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## NEWS RELEASE – Nor Cal USA Softball Selection Process for All-American Games

USA Softball of Northern California (Nor Cal USA Softball) is pleased to announce its participation in the inaugural USA Softball-All American Games. The USA Softball All-American Games is a prestigious tournament that will be hosted at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City. The All-American Games will provide National exposure to elite athletes in the 12U age division and has been specifically designed to identify and highlight the best athletes from across the country.

Each Region will select teams to represent their geographical area. Additional at-large selections are given to certain Regions with highest registration. The Pacific Coast Region (Region 10) is charged with selecting three teams, comprised of 45 players and six coaches. Designation to a USA Softball All-American team is one of the highest honors a player can receive and instantly brands a player as one of the top athletes in the United States. Only a maximum of 360 girls nationwide will have the opportunity to wear the USA Softball jersey at this elite event.

Participants will experience VIP treatment during their time at the USA Softball All-American Games. The event will feature a free camp for all players, a meet & greet with USA Softball National Team Members, Opening Ceremonies, intense competition in a 3 Game Guarantee Tournament and a swag bag for all participants.

Nor Cal USA Softball is tasked with selecting nine (9) players to compete in the event. Our selections will be combined with those of the other associations in our Region and teams will be formed from those selections. Players selected through Nor Cal may or may not end up on the same team.

In order to be eligible players must be age 12 or younger as of December 31, 2016. Nor Cal USA Softball has designated three (3) events as Selection Events for this year's All-American Games, where we will have representatives there evaluating players. Those events are as follows:

April 8-9 – Salinas  
April 22-23 – Vacaville  
May 13-14 Hayward

All are Nor Cal Pre-Qualifiers as well. We will NOT be conducting open tryouts. Those trying to earn a spot on the team MUST attend at least one of the designated events in order to be considered by Nor Cal USA Softball. Should any of these weekends be canceled for any reason there will be no make-up event.

Also, Nor Cal USA Softball Junior Olympic Commissioner Manuel Gomez must be notified by a parent or legal guardian that their child wishes to be considered for selection for the All-American Games. By doing so you are indicating that you are available on the dates of the tournament in Oklahoma City and that you understand that you will be responsible for paying travel expenses to and from Oklahoma City and for any meals and incidentals. Nor Cal USA Softball will cover the cost for one (1) room at an approved hotel for three (3) nights while attending the Games.

Dates: August 18 – 20, 2017

Location: ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

# of Teams: 24 Teams – 360 Athletes

Website: [www.usasoftballallamericangames.com](http://www.usasoftballallamericangames.com)

Email: [allamericangames@usasoftball.com](mailto:allamericangames@usasoftball.com)

Entry Fee: \$100 Per Player (*Paid for by the Association you were selected from*)

Admission: None

Tournament: 3 Game Guarantee

Those wishing to have their child considered should email Mr. Gomez at [mgomez@norcalasa.org](mailto:mgomez@norcalasa.org) and include the following information:

Player's Name

Player's Date of Birth

Player's Team

Player's Position(s)

Selection Tournament(s) player's team will be attending.