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# **Tournament Packet**

August 10 - August 13, 2023

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### WELCOME LETTER

Dear Participant,

Congratulations for your selection as an All-American for the USA Softball All-American Games. We know that you have worked hard and you should be extremely proud of this accomplishment. Designation to a USA Softball All-American team is the highest honor a player can receive and instantly brands a player as one of the top athletes in the United States.

It is an honor and privilege to wear USA across your chest and be branded an All-American by USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States. You have been selected by USA Softball to represent your region at this exciting event.

The information in this packet should answer most of your questions regarding this tournament. Everything from hotel arrangements to opening ceremonies and tentative game schedules are included. Please read this packet carefully and, if you still have questions, give us a call or send us an email. We love hearing from you so please don't hesitate to contact our office.

We welcome you to Oklahoma City and promise to make this event enjoyable for your team and fans. Good luck in our tournament and should you have further questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

USA Softball All-American Games Committee



### **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

- **Expenses:** Players are responsible for travel, lodging, meals and any other accommodations and related expenses for this event unless otherwise communicated by your Region.
- **Location:** All events related to the tournament will be located at USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium, 2801 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.
- **Flights:** The closest airport is the Will Rogers Airport located in Oklahoma City, OK.
- Arrival: All players must be available beginning on Thursday at 9:00am.
- **Departure:** The Championship Game is tentatively scheduled for Sunday at 8:00pm
- Hotels:You are welcome to book any hotel you wish, this is not a Stay to Play event. Some<br/>regions have designated hotels, please check with your region representative if you<br/>wish to stay together.USA Softball has Blocked Rooms for this event
  - Please contact: Hotel contact: Alexis Mbroh ambroh@visitkc.com

### Rental Cars:USA Softball has National Discounts available to you at the following companies:<br/>http://partners.rentalcar.com/usasoftball

**Travel Service:** If you would like one-on-one assistance with your travel, please contact Journey House Travel and they can assist you with your flights. Make sure to mention you are with USA Softball.



### **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Coaches:	All coaches must be background checked and SafeSport Certified through USA Softball and display their card at all times.
Headshots:	Each participant MUST submit a headshot to the tournament to be used in the Tournament Program. Headshots must be uploaded to the tournament website.
Uniforms:	Each player will be given two USA Softball All-American jerseys. Numbers will be randomly assigned. It is the responsibility of the player to bring the following: - White Pants - Red Socks - Navy Socks
	Each coach will be given two shirts. Coaches must wear khaki colored shorts or pants.
Equipment:	Each participant is responsible for their own equipment as none will be provided by the tournament. All catchers should bring their own catchers gear.
Team Meeting:	Your team will have a scheduled team meeting on Thursday morning. This should be used as an opportunity to get to know the girls on your team and your coaches.
Photos:	There will be a professional photographer on site taking individual and team photos. All players should wear their navy uniforms, white pants and navy socks. The website for the photographer is www.yspn.com.
Team Practices:	Your team will have a short scheduled team practice on Thursday. This will be used as an opportunity for your coaches to quickly evaluate player talent and for pitchers and catchers to get used to each other.
Opening Day Ceremonies:	Thursday All activities at Hall of Fame Stadium All Teams are expected to participate in opening ceremonies. Players are required to wear their Jerseys. Even number regions wear Red, Odd number regions wear blue. 9:00am-4:30pm– See schedule for check in and practice times. 9:00am-3:30pm– Opening Day Activities 5:00pm-6:00pm– Opening Ceremonies
	Following the parade and opening marks, the top 3 finalist for each skills contest will compete for first place. 3 top scoring pitchers, 3 top scoring around the horn teams, top 3 from baserunning, and the 3 top scoring hitters. Finals will take place on the stadium field.
Schedule:	Friday/Saturday– Pool Games HOF Complex Sunday– Single Elimination Bracket HOF Complex All games will be posted on www.tournamentmvp.com



### **THURSDAY CHECK-IN / PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Skills competition can be completed anytime between 9:00am-3:30pm.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Color</b>	Team Meeting	<b>Check In</b>	<b>Pictures</b>	<b>Practice</b>	Infield Practice	Grass Practice
Region 1	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	9:00am	9:30am	Field 2	11:00am	11:30am
Region 1	Freedom	ON YOUR OWN	9:00am	9:30am	Field 2	11:30am	11:00am
Region 1	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	3:00pm	3:30pm	Field 3	1:00pm	1:30pm
Region 2 Region 2		ON YOUR OWN ON YOUR OWN	9:30am 9:30am	10:00am 10:00am	Field 3 Field 3	11:00am 11:30am	11:30am 11:00am
Region 3	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	10:00am	10:30am	Field 2	12:00pm	12:30pm
Region 3	Freedom	ON YOUR OWN	10:00am	10:30am	Field 2	12:30pm	12:00pm
Region 3	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	10:30am	11:00am	Field 3	12:00pm	12:30pm
Region 6	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	10:30am	11:00am	Field 3	12:30pm	12:00pm
Region 4	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	11:00am	11:30am	Field 2	1:00pm	1:30pm
Region 4	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	11:00am	11:30am	Field 2	1:30pm	1:00pm
Region 5	Eagles	ON YOUR OWN	12:00pm	12:30pm	Field 2	2:00pm	2:30pm
Region 5	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	12:00pm	12:30pm	Field 2	2:30pm	2:00pm
Region 5	Freedom	ON YOUR OWN	12:30pm	1:00pm	Field 3	2:00pm	2:30pm
Region 5	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	12:30pm	1:00pm	Field 3	2:30pm	2:00pm
Region 7	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	1:00pm	1:30pm	Field 2	3:00pm	3:30pm
Region 7	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	1:00pm	1:30pm	Field 2	3:30pm	3:00pm
Region 8	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	1:30pm	2:00pm	Field 3	3:00pm	3:30pm
Region 8	Stipes	ON YOUR OWN	1:30pm	2:00pm	Field 3	3:30pm	3:00pm
Region 9	Stripes	ON YOUR OWN	2:00pm	2:30pm	Field 2	4:00pm	4:30pm
Region 9	Stars	ON YOUR OWN	2:00pm	2:30pm	Field 2	4:30pm	4:00pm
Region 10	) Freedom	ON YOUR OWN	2:30pm	3:00pm	Field 3	4:00pm	4:30pm
Region 10		ON YOUR OWN	2:30pm	3:00pm	Field 3	4:30pm	4:30pm
Region 10		ON YOUR OWN	3:00pm	3:30pm	Field 3	1:00pm	1:30pm

### Skills Competition 9:00am-3:30pm Opening Ceremonies- 5:00pm-6:00pm



#### **SKILLS COMPETITIONS**

#### Thursday 8/10 from 9am --- 3:30pm

#### **INFORMATION**:

- Players will check-in with the volunteers at each of the events and will provide their name and region they represent.
- Participation is optional; however, we strongly encourage all regions to participate in some or all the skills events.

Prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 from each competition during Opening Ceremonies.

DO NOT wait until 3:30 to participate! All competitions close at 3:30pm to prepare for Opening Ceremonies

#### **Events**:

Around the Horn – will take place on the Stadium Field.

Teams will be given 3 attempts and will be timed. The best time for each team is used for the leaderboard.

The top 3 teams will compete during Opening Ceremonies.

Base Running – will take place on the Stadium field. Once players have completed Around the Horn, they will run the bases. Players will be timed running from 1<sup>st</sup> to home. Three fastest will compete during Opening Ceremonies

Pitching – will take place in the pitching tunnels on the Stadium Field NOTE > Anyone participating in this event must bring their own catcher. After warmups, pitchers will throw 5 fastballs. The fastest 3 pitches will be used for the leaderboard. The top 3 pitchers will compete during Opening Ceremonies.

Hitting – will take place on the Integris Field.Players will hit 5 balls off a tee for distance.The best 3 hits will be used for the leaderboard.Top 3 hitters will compete during Opening Ceremonies.



### NON-SEEDED POOL PLAY SCHEDULE

These games are ALL played on the Stadium Field and DO NOT count towards Pool Play Seeding. This is to ensure all teams play in the stadium.

#### Friday

8:00am	Region 8 Stars	Vs.	Region 10 Freedom
10:00am	Region 1 Stripes	Vs.	Region 3 Freedom
12:00pm	Region 10 Stripes	Vs.	Region 3 Stars
2:00pm	Region 7 Stripes	Vs.	Region 8 Stripes
4:00pm	Region 4 Stripes	Vs.	Region 1 Freedom
6:00pm	Region 7 Stars	Vs.	Region 2 Stars

#### SATURDAY

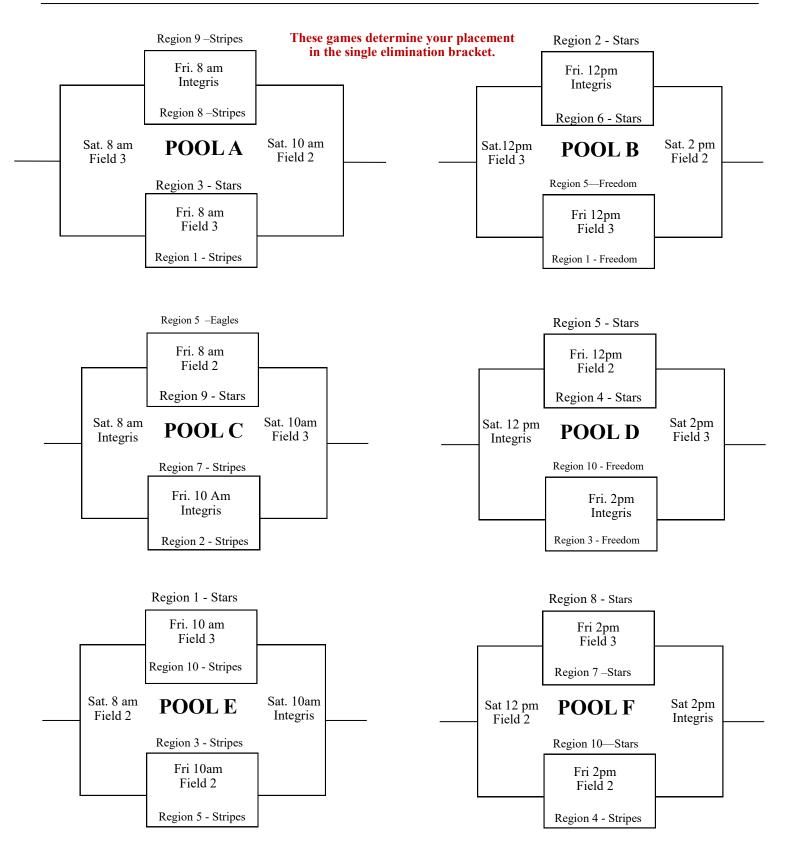
8:00am	Region 10 Stars	Vs.	Region 5 Stars
10:00am	Region 6 Stars	Vs.	Region 5 Freedom
12:00pm	Region 1 Stars	Vs.	Region 5 Eagles
2:00pm	Region 9 Stripes	Vs.	Region 3 Stripes
4:00pm	Region 9 Stars	Vs.	Region 2 Stripes
6:00pm	Region 5 Stripes	Vs.	Region 4 Stars

Coaches are required to play all team members for these games. This game was added to allow all players the opportunity to play on the stadium field. All Players must have at least one plate appearance.

90 Min. Time limit– 6 innings Max 5 Batters each 1/2 inning

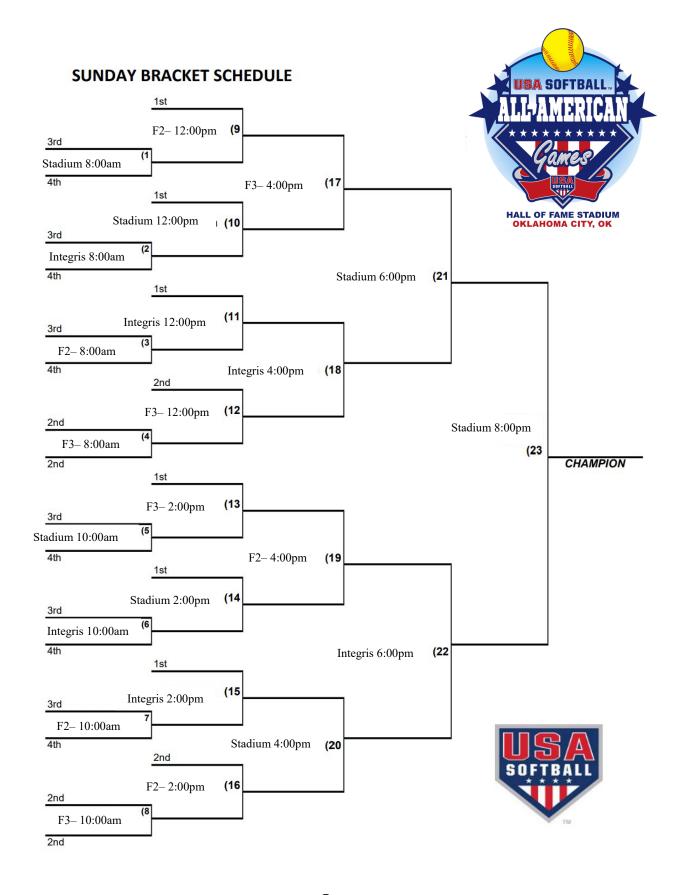


### SEEDED POOL PLAY SCHEDULE



Winners move to the right, losers move to the left. Seeds are determined by place in the Pod. The winner of the game on the right side of Pod is Seed 1, loser is Seed 2. The winner of the game on the left side of the pod is Seed 3, loser is seed 4.





### **IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Uniforms:	The team in the 1st base dugout will always wear Blue. The team in the 3rd base dugout will always be Red. Athletes need to bring both jerseys to each game
Dugouts:	Players and coaches are the only individuals allowed in the dugout. The team listed at the bottom of the bracket (or listed 2nd) will occupy the third base dugout unless the team is playing back-to-back.
Coin Flip:	The home team and visiting team will be determined by a coin toss when line-ups are turned in to the home plate umpire prior to the game.
Playing Rules:	All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the current USA Softball Official Rules of Softball.
Game Times:	Pool Play game times are 1:30, No new inning. Bracket Play game time is 1:30, No new inning. Please follow the times listed on the official tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game immediately after the proceeding game is completed in the event that the tournament is running behind schedule.
Line Up Forms:	Tournament officials will provide line-up forms for each team. Managers must use First and Last Names and jersey number when filling out the line-up forms. You should turn in your line-up cards 15 minutes prior to your next game.
Scorekeeping:	Game Changer will be used to score keep all games. Fans from home will be able to follow live play-by-play and real-time stats online. We are using Game Changer for the purposes of official scorekeeping and for fans to follow the game. We are NOT using for official stats. Please do not approach scorekeepers to ask about specific plays.
Livestreaming:	All games will be Livestreamed through USA Softball. Link will be available on the www.usasoftballallamericangames.com. (Subject to availability provided by USA Softball National Office)
Weather:	In the event of inclement weather, the schedule will be adjusted according to the USA Softball Code.
Heat:	Oklahoma's heat is very hot and humid. Please drink plenty of water in the week leading up to the event.
Parking:	There is no charge for parking and adequate parking at Hall of Fame Stadium. There is NO overnight parking allowed.
Admission: dren	Admission will be charged on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$10 per person chil- 8 & under are free. No advance purchase available. Weekend Passes will be available On site. No Refunds



### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### Do I have to be there for Check-In?

Yes, all players must be present for their assigned team meeting and check-in time on Thursday.

#### Can I request my jersey number?

No, the numbers are randomly assigned and may not be requested.

#### Are all the games played at the Hall of Fame Stadium?

All games will be played at the Hall of Fame Stadium complex.

#### Is there a gift exchange?

The athletes will be getting a USA Softball Swag Bag for their participation in the All-American Games Tournament but there will be no gift exchanges between teams since they are made up of individual players.

#### Will there be pin trading?

There will be no official pin trading since the teams are made up of individual players but if players want to bring their own team's pins to trade, that is up to them.

#### Am I guaranteed to play my primary position?

This event is made up of elite athletes from all over the country. Play time and position will be determined by the coach. You may be asked to play another position for the benefit of the team.

#### Who is coaching my team?

Similar to the players, each Region selected the best coaches possible to represent their region. Your coach should contact you once the regional team has been selected.

#### Who Should I Contact if I am not contacted by my coach?

Please email usasoftballallamericangames@gmail.com and we can put you in touch with your coach.

#### How was it determined who played who in Pool Play?

A blind draw was used to place teams into the Pool Play Schedule. Teams were protected from playing their own Region in Pool Play.

#### Will we be protected from our Region in Bracket Play?

No. Single elimination bracket will be determined by the seeding from pool play.

#### Am I Guaranteed to Play at the Stadium Field?

Yes, all teams will play at least one game on the Stadium Field.

# USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX CLEAR BAG POLICY

The USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex (2801 NE 50th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111) will be implementing an updated clear bag policy for the 2022 season and beyond.

The revised Clear Bag Policy will aim 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:

- Bags that are clear, plastic, vinyl or PVC that are no larger than the size of a backpack
- One-gallon clear plastic re-sealable bag (Ziplock bag or similar)
- 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 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, carneras and smart phones) into the stadium.

For questions about the Clear Bag Policy and/or prohibited items, please contact Jake Magness, USA Softball Stadium Operations Manager (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 or bottles
- Outside food or drinks
- Animals that are not deemed to be service animals. Emotional support animals are NOT allowed.
- Any sized bag that is not clear; Exceptions are available for diaper bags, medical bags or camera bags
- 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

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