



# 2025 Simi Youth Baseball – Pony All-Stars Program

April 1, 2025



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# Objectives

- Create an environment where SYB players have an opportunity to play in a more competitive setting
- Establish teams that both compete hard and represent the Simi Youth Baseball community with class and integrity; These must go hand-in-hand
- Foster player growth, development, friendships and love of the game



# General Timeline

Week of March 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All-Star Parent Informational Meeting</li><li>• All-Star consent forms and manager applications (due by 4/6)</li></ul>
Week of April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division Player Agents to provide managers with All-Star interest list</li><li>• Division manager meetings to discuss All-Star candidates</li><li>• Managers evaluate players</li></ul>
Week of April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All-Star Manager Interviews with SYB BOD</li><li>• Managers continue to evaluate players</li></ul>
Week of April 21 / April 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managers continue to evaluate players</li><li>• Division manager meetings to discuss All-Star candidates</li><li>• All Star rankings due (5/3)</li></ul>
Week of May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All-Star reveals week</li></ul>
May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SYB Spring Closing Ceremonies</li></ul>
May 24-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First tournament (USSSA Memorial Day Tournament)</li></ul>
May 28-June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Odds/Evens Tournament</li></ul>



## Consent Forms

- Any SYB spring player may be considered for all-stars upon completion of a completed consent form. These will be sent out week of March 30th
  - Please ensure that your players date of birth on the interest form matches their date of birth on their Birth Certificate. If the birthdays do not match, your player may not be selected.
  - SYB does not allow players to participate in All-Stars outside of their PONY League Age
  - You MUST note all dates of unavailability for your player on your consent form.
- A completed consent form does not guarantee your child will be selected to play for an all-star team
- Candidate interest forms must be submitted by Sunday, April 6



## Player Evaluation

- Division Player Agents will provide managers with a list of players for whom the league received signed consent forms by Sunday, April 6
- Managers are expected to make best efforts to observe/evaluate all players on the list
- Each division will host a managers meeting, starting week of April 7, to review/discuss players on the All-Stars interest list



## Team Selection

- On May 3, each division manager will submit player rankings for the age-appropriate groups for that particular division (ex. Pinto managers will submit All-Star rankings for all league age 7 and age 8 candidates)
- The number of teams by age-group will be contingent upon the number of interested players and manager availability
- Final player rankings are based on the average of all manager player rankings
- Teams are formed as follows:
  - Red Team – Players ranked 1 – 10 automatically qualify; Red team manager must select a minimum of 2 players from those ranked 11 – 15.
  - White Team – After the Red team is determined, the next 10 players qualify for the White team; White team manager must select a minimum of two players from the next 5 players
  - Blue Team – Same process is followed in determining the Blue team
- Starting May 5, All-Star managers (as voted on by the Board of Directors) and All-Star teams will be revealed.
- Once your player has been selected and placed on an All-Star team, quitting at any time will result in ineligibility for All-Stars the following year (2026)



## Manager Selection

- SYB spring managers or coaches that are interested in managing an all-star team must submit an application by Sunday, April 6
- Manager interviews will commence the week of April 14
- Managers will be voted on by the Board of Directors





## Uniforms

- To streamline the All-Star uniform process, the league will use the jersey/hat sizes on the All Star form, as well as uniform number preferences
- Uniforms to include: 2- hats, 2- SYB jerseys, 1- practice jersey. Teams are required to wear SYB All-Star hats and jerseys during tournaments.
- All-Star uniform information will be submitted to the uniform vendor by Friday, May 9 to ensure uniforms are ready by the Odds and Evens tournament



## Practices

- All-Star teams will be formed before the conclusion of our spring season
- Spring teams are the priority until the conclusion of the spring season. Missing any Spring Season games or practices to attend All-Star activities is not permitted
- All-Star practices will be sporadic and dependent upon field availability until the conclusion of the spring season
- Upon the conclusion of the spring season, All-Star teams typically practice 3-5 days per week



### Play Ball – General Schedule

- Memorial Day Weekend – USSSA Memorial Day Tournament
- First two weekends in June - “Odds and Evens” hosted by SYB and Agoura Pony Baseball
- Father’s Day weekend – Start of Pony sanction tournaments (for some age groups)
- Number of Pony sanctioned tournaments dependent upon team performance

\*\*Final tournaments can go well into August, depending on division



# Projected Costs

- Approximately \$385 per player will include the following:
  - Two (2) SYB All-Star fitted hats
  - Two (2) SYB All-Star jerseys with Pony All-Star patch
  - One (1) SYB All-Star practice jersey
  - Registration to “Odds-and-Evens” tournament hosted by Simi Youth Baseball
- Additional expenses per player will vary by team: (some examples below)
  - USA bats required for sanction events
  - PONY sanctioned tournaments (including entrance fees, tournament fees, hotel/lodging)
  - Additional non-Pony sanctioned local/regional tournaments, such as USSSA Memorial Day Tournament and “Odds-and-Evens” hosted by Agoura Pony Baseball
  - Travel expenses to regional and out-of-state tournaments



# Additional information

- The All-Star experience is designed to be different than the Spring season. It is far more competitive.
  - The primary goal for our All-Star Teams is to bring home banners. Criteria for a banner is to win the PONY Regions Tournament or above
  - Only 9 players bat for sanctioned tournaments (7u and above)
  - There are no “must play” rules for All-Stars
- Team Fundraising is helpful and full participation is encouraged
  - All donations are to be made DIRECTLY to the team, NOT through SYB or it’s Tax-exempt status
  - Team Fundraising must be fully documented, with proof of funds received and expended
- Copies of Birth Certificates must be provided for PONY



# Setting a Positive Example is Non-Negotiable

- The SYB Code of Conduct applies to All-star participation
- While All-Stars is more competitive, it is important to remember the following:
  - The players are kids
  - The coaches are volunteers
  - The umpires are humans
- Participating in SYB All-Stars is a privilege, not a right
- Please enjoy the experience and remember that we all represent SYB

Thank you!

