

USA SOFTBALL™

of Kansas

June 15, 2020

Dear USA Softball National Qualifier:

The Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department, Visit Topeka and USA Softball of Kansas are proud to be hosting the **2020 USA Softball Class B 16U and 18U Fast Pitch Northern National Championship**. We look forward to hosting your players and spectators as distinguished guests in our community.

Attached, you will find a packet of information regarding the **2020 USA Softball 16U and 18U Class B Fast Pitch Northern National Championship** held in Topeka, Kansas on July 23 – 26. In addition, you will find a schedule of events for the tournament. If you have not already sent in your completed entry blank, tournament entry fee and your USA Softball Official Championship Roster, please do so as soon as possible. **The deadline is no later than July 13, 2020. Games will start play on Friday, July 24 at 8:00AM**

This year, games will be played at Rueger Park Softball Complex and Shawnee North Sports Complex. Rueger Park Softball Complex was recently renovated with new infields, lights and updated concourse and plaza areas before the 2019 season. All four diamonds were designed according to USA Softball National Championship specifications in anticipation of hosting more high level tournaments in Topeka. Rueger Complex consists of four irrigated and well lit 300' fields with six foot high outfield fences as well as a centrally elevated observation deck designed to allow maximum viewing of several fields. Shawnee North Complex also contains four irrigated and well lit fields with three fields at 300' and one field at 250' outfields as well as a trail that runs around the complex, the Shawnee North Aquatic Center and two volleyball courts. This tournament will use temporary fencing to accommodate Fastpitch. Both complexes have a concession stand with a variety of food and drinks, centrally located restroom facilities, large parking lots and playgrounds.

Once again, we look forward to hosting this prestigious event and promise to make our tournament a rewarding experience for your team and fans. If you should have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Wayne Burns, Tournament Director
USA Softball of Kansas State Commissioner

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Dear National Championship participants, umpires and fans,

The 2020 season has been unlike any other. This year brought us unprecedented times, not only for our sport but for the global community as a whole, and with it so much uncertainty as to how we could stay connected until the day we could once again return to the ballparks.

We followed along as you all played it safe at home, connected with teammates over virtual chats and adapted to training and practices in your backyards. The participants and fans of our great game have adapted to the challenges that this year has brought, and despite these difficult times, it's been inspiring to see the resiliency, tenacity and determination within the softball community.

With the 2020 Championship Season finally upon us, I want to congratulate each and every one of you for earning your spot at a USA Softball National Championship Final.

As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, USA Softball has a reputation for providing the best-of-the-best in all aspects of the game. That reputation is built on a foundation of 80-plus years in sanctioning the sport of softball – a foundation that we will continue to build upon as we move into the 2020 Championship season and beyond.

We take protecting our members both on and off the field seriously and are dedicated to building and maintaining a supportive and nurturing environment in which our participants may flourish and grow. Simply put – USA Softball will not tolerate ANY abuse whether it is physical, mental, emotional or sexual. We are the leaders in the sport of softball and as such our commitment to athlete safety is unmatched. That is why every National Championship Tournament Director, umpire and all non-player participants 18 years of age and older in Junior Olympic (JO) Championship Play are required to complete both a background check and U.S. Center for SafeSport training.

As the leader in the sport of softball, USA Softball has a proud history and tradition unmatched by any softball association in crowning National Champions. By participating in a National Championship Finals, you are joining a legacy of over 400 individuals in the National Softball Hall of Fame who were once just like you, competing for a USA Softball National Championship.

The only thing more exciting than competing for a USA Softball National Championship is being crowned the National Champion! We know that there can only be one National Champion decided on the field per division and classification; however, we feel that everyone that participates in a USA Softball National Championship Finals is a 'Champion' and should take pride in competing for a National Championship title.

Again, congratulations on your team's success this year and thanks to the cities and the local organizing committees for their efforts in furthering the history and tradition of USA Softball National Championship Finals.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Cress
Chief Executive Officer
USA Softball





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Dear Players, Coaches, Sponsors and Fans,

The road to a 2020 USA Softball National Championship has been one unlike any other. To say that this year has been unprecedented would be an understatement. Despite the uncertainty during these difficult times, the participants and fans of our great game have adapted to the challenges that this year has brought, showing a resiliency and determination that is synonymous with sports.

From virtual practices, online clinics and connecting with each other through social media, we've been inspired watching the softball community come together. Although the uncertainty of when the season would resume existed, it was clear that each and every one of you were preparing yourself to take the field the second it was deemed safe to do so.

With the Championship season finally here, congratulations to each of you on reaching a USA Softball National Championship. Achieving this level of competition is a tribute to your efforts both on and off the field and we commend you for your dedication and success. USA Softball represents over 150,000 teams and over two million athletes, and by being a part of this great organization, you are among elite company. By reaching your respective division's highest level of play you are part of an exclusive club as only about seven percent of our participants qualify for a National Championship.

USA Softball has a proud history and tradition unmatched by any softball association crowning National Champions. We are proud of our history and take tremendous pride in being recognized as the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee. Whether you are a player, coach, sponsor or fan you are taking part in a true National Championship and you should be very proud of that accomplishment.

The effort put forth by the local host cities, organizing committees and volunteers that are needed to host a USA Softball National Championship is colossal. We are extremely appreciative for their time, effort, and the caliber of Championships they provide each year. USA Softball and its partners strive to host outstanding softball tournaments and crown National Champions in Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, 16" Slow Pitch and Modified Pitch for men, women, boys and girls from ages 8 to 80. In addition, our gratitude and praise extends to our National Championship Umpires who have advanced to this level based on their accomplishments and expertise on the field, which comes with a lot of hard work as well.

Again, congratulations on your team's success in reaching this National Championship and thanks to all who make it possible, and to you for choosing to play USA Softball.

Rodney Cobb
President
USA Softball



Where Olympic Journeys Begin

USA Softball

Official Junior Olympic Championship Tournament Requirements



ACE Education, Background Check, SafeSport Training, and Bollinger Insurance

USA Softball Junior Olympic (Youth) Championship Play **(Code Article 301 C03)** requires the following:

- * Any Junior Olympic team participating in Championship Play must have at least one ACE Coach (current year) on the field/dugout during championship play games.
- * All Junior Olympic team personnel assisting in the dugout/on the field **must visually display their proof of a passed USA Softball Background check** (current year).
- * All Junior Olympic team personnel assisting in the dugout/on the field **must take SafeSport training if the team has players age 17 or under (Bylaws Section 4.2)**
- * Teams playing in the Junior Olympic (Youth) Championship Play **(Code Article 103)** in 2020 are required to show proof of insurance that meets requirements set by USA Softball, Inc.

Instructions

This form may be used to verify that the team and coaches listed below have met the USA Softball Procedural Code, USA Softball Bylaws, and USA Softball Board of Directors directive for ACE Coach Education, SafeSport Training, Background Check and Tournament Insurance in Championship Tournament play.

Team Name: _____
Association: _____

This team has Bollinger Insurance for the _____ Tournament season: _____

The coaches below have passed a **2020 ACE Coach Education requirement:**

Coach Name: _____ Level: _____ Member #: _____
Coach Name: _____ Level: _____ Member #: _____
Coach Name: _____ Level: _____ Member #: _____

The coaches listed below have passed a **2020 USA Softball Background Check:**

Coach Name: _____ Member #: _____
Coach Name: _____ Member #: _____
Coach Name: _____ Member #: _____

The coaches listed below have passed **2020 USA Softball SafeSport Certification requirements:**

Member ID: _____ SafeSport Trained Date: _____ Refresher 1 Date: _____
Refresher 2 Date: _____

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Official Tournament Entry Form



Instructions:

This form must be filled out by the USA Softball Commissioner (or his/her designee) before the team listed below is allowed to compete in any of the following tournaments (circle type of event):

Regional

National/Territory/HOF

National Championship Finals

Please fill out completely and accurately

YOUTH			
Girls <input type="checkbox"/>	Fast <input type="checkbox"/>	Coach Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold <input type="checkbox"/>
Boys <input type="checkbox"/>	Slow <input type="checkbox"/>	Machine Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	"A" <input type="checkbox"/>
ACE Coach <input type="checkbox"/>		Pitch <input type="checkbox"/>	"B" <input type="checkbox"/>
USA Softball Insurance Team or Individual <input type="checkbox"/>			"C" <input type="checkbox"/>
			18-U <input type="checkbox"/>
			16-U <input type="checkbox"/>
			14-U <input type="checkbox"/>
			12-U <input type="checkbox"/>
			10-U <input type="checkbox"/>
			8-U <input type="checkbox"/>

ADULT			
Men <input type="checkbox"/>	Slow <input type="checkbox"/>	Major <input type="checkbox"/>	35-Over <input type="checkbox"/>
Women <input type="checkbox"/>	Fast <input type="checkbox"/>	"A" <input type="checkbox"/>	40-Over <input type="checkbox"/>
Coed <input type="checkbox"/>	Mod. 9' <input type="checkbox"/>	"B" <input type="checkbox"/>	45-Over <input type="checkbox"/>
	Mod. 10' <input type="checkbox"/>	"C" <input type="checkbox"/>	50-75 Over <input type="checkbox"/>
	Ind. <input type="checkbox"/>	"D" <input type="checkbox"/>	
	16' <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

Team Information (Print or Type)

Team Name: _____

Manager: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Fax Number: () _____ Email: _____

The team listed above is currently registered and in good standing with its local USA Softball Association. This team has qualified to compete in the division and classification of play listed above:

Signed: _____
 Association Team is Registered with _____ Association Commissioner & Contact Phone Number _____ Date _____

This portion of the form shall only be used when the team listed above has qualified for a National Tournament or the National Championship Finals. This form is to be completed by either the tournament director of the qualifying tournament, or the local USA Softball Commissioner if the team has qualified via one of the following:

- 1) Registration Berth 2) Returning Team 3) Host Team

The above team has qualified for a national Tournament or the National Championship Finals from:

(Please check one)

State/Metro Regional National/Territory/HOF Qlfr. Registration Berth Returning Host Team

The above team has qualified to compete in the:

 National Tournament or Championship Finals Signature of Qualifying Tournament Director or Local USA Softball Commissioner Date _____

Forward a copy of this form and the official USA Softball Championship Roster and affidavits to the National Tournament or National Championship Finals Tournament Director.



OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

LIABILITY WAIVER



I, the signed player or the parent or legal guardian of a minor player named on this roster, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1.) Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated below. 2.) I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants in addition to the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. Further, I agree that in consideration for right to play as a member of the team designated below and in consideration for permission to play on the field arranged for by the team or league: 1.) I voluntarily elect or accept and solely assume all risk of damages, injury, including death, incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member or observer during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premise of any and all of the fields arranged for by my team or league for practice or play. 2.) I release, discharge and agree not to sue the team and/or league designated below or any owner or leasee of fields on which softball is played or practiced by my team or USA Softball, their owners, officers, umpires, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or USA Softball for any claim, damages, cost or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including, but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of these parties hereby released. I further agree that I shall hold harmless and fully indemnify the parties hereby released from any claims, damages, costs including attorney fees, and cause of action which may arise from any claim or cause of action made by me, through me or on my behalf even if the damages, injuries or death are caused in whole or in part by any of the parties or entities hereby released, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS IN THIS WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

PLAYER AFFIDAVIT

EACH PLAYER SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE COMPLETING AND SIGNING INVERSE PAGE. I have received USA Softball's Official Rules of Softball and I understand and agree to be bound by the rules of USA Softball. I am a member in good standing of this softball team and I am eligible to compete with this team in the Championship Play of USA Softball. I understand that I may play on only one team within a division during the season in USA Softball Championship Play and this is the team which I have elected to play for this season. I understand and agree that USA Softball has the right to take permanent possession of a bat that has been determined to be altered. In consideration of my being permitted to compete, I hereby give permission to USA Softball and its local associations to use in any and all publications that they may desire, all pictures taken of the undersigned in their publicizing the game of softball I hereby subscribe my name in the column for signatures and by doing so certify that I have read this statement and that information supplied on this roster is correct to the best of my knowledge.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AFFIDAVIT

IF PLAYER IS A MINOR, HIS OR HER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ROSTER ON INVERSE PAGE. NOTE: FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC DIVISIONS, VERIFICATIONS OF BIRTH DATE FOR EACH PLAYER MUST BE ATTACHED (i.e., Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate or Hospital Certificate may be used.) Legible photo copies will be accepted. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE TEAM MANAGER, INDICATED BELOW, TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE MINOR PLAYERS WHICH I AM EITHER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN THE EVENT THAT I AM NOT AVAILABLE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT IS REQUIRED. On behalf of the minor player, I hereby incorporate by reference and agree to comply with the policies stated in the affidavit. I also hereby give permission to USA Softball and its local associations to use in any and all publications that they may desire, all pictures taken of the minor player in their publicizing the game of softball. I hereby subscribe my name in the column for signatures and by doing so certify that I have read this statement and that information supplied on this roster is correct to the best of my knowledge.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT

I am the manager of the above mentioned team and after receiving USA Softball's Official Rules of Softball, and after being duly sworn, depose and say that all the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that all the players signed the above in their handwriting and they are eligible to compete with my team in the Championship Play of USA Softball and agree to be bound by the rules of USA Softball as contained in the USA Softball Code and USA Softball's Official Rules of Softball.

USA SOFTBALL COMMISSIONER STATEMENT

ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS ROSTER IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

 Manager's Name (Print)

 Manager's signature

 Manager's Address (Print)

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Office/Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

 Signature of USA Softball Local Association Commissioner or designee
 Date: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

 Local Association and Region Number

 Signature of USA Softball Deputy/District Commissioner



USA SOFTBALL OFFICIAL WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNIFICATION FORM

20 ____ Year **USA SOFTBALL OFFICIAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER**

Team Name _____ City & State _____ Division & Classification of Championship Play _____
(men/women/boys/girls; slow pitch/fast pitch; B-united; church, etc.)

- 1) Each adult player should read the statement on opposite side before completing and signing this roster
- 2) Parents/Guardians signature should be on the same numbered line below as the players' name.
- 3) Players are subject to the USA Softball Drug Control Procedures and Policies as provided in the USA Softball Code

*By initialing in the column below, you acknowledge you have read and understand the liability waiver and player affidavit information on the reverse side.

NOTE: Team accident insurance is not provided for USA Softball National Championship play. USA Softball has made available the voluntary purchase of team accident insurance. See your USA Softball commissioner for information.

PR	PRINT OR TYPE PLAYER'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ADULT PLAYER OR PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	BONA FIDE RESIDENCE (Street, City, State, Zip)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)	INITIALS*
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HOUSING INFORMATION

USA Softball 16U & 18U Class B Northern National Championships July 23-26, 2020 Topeka, Kansas

You will be responsible for making your accommodations directly with the hotel of your choice. Please call the hotel properties listed below to make reservations. All hotels are within 15 minutes from the playing fields. State and local taxes will be in addition to the rates provided.

HYATT PLACE – HOST HOTEL (785) 273-0066

CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL	(800) 579-7937
\$94	Single
\$94	Double
\$94	King

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES	(785) 228-9500
\$90	Double
\$90	King
\$99	King Suite

CYRUS HOTEL	(866) 266-3500
\$104	Single
\$104	Double

MEADOW ACRES INN	(785) 267-1681
\$63	Single
\$70	Double

CLUBHOUSE INN & SUITES	(785) 273-8888
\$94	Double Queen
\$94	King & Sofa
\$114	King Suite
<i>Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet</i>	

MOTEL 6-NORTHWEST	(785) 272-8283
\$67	Single
\$72	Double

COMFORT SUITES	(785) 246-6777
\$115	King

QUALITY INN	(785) 273-6969
\$64	Single
\$64	Double
<i>Pool & Continental Breakfast</i>	

COUNTRY INN & SUITES	(785) 478-9800
\$84	Single
\$84	Double
\$84	King

RAMADA INN	(785) 380-8042
\$84	Single
\$84	Double
\$84	King

DAYS INN	(785) 272-8538
\$62	Double
\$58	King

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT	(785) 271-8903
\$149	King Suites
<i>Complimentary "Grab & Go" breakfast</i>	

ECONO LODGE	(785) 273-5365
\$109	Double
\$100	King

SLEEP INN & SUITES	(785) 228-2500
\$114	Single
\$114	Double

FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT	(785) 273-6800
\$109	Double Queen
<i>Complimentary "Grab & Go" breakfast</i>	

TOPEKA COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT	(785) 271-6165
\$114	Single
\$114	Double
\$114	King
<i>Complimentary "Grab & Go" breakfast</i>	

HILTON GARDEN INN	(785) 350-2069
\$106	Single
\$106	Double
\$106	King

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July 23-26, 2020

Topeka, Kansas

Baymont Inn & Suites	(785) 380-8101
Best Western Topeka Inn & Suites	(785) 228-2223
Country Club Motel	(785) 266-3732
Holiday Inn Express & Suites North	(785) 861-7200
Relax Inn & Suites	(785) 783-5513
Super 8 Motel	(785) 380-8039
Travelers Inn	(785) 267-1222
