

Dear Players, Coaches, Sponsors and Fans,

With the National Championship season now upon us, I would like to congratulate all of you for your achievement in competing for a USA Softball National Championship. Reaching this level of competition takes an immense amount of hard work and dedication both on and off the field, and we look forward to seeing it all pay off this championship season. Over the years, USA Softball has been represented by millions of teams and athletes across the country, but only a fraction of our participants qualify for a National Championship. Congratulations on your achievements thus far – your commitment, efforts and success should be celebrated!

As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, USA Softball has a rich history and tradition unmatched by any association in crowning National Champions. We are proud of this history as we continue moving forward every year with the best-of-the-best competing amongst each other. 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.

Apart from playing the game, hosting a USA Softball National Championship also requires a considerable amount of time and effort, and we are greatly appreciative of the host cities, organizing committees and volunteers that work tirelessly to make each event the very best it can be. With the enthusiasm and buy-in reaching all corners of our organization, we work with our partners in effort to create a top-tier environment in which we crown National Champions from all divisions and age groups – including Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch, 16" Slow Pitch and Modified Pitch for men, women, boys and girls from ages 8 to 80. In an effort to extend the experience outside the playing surface, USA Softball also provides live streaming and GameChanger stats for most all of our National Championships, allowing fans to keep up with the action all across the world.

Also reaching the pinnacle of competition in Championship play are our National Championship Umpires who have risen to this level based on their performance and knowledge of the game. We praise their efforts, hard work and dedication and extend our gratitude to them as they assist in providing a talented and elite environment with a National Championship experience that is second to none.

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



Dan Pfeffer, President of USA Softball