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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 2nd Annual 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 4 Game Guarantee Tournament and a swag bag for all participants. Last year's event was spectacular and we know it will only get better.

Nor Cal USA Softball is tasked with selecting nine (9) players to compete in this year's 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, 2017. Nor Cal USA Softball has designated two (2) 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 7-8 – Salinas

April 21-22 - Vacaville

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, local transportation once there and for any meals and incidentals. Nor Cal USA Softball will cover the cost for one (1) room at an approved hotel for up to four (4) nights while attending the Games, as well as the \$100 per player Entry Fee.

Dates: June 29-July 1, 2018

Location: USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

of Teams: 24 Teams – 360 Athletes

Website: www.usasoftballallamericangames.com

Email: allamericangames@usasoftball.com

Entry Fee: \$100 Per Player (*Paid for by Nor Cal USA Softball*)

Tournament: 4 Game Guarantee

Those wishing to have their child considered should email Mr. Gomez no later than 5pm the Friday prior to the Selection event at mgomez@norcalusasoftball.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.

Emails received after the 5pm Friday deadline may not be accommodated.