

USA Softball 16U & 18U GOLD National Championship



Tournament Packet
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 17, 2023 – July 23, 2023

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Tournament Information Sheet

Tournament Name:	USA Softball GOLD National Championship (16U & 18U)
Location(s):	USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex 2801 NE 50 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111
Dates:	July 16 th – 23 rd , 2023 <i>16th used as check-in day</i> <i>23rd used for IF games only</i>
Website:	USA Softball GOLD Nationals
Entry Fee:	\$1,995 per team – Checks payable to ‘USA Softball’ Mail entry fee to Tournament Director (address below) Pay by phone – (405) 425-3424
Number of Teams:	20 teams per division
Tournament Format:	5 Game Guarantee 3 Pool Play into Double Elimination Bracket Seeded blind draw
Tournament Director:	Candice Eades 2801 NE 50 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111 Office: (405) 425-3470 ceades@usasoftball.com

Dates and Deadlines

Monday, June 19th: Last day to earn/accept a berth to GOLD Nationals

Friday, June 30th - All required items below due: Please send to Candice Eades

- ___ USA Softball Registration Verification (Team ID # from registerusasoftball.com)
- ___ Team Logo
- ___ Entry Fee (\$1,995)
- ___ USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form (*signed by commissioner/designee*)
- ___ **Background Checks** for all coaches/volunteers 18+ ([see here](#))
- ___ **SafeSport Certifications** for all coaches/volunteers and players 18+ ([see here](#))
- ___ **ACE Training** (1 Coach from the roster must complete)

Each coach should go to registerusasoftball.com to complete background checks and SafeSport requirements. Any coach/volunteer that is 18 years old or older that occupy the dugout or step onto the field of play at any time during the tournament will need a cleared background check and completed SafeSport certificate. If you need assistance, please email: ITRegSupport@usasoftball.com

Friday, July 7th: **Pool Play Blind Draw & Coaches Meeting @ 5pm CT**
Virtual via Zoom:

Sunday, July 16th: **Team/Player Check-In at Chicken and Pickle @ 12:00pm**
Every athlete and member of coaching staff is required to sign the USA Softball Official Tournament Signature form prior to participating in the event. Please have your team line in the exact order as they are listed on the Championship Roster. One of the following documents is required for verification:

- Birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Hospital certificate, Driver's license, photo ID card issued by a local USA Softball Commissioner, or Valid passport.

All required items are due at time of check-in

- _____ USA Softball Official Championship Roster
Signed by Commissioner (or designee)
- _____ USA Softball Pick-up/Release Player form(s) (if any)
Signed by Commissioner (or designee)

- Sunday, July 16th:** **Bat Testing at Chicken and Pickle @ 12:00pm**
All bats must be tested and stickered prior to game use. Any player using a bat that has not been tested could be subject to ejection from the game or tournament. Umpires will also be checking to make sure bats meet regulations outlined in the USAS Official Rules of Softball **Rule 3 Section 1.**
- Monday, July 17th:** **Pool Play**
Each team will play three pool play games. Play will begin Monday morning at 9:00am. You must participate in your pool games or you will be eliminated from bracket play.
Pool Play placement will affect blind draw for Bracket.
- Tuesday, July 18th:** Pool Play continues at 9:00am
- Wednesday, July 19th:** Pool play continues / Bracket Play starts at 3:00 pm
- Thursday, July 20th:** Bracket Play continues at 9:00am
- Friday, July 21st:** Bracket Play continues at 9:00am
- Saturday, July 22nd:** Bracket Play continues at 9:00am
16U Championship 5:00 PM
18U Championship 7:00 PM
- Sunday, July 23rd:** Reserved for IF Games only
IF Games are at 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM

Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)

- Admission:** There will be no daily fee for gate admission and no charge for parking. There will be precautionary bag checks. Teams are allowed one ice chest with appropriate identification and consisting of only hydrating refreshments. Players and coaches will be allowed to bring their bags in. Camera bags are allowed / tripods that are portable are also approved.
- Badges:** All members of the coaching staff ages 18+ are required to visually display their USA Softball badges with proof of background check and SafeSport per [USA Softball Procedural Code](#). Every member will receive a specialized bracelet at check-in which is required to be worn at all times.
- Concessions:** Concessions will be operating on the 3B Side of the Stadium and a concessions trailer will be open for the back three fields. We will also have Boka Bowls and Kona Ice on site as food vendors for the event.
- Dugouts:** First/Top team listed on the schedule will be in the 3rd base dugouts; Second/Bottom team listed will be in the 1st base dugout, unless dugouts are already occupied from a previous game.
- Game Changer:** Teams can utilize the new GameChanger app to access live streaming along with automated highlight clips and a variety of other new benefits. Please do not approach scorekeepers about specific plays or statistics.
- Game Schedule:** Teams are protected from playing someone from their own Association/Region (where possible) per [USA Softball Procedural Code](#)
- Game Times:** Game times listed on official tournament bracket are forfeit times. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign fields to keep the tournament on schedule.

- Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point it was suspended.
- Line Drills:** Line drills are prohibited from taking place on the infield until the Field Crew has completely exited. Outfielders are to utilize the space beyond the temporary fence (when possible).
- Line-Ups/Coin Toss:** Line-ups must be turned into the official scorekeeper no less than 30 minutes prior to game time. The coin toss will be done at Home Plate by an official umpire to determine Home/Visitor.
- Live Updates:** Twitter - <https://twitter.com/USASoftball>
- Live Stream:** All games will be available for users to watch live [HERE](#)
- Lodging:** This event is not a stay-to-play, however room blocks and group rates have been secured through [Hotel Partnerships](#)
- Medical:** Athletic Trainers will be on site at all times.
- Playing Rules:** [USA Softball Official Rules of Softball](#)
- Refund Policy:** Upon request for refund, you will be issued 50% refund until June 19th. After this date, there will be no refunds provided.
- Time Limits:** Pool Play games are one hour and forty minutes (1:40) and finish the inning. If score is tied after the time limit has been met, the tiebreaker will go into effect. Bracket Play will have no time limit and all seven innings will be played. Run ahead rule applies for all games (15/12/8).
- Visit OKC:** Find attractions and more [HERE!](#)
- Warm-Up Areas:** Teams may use the space beyond outfield temporary fence and hitting tunnels for warmups and long as they are not being used by the teams playing at that time. Pitchers are not allowed to warm up on the grass. The warning track and dirt areas are acceptable.

USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX CLEAR BAG POLICY

The USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex (2801 NE 50th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111) operates with a clear bag policy for all events.

The Clear Bag Policy aims to provide a safer environment for the public while allowing quicker entry into the complex. *The less bags to search and the ability to easily see through the clear bag will expedite entry for all who attend.*

We strongly encourage you to leave all your bags at home and travel light. **If you do travel with a bag, below are the permissible bags allowed into the complex:**

- Non-clear bags of 9" (L) x 7" (W) or smaller. This could include clutches, cross bodies, or fanny packs.
- Diaper bags, Medical bags, Camera bags and/or Binocular cases DO NOT have to be clear but are subject to a full inspection and will have to be classified by the gate worker as an approved bag. If the bag is approved, a tag will be provided and must be present on the bag at all times.

Prohibited bags include but are not limited to:

- Any size purse or clutch that is larger than 9" (L) X 7" (W) or that is not clear
- Briefcases, backpacks, cinch bags, and fanny packs that are not clear and/or exceed the size restriction
- Coolers (unless used as team cooler inside of dugout)
- Luggage of any kind
- Computer bags/cases

This policy pertains to bags and is not an all-inclusive list of items that are prohibited from being taken into Hall of Fame Complex.

Every bag that is allowed inside Hall of Fame Complex will be checked by the gate staff. There are no provisions to check items at the entry gates. Fans will be asked to either take prohibited items back to their cars before entry or dispose of prohibited items at the entrance. Fans may continue to carry approved items without a bag (e.g., binoculars, cameras and smart phones) into the stadium.

For questions about the Clear Bag Policy and/or prohibited items, please contact **Jake Magness, Managing Director of Stadium Operations** (jmagness@usasoftball.com)

USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Alcohol, drugs, illegal substances, or any paraphernalia associated with drug use, INCLUDING vapes and all tobacco products
- Cans
- Outside food
- Animals that are not deemed to be service animals. Emotional support animals are NOT allowed.
- Bags exceeding the size of a backpack
- Tripod Cameras; All cameras MUST be handheld
- Drones
- Fireworks or noisemakers that produce explosive cleanups
- Balloons, confetti, glitter
- Blow microphones or alarming noisemakers such as air horns
- Any object with stick or poles (Flag, signs, selfie stick, etc.)
- Laser pens/pointers of any type
- Pepper spray/Mace
- Obscene or indecent clothing
- Use of 4wheel footwear, skateboard, hoverboard, segway.
- Weapons of any type, including chains, knives, firearms and spiked jewelry. (*Off duty officers may bring in firearm but will be given proper awareness*)
- Wrapped gifts
- Frisbees, toys, footballs, or other “games” that are deemed unacceptable by USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex staff
- Any other item deemed unacceptable by USA Softball Event/Complex management



USA Softball will allow **ONE** sealed water bottle of 24oz or less per person

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