



The Hits

There's only about a month left in our regular season! We've had a blast so far and so much more fun to come.

Please save the date **Friday, April 28th** for an all-league end of season gathering at our home field. More information to come in the following week!

All Stars Info - IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

Dear Parents:

We hope you and your player are enjoying the spring season. As we head into the second half, the improvement of our teams has been a lot of fun to watch. We appreciate all of your commitment and support of the girls, coaches, and league – it's been a fantastic spring!

Each spring Northwest puts together one All-Star team per age group to compete in a series of area tournaments. The All-Star experience gives our players a chance to challenge themselves, hone their softball skills, and enjoy the exciting and competitive tournament environment.

Below are some details on dates, cost, and time commitments. ***Read through them, and if your daughter is interested in playing All-Stars, [please complete this google form](#) by Friday, April 14.***

IMPORTANT: Completing this form **does not guarantee that your child will be selected to an All-Star team**. This is only to determine the level of interest in each age group. Once we know the interest, we can determine how many players can be added and if a selection process is required. If necessary, teams will be selected by secret ballot based upon the coaches' collective assessment of the players' performance. There also may be a scheduled tryout for players. In the event we do not have enough Northwest players to field a full squad, we will attempt to pair our players with another league.

Teams

Each team must have a minimum of 12 players, with one to two alternates. Please note that unlike regular season play, All-Star rosters play only 9 during each game, so playing time will not be equal. Please set this expectation with your child.

Time Commitment

There will be at least 2 and more likely 3 practices per week beginning the week of May 8, and your player must be available for a majority of practices, preferably one of the warm-up tournaments in late May, and all of the June weekends. Please do not sign up if you're unable to make at least three June weekends. This is a significant increase in time commitment over the regular season in order to give our coaches time to work with the teams and prepare them for the tournaments. We will be playing the best players from around the area, and our goal is to be competitive and present Northwest's best offering. Please discuss with your child before signing up.

Texas DIAMOND All-Stars

This spring Northwest will be participating in the Texas DIAMOND All Star Tournaments, a new organization whose intent is to offer recreation-only softball tournaments to area all-star teams. Dates and locations are TBD, but there will be three All-Star tournaments, all held in the month of June. There also will likely be one or two warm-up tournaments scheduled in late May.

Financial

Per player cost will be approximately \$250. Northwest Softball will work with our All-Star teams to seek sponsorships that help offset these costs, which include All-Star uniforms, pants, socks, bags, and tournament and umpire fees.

Thank you so much! If you have additional questions, please reach out to president@nwsoftball.org.

Pitchers/Catchers and Batting Sessions

There will be no pitchers/catchers or batting sessions this week due to the holiday. Check back next week for the link to sign up for 4/16.

Weather Updates

The weather has been a bit unpredictable lately, so please make sure to check our Instagram and Facebook accounts, website, and MOJO for announcements on weather delays or cancellations. We'll push the information out on all channels as soon as it's available to us.

Lightning Policy

With possible thunderstorms in the forecast for Saturday, we'd like to remind all spectators that the Director on Duty will monitor the [Weather Bug app](#) for lightning strikes within 10 miles of the field. When there is lightning detected within 10 miles, everyone must move to a car and the field is closed for 30 minutes. Thank you for understanding and for abiding by our Lightning Policy.

Sponsor of the Week



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Important Dates

April 16: NWS at UT vs. Kansas - 12pm at Red and Charline McCombs Field

April 28: All League End of Season Celebration - Home Field 6

May 4-6: CPYL Tournament - Cedar Park, TX

Don't forget to give us some social media LOVE -- we like our hits on AND off the field!

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