meck will recognize the top 2 teams for each Summer All-Star Tournament. In addition, individual “key” players will be recognized following each game. Please refer to the following notes for details:

- Tournament trophies or medallions will be given out for each participating team finishing in the top two positions.
- MVP pins should be awarded after every game. Each coach/team needs to determine which girl on the opposing team should receive this award. A girl can be awarded multiple pins during the duration of the tournament.

Fees

- To be determined based on the number of tournaments, games played, umpire fees, trophy cost, and facility fees. These fees will be divided equally (per team) from all participating organizations.
- Uniforms will be paid for by each organization that chooses to have special uniforms.

Governing Responsibility:

A Summer All-Star Advisory Board will be appointed prior to each Spring season by the Char-Meck Board of Commissioners. This Advisory Board is intended to ensure the rules and spirit of the rules is followed as well as offer guardrails to ensure success. Although this Advisory Board may have the ability to set forth penalties, it is expected that this will not be necessary.

Each member organization should take an active role to ensure that the written and implied rules are followed and maintained. If the situation is not specifically covered in a written rule then the question should be directed to the “Summer All-Star Advisory Board”.

- If the “Summer All-Star Advisory Board” identifies a violation (known or unknown to the Member Organization) to the rules and/or intent of this program, they (the Summer All-Star Advisory Board) may recommend dismissal or a team and/or complete organization for upcoming tournament participation.
 - One key note to rules and intent of program is related to the Travel Player eligibility noted above.