



TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

DEVON PARK
OKLAHOMA CITY

JULY 8-12, 2026

**USA SOFTBALL 16U & 18U
GOLD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Dear National Championship Participants, Umpires and Fans,

The 2026 Championship Season is finally upon us, and I want to congratulate each and every one of you for your efforts in working your way to a USA Softball National Championship Final.

As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, USA Softball has built a reputation for providing the best-of-the-best in all aspects of the game. With over 80 years of experience in sanctioning the sport of softball, we strive to continue building upon the strong foundation we have created as we continue to grow the game and move into the 2025 Championship season.

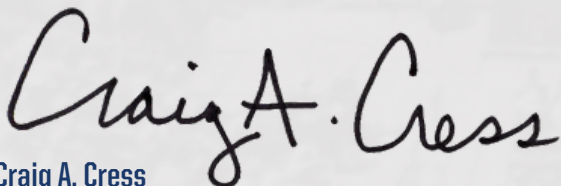
We take protecting our members both on and off the field seriously and are committed to creating and maintaining a supportive and encouraging environment in which our participants may develop and grow; therefore, USA Softball will not tolerate ANY abuse whether it is physical, mental, emotional or sexual. As the leaders in the sport of softball, our dedication 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.

Crowning National Champions is a tradition that USA Softball is extremely proud of - and it is one unparalleled by any other softball association in the nation. By participating in a National Championship Final, you are joining a legacy of over 450 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 earning the title of a National Champion! We know that there can only be one National Champion per division and classification; however, we acknowledge that everyone that participates in a USA Softball National Championship Final has worked extremely hard and should take pride in competing for a National Championship title.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Cress". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig A. Cress

Chief Executive Officer

USA Softball

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ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED

- 1. USA Softball Registration – Make sure that your team is registered (individual or team) with USA Softball through <https://www.usasoftball.com/play-usa-softball/memberships/>**
- 2. ALL Coaches Background Check, SafeSport, and ACE requirements – Any coach or volunteer who will occupy the dugout or step onto the field during the event will need to complete a background check and SafeSport course. You can find the guides attached to assist you in getting those requirements completed. 1 coach from your team must complete the ACE Education course as well.**
 - **Please note that USA Softball does not have control over background check clearance. Please complete background checks at least 7 days in advance**
- 3. Athletes who are 18 or turning 18 during GOLD Nationals HAVE TO COMPLETE SafeSport**
- 4. Tournament Entry form and Championship Rosters completed**
- 5. Complete full registration process on Register Play**
- 6. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!**
- 7. Team Logo & Headshots of players**
 - **<https://forms.gle/fPxwv4aZyoDcwary5>**
 - **Please have this form filled out completely by June 25th**

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

TITLE

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UMPIRE COORDINATOR

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TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATIVE

JON HAND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH

5:00 PM: GOLD FEST CHECK-IN BEGINS

5:15 PM-7:45 PM: RAWLINGS HOME RUN DERBY

5:00-6:30 PM: AUSL ATHLETE MEET AND GREET

6:30-8:00 PM: AUSL ATHLETE MEET AND GREET

8:00 PM: GOLD FEST CHECK-IN ENDS

THURSDAY JULY 9TH

POOL PLAY BEGINS

FRIDAY JULY 10TH

POOL PLAY CONTINUES

5:00 PM: HPP IDENTIFIER CHECK-IN BEGINS

6:00 PM: HPP IDENTIFIER BEGINS

9:00 PM: HPP IDENTIFIER ENDS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY JULY 11TH

BRACKET BEGINS

SUNDAY JULY 12TH

BRACKET CONTINUES

16U CHAMPIONSHIP

18U CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION FACILITIES

DEVON PARK

LOCATION: 2801 NE 50TH STREET

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73111

FIELDS

- **STADIUM - OG&E ENERGY FIELD**
- **FIELD 4**
- **FIELD 3**
- **FIELD 2**

SECONDARY LOCATION

LOCATION: MIDWEST CITY MAC

9400 SE 29th St, Oklahoma City, OK

ALL TURF FIELDS. PLEASE MAKE SURE ATHLETES HAVE TURF SHOES OR GYM SHOES

FIELDS

- **FIELD 1**
- **FIELD 2**
- **FIELD 3**

GOLD FEST

JULY 8TH FROM 5-8 PM

WHAT TO BRING

- **ANY BAT AN ATHLETE PLANS ON USING DURING THE TOURNAMENT**
- **VALID FORM OF IDENTIFICATION**

WHAT TO EXPECT

- **VENDOR ACTIVATIONS**
 - **RAWLINGS, DICK'S SPORTING GOODS, AUSL, KENDRA SCOTT, CHICKEN N PICKLE, AND MORE**
- **TEAM CHECK - IN**
- **HOMERUN DERBY**
 - **ON OG&E FIELD**
 - **SPONSORED BY RAWLINGS**
 - **1 WINNER FROM EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE A NEW BAT FROM RAWLINGS/EASTON**
- **AUSL/SPARK MEEET AND GREET**

HPP IDENTIFIER

JULY 10TH 6:00-9:00 PM

Known as The Pipeline to the Women's National Team, the USA Softball High Performance Program (HPP) will identify a pool of athletes to train, compete and represent USA Softball through domestic and international competition. The program will focus on providing an equal opportunity for players to show their talent while growing the game of softball in the United States and remaining inclusive to all that wish to participate and develop their skills.

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://www.usasoftball.com/event/region-5-hpp-identifier-oklahoma-city-ok/>

HPP INFORMATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HPP PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK: <https://www.usasoftball.com/hpp/>

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

GENERAL INFORMATION

ALL TEAMS WILL PLAY THREE POOL PLAY GAMES

RUN AHEAD RULE

THE RUN AHEAD RULE WILL BE 15/12/8 AFTER 3/4/5

TIME LIMITS

POOL PLAY: 1 HOUR AND 40 MINUTES FINISH THE INNING OR 7 INNINGS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. GAMES CANNOT END IN A TIE AND MUST HAVE A WINNER.

BRACKET: THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT. WE WILL PLAY FULL 7 INNING GAMES FOR BRACKET PLAY.

GAME MANAGEMENT

DUGOUT DESIGNATION

THE TEAM LISTED FIRST OR ON THE TOP OF THE BRACKET WILL BE IN THE 1B DUGOUT, WHILE THE TEAM LISTED SECOND OR ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BRACKET WILL UTILIZE THE 3B DUGOUT.

PREGAME PROTOCOL

AT DEVON PARK ALL FIELDS HAVE A BATTING CAGE ON EACH SIDE OF THE FIELD. THE STADIUM HAS TWO CAGES/TUNNELS ON EACH SIDE OF THE FIELD. TEAMS MAY USE THOSE CAGES FOR PRE-GAME WARM-UPS AS DESIRED. TEAMS MAY ALSO UTILIZE ANY OF THE SPACE BEYOND THE TEMPORARY FENCES IN THE OUTFIELD FOR ANY PRE-GAME WARM-UPS. PRE-GAME WARM-UPS THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE OF MUST BE DONE BEHIND THE TEMPORARY FENCE.

LINE DRILLS ARE ALLOWED ON THE INFIELD AS LONG AS THE FIELD CREW HAS COMPLETED FLIPPING THE FIELD AND HAS EXITED THE FIELD OF PLAY WITH THEIR MACHINERY.

PITCHERS - DO NOT PITCH ON THE GRASS ANYWHERE! YOU ARE WELCOME TO PITCH FROM ANY OF THE WARNING TRACKS OR EDGES OF THE DIRT IN FOUL TERRITORY.

SYNERGY SPORTS

SYNERGY SPORTS / SPORT RADAR WILL BE ON SITE AND CLIPPING ALL GAMES ON ALL FIELDS. ALL ANALYTICS AND DATA THEY TAKE FROM GAMES WILL BE SENT TO ALL COLLEGE COACHES IN THEIR DATABASE.

GAME MANAGEMENT

GAMECHANGER

ALL TEAMS WILL BE ADDED INTO OUR GAMECHANGER EVENT WHERE WE WILL SCORE ALL GAMES AND KEEP TEAM AND PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE TOURNAMENT. WE WILL UPDATE THE SCHEDULE, YOU CAN SCORE THE GAME AS YOU NORMALLY WOULD THROUGH YOUR ACCOUNT.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO RECORD LIVE ON YOUR GC ACCOUNT, INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO TAP INTO OUR CAMERA SYSTEM IS LOCATED NEAR OR IN FRONT OF THE PRESS BOX ON EACH FIELD.

UMPIRES

ALL UMPIRES AND UIC/UIC COORDINATORS ARE HAND SELECTED BY OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES FOR THIS EVENT. THEY COME FROM ALL 10 REGIONS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THERE WILL BE 3 UIC'S ON SITE, ASSIGNED AND WATCHING ALL GAMES AT THEIR DESIGNATED FIELD(S) SHOULD THERE BE ANY UMPIRE CONCERNS/ISSUES.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

TEAMS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS THROUGH REGISTERPLAY, EMAIL, AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ANY DELAYS IN TOURNAMENT PLAY DUE TO WEATHER.

LIGHTNING POLICY: 30 MINUTE DELAY FOR EVERY LIGHTNING STRIKE 8 MILES OR LESS FROM THE FACILITY.

DURING DELAYS, WE REQUIRE ALL PLAYERS, TEAMS, AND SPECTATORS TO EXIT THE STANDS AND TAKE COVER UNDER THE MAIN CONCOURSE FOR SAFETY.

COMPETITION FACILITIES

ADMISSION/TICKETING/PARKING

THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR ADMISSION INTO DEVON PARK. YOU CAN PURCHASE ALL SESSION PASSES FOR \$50 PER PERSON FOR THE WEEK OR A DAILY PASS FOR \$15. CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE ADMISSION. ALL PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED ON SEATGEEK.COM HERE:

<https://seatgeek.com/usa-softball-devon-park-tickets/ticket-packages>

THERE WILL BE NO FEE FOR PARKING IN THE MAIN LOT

FEEL FREE TO PARK WHERE YOU DESIRE AT NO COST.

CASH AND CARD WILL BE TAKEN AT MIDWEST CITY MULTI-ATHLETIC COMPLEX (MAC) OR YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SEAT GEEK TICKET

GATE INFORMATION

COACHES AND PLAYERS

- GATES WILL OPEN 90 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST PITCH OF THE DAY FOR ACCESS INTO THE FACILITY

SPECTATORS/FANS

- GATES WILL OPEN 60 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST PITCH OF THE DAY FOR ACCESS INTO THE FACILITY
- ALL FANS MUST FOLLOW THE DEVON PARK PROHIBITED ITEMS AND CLEAR BAG POLICY
 - <https://www.usasoftball.com/devon-park/venue-information/>

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

THE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM WILL CONSIST OF 15 MEMBERS, WHICH WILL BE POSTED ON USA SOFTBALL SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE EVENT.

AUTOMATIC BERTH

THE TOP 3 TEAMS FROM EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC RETURNING BERTH TO NEXT YEARS GOLD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. ALONG WITH THE AUTOMATIC BERTH, YOUR TEAM WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED RATE ON YOUR ENTRY FEE.

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

THE MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER WILL BE 1 PLAYER NOMINATED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF EACH DIVISION. THIS PLAYER WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY AND WILL BE POSTED ON USA SOFTBALL SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF EVENT.

TEAM AWARDS

A TEAM TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 4 TEAMS OF EACH DIVISION. INDIVIDUAL MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNER-UP ATHLETES/COACHES.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONCESSIONS / WATER BOTTLES

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE. ONE SEALED BOTTLE OF WATER PER PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED INTO DEVON PARK. WE ALSO HAVE WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS ALONG THE CONCOURSE.

CREDENTIALS

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF AGES 18+ MUST BE LISTED ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER IF THEY ARE IN THE DUGOUT OR ON THE PLAYING FIELD AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENT. ALL COACHES MUST VISUALLY DISPLAY THEIR SAFE SPORT WRISTBAND ON THEIR WRIST FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. THIS WRISTBAND IS A VALIDATION THAT THE BACKGROUND CHECK HAS BEEN CLEARED AND SAFESPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

COOLERS

ONE TEAM COOLER WILL BE ALLOWED INTO DEVON PARK PER TEAM. THE COOLER STICKER WILL BE GIVEN TO THE HEAD COACH AT TEAM CHECK-IN.

ALL COOLERS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING CHECKED AT THE FRONT GATE UPON ENTRANCE.

GAME BALLS

USA SOFTBALL WILL SUPPLY ALL GAME BALLS FOR THIS EVENT.

HOMERUN HITTERS WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR HOMERUN BALLS

GENERAL INFORMATION

INCLEMENT WEATHER

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE GAME MUST BE RESUMED AT THE EXACT POINT WHERE IT WAS SUSPENDED. IN THE CASE OF A WEATHER DELAY, EVERYONE IN THE PARK SHOULD FOLLOW USA SOFTBALL PERSONNEL DIRECTION ON WEATHER PROCEDURE. LOOK FOR WEATHER UPDATES ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

LINE-UPS/COIN TOSS

ALL LINE UP CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED BY USA SOFTBALL IN THE COACHES PACKET PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN. LINE UPS MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR FIELDS OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER AT YOUR DESIGNATED FIELD NO LESS THAN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME.

COIN TOSS WILL BE DONE AT HOME PLATE BY AN OFFICIAL UMPIRE FOR ALL GAMES.

LIVE STREAM

ALL GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH LIVE STREAM FOR USERS TO WATCH ON GOLD EVENT WEBSITE PAGE AT USASOFTBALL.TV

LODGING

THIS EVENT IS NOT A STAY TO PLAY, BUT WE HAVE INCLUDED OUR USA LODGING PARTNERS. YOU CAN UTILIZE USA SOFTBALL DISCOUNTS AS NEEDED FOR YOUR STAY.

<https://www.usasoftball.com/usa-softball-devon-park-hotel-partners/#>