

# 2019 USA Northern National Fastpitch Championship

*Girls 14B*



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## COACHES INFORMATIONAL PACKET

July 24-28, 2019  
Rochester, Minnesota



Dear Managers, Coaches, Players & Families:

CONGRATULATIONS!! Your team has qualified as one of the top teams in the Midwest and has earned their spot to the 2019 USA Northern National Fastpitch Championships, which will be held in Rochester, Minnesota. We have planned a great tournament and are looking forward to your arrival.

Enclosed is a packet of information concerning tournament procedures which you will need to follow.

Please read all the enclosed material and instructions carefully so the tournament can run smoothly. Please make sure your USA official tournament entry form and the Rochester Sports forms are received by Rochester Sports no later than Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If time does not permit for you to submit your official roster, you may hand carry your official USA roster and pick-up player form, but the entry form and \$400.00 entry fee (made payable to the: Rochester Sports) must be received by July 12<sup>th</sup>.

We anticipate a great tournament and look forward to some exciting fastpitch softball. Once again, congratulations and good luck to your team in the tournament.

See you on the field!

Sincerely,

*Linsy Hoosier*

Rochester Sports  
Operations Coordinator  
-Tournament Director



# Tournament Fields

McQuillan Softball Complex  
1655 Marion Road SE  
Rochester, MN 55904



- \* 7 field softball complex
- \* Temporary fences at 225' on all 7 fields
- \* Fenced in dugouts & scoreboards on all fields
- \* Concessions & restrooms inside the complex
- \* Trees & shelter space available for shade

# Tournament Staff

Tournament Director	Linsy Hoosier	<a href="mailto:lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org">lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org</a>
Housing Coordinator	Brady Turk	<a href="mailto:btuk@rochestermnsports.org">btuk@rochestermnsports.org</a>
Umpire Coordinator	Brady Turk	<a href="mailto:btuk@rochestermnsports.org">btuk@rochestermnsports.org</a>
MN USA Commissioner	Dan Pfeffer	<a href="mailto:dan@josoftball.com">dan@josoftball.com</a>
Umpire In Chief	TBD	
USA Representative	TBD	
Tournament Host	Rochester Sports	<a href="https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/USASoftball14B.html">https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/USASoftball14B.html</a>

# PRE-TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

## Friday, July 12th - 2019 – Tournament Registration Deadline

\*\*Items in **RED** below MUST be received prior to the deadline of 5:00pm CST on July 12<sup>th</sup> for teams to be entered into the tournament. All other items may be emailed to [lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org](mailto:lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org) prior to the event or brought to check-in!

1. **Tournament Fee of \$400 per team:** Checks payable to: Rochester Sports or call with credit card
2. **Rochester Sports Tournament forms** (form under *Resources* tab on the website)
3. **Completed USA National Championship Entry Form** (Signed by your state commissioner)
4. **Send team photo** for program to [btuk@rochestermnsports.org](mailto:btuk@rochestermnsports.org)
5. **Completed USA National Championship Roster** (Signed by your state commissioner)
6. **Completed USA Pick-Up Player Form** (if using one it must be signed by your state commissioner)
7. **Coaches must show their ACE Certification card or proof they have one at check-in.** Teams **MUST** have at least one coach that is ACE certified on the field or in the dugout with you at ALL times
8. **ALL dugout personnel must be USA Background checked** and must have proof of the completed background check to get a coaches pass at check-in
9. **Proof of team insurance - either through Bollinger or other insurance provider**
10. **Each player MUST have a photo ID to check-in** (license, school ID, USA Card or signed photo)  
\* Each team member MUST check-in individually before competing\*
11. **Bat Testing:** All bat that wish to be used during play need to be brought to check in to get tested

Mail all information to:  
**Rochester Sports**  
**Attn: USA Northern Nationals**  
**30 Civic Center Drive SE, Suite 200**  
**Rochester, MN 55904**

# Schedule of Events

## WEDNESDAY, July 24th

Team, Player Check-In & Player ID Validation	11am-5:30pm	Rochester Regional Sports Center (851 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SE)
Coaches Meeting	3pm	Rochester Regional Sports Center
Opening Ceremonies	6:30pm	Rochester Regional Sports Center <i>Teams line-up in gym by 6:15pm</i>

## Opening Ceremony

The ceremony will start at 6:30pm @ Rochester Regional Sports Center Performance Courts (851 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE – Rochester, MN 55904). Teams should be lined-up by 6:15pm in the Field House (staging area).

Opening Ceremony Details:

- Parade of Champions will begin right at 6:30pm. We encourage teams to bring their state flag/signs or team flags/signs and wear a team “costume.”
- Once the ceremony is complete, we will have a social where world famous Carrol’s Popcorn will be served complimentary to all players and fans and DJ Blair and his Dance Party will be present to provide all your musical requests!
- During the Social athletes are highly encouraged to bring a gift to exchange with other players. This gift can include such as a pin, t-shirt, wristbands or other fun items that represent your state!

## THURSDAY, July 25th

Team, Player Check-In & Player ID Validation	7:30am-11am	McQuillan Fields
Start of Pool Play	9am <small>*Time may change</small>	McQuillan Fields
Double Elimination Draw	After Each Team’s Last Pool Play Game	McQuillan Fields - HQ

## Draw Process Into Bracket Play

- At the conclusion of each teams 2<sup>nd</sup> pool play game, each coach must return to the tournament HQ area at McQuillan Softball Complex within 60 minutes of the games completion to draw into bracket play.
- Each coach **MUST** bring their tournament evaluation form with them (completed) to be able to draw. There will be additional evaluations available at HQ if needed.
- The bracket is already labeled with a number (1-4). Each team will draw a game number according to how they placed within their pool.
- Example: Rochester finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool, therefore they will choose from all the game numbers that have a 2 indicated on the bracket to find out when they play in their first round of bracket games.

## Admission

Tournament passes will be provided for all rostered players and 3 coaches (max of 20). All participants must have a pass to gain admission to the complex. Just wearing a uniform is not acceptable. Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price.

### **Tournament Pass:**

- Adults - \$25.00
  - Seniors/Students - \$20.00 \*\*Seniors (55), Students (7-18)
- **Daily Admission:**
    - Adults - \$8.00
    - Seniors/ Students - \$6.00 \*\*Seniors (55), Students (7-18)

***There will be no charge for parking. Children 5 & under – FREE***

## Coaches Passes

Tournament coaches passes **MUST** be worn by any bench coaching personnel during games. All coaches wishing to be in the dugouts will need to have a coaching pass.

As stated above, tournament passes will be provided for all rostered players and 3 coaches (max of 20) at check-in. Additional coaches passes can be purchased at check-in for \$20.

# General Information

**RAIN DELAY #: 507-933-0797**

**DRAW / TOURNAMENT FORMAT** – Article 511 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving and posted on the tournament website no later than July 19th. Pool Play begins on Thursday, July 25th. Double Elimination immediately follows Pool Play. Teams are guaranteed four (4) games.

**UNIFORMS** – All players competing at the USA Northern National shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim and style. Shorts or long pants can be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the ASA official playing rules – Rule 3, Section 6 for complete uniform requirements.

**AWARDS** – ASA code 607 dictates the awards based on the number of teams entered. The minimum awards are team awards to the top three teams; individual awards to the first and second place teams.

**LINE-UPS** – Tournament officials (scorekeepers) will be the official scorekeeper for games. You will need to provide them a line-up card for each game. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game, scheduled time. Line-up cards will be supplied for you and in your welcome bag, which you will receive at check-in.

**GAME TIMES** – Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the preceding game is completed. Code 510 P-03 and 04 Time Limit: In all Junior Olympic Class A and B 12u, 14u, 16u and 18u Pool Play and Elimination Play, no inning shall start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. If game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tiebreaker shall be in effect at the start of the next inning.

**INFIELD PRACTICE** – **NO infield practice will be permitted.** Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only, this includes green space around the complex. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass and beyond the portable fencing if time permits.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE** – Teams wishing to have practices during or prior to the tournament are welcome to use any of the city fields which are not lined.

**BENCH AREA** – Players, coaches and a bat person ONLY are allowed in the bench area. ALL bench personnel must have either an ACE certification or a background check. Such personnel will be required to wear their coaching pass, where it can be seen, for verification. At the

McQuillan Complex, water jugs filled with water will be provided in the dugouts. Please remember to clean up your bench/dugout area after the conclusion of your game.

**PROTESTS** – The tournament committee will decide all protests. As the coach, please be familiar with the rules of the game including proper protest procedures as listed in the USA playing rules (#9).

**RUN AHEAD** – The run ahead rule is 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings and 8 runs after five innings.

**RAIN DELAY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** – In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the coaches responsibility to report to tournament headquarters for rescheduled game information. Games postponed will be made up as determined by the Tournament Director and staff. Game time limits may be shortened, depending on when a rainout occurs – in order to get all games played. Rainout information will be available on the weather hotline at **507-933-0797** and posted on the tournament website at

<https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/USASoftball14B.html>

**TEAM SEATING** – The team at the top of the bracket will use the first base dugout; the team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the third base dugout.

**GAME RULES** – All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the official 2019 USA official guide and rule book.

**COIN TOSS** – Coin toss will take place on the field by the umpires before each game.

**CONDUCT** – Coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents and supporting spectators both on and off the field. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players, or fans will be handled in a three step process: 1) notification to the coach at a breaking point in the game; 2) direct warning to the violators; 3) suspension of the game; ejection of the individual from the facility within a two minute time period. The tournament committee will deal with any report of damage by hotel management. Team coaches are responsible for restitution of damages.

**SOUVENIRS** – a wide variety of souvenirs will be on sale throughout the tournament at McQuillan Fields.

**CONCESSIONS** – Will be available at the McQuillan Softball Complex.

**TEAM HOUSING** – Hotel blocks are being held for teams. For added convenience, mention the word “USA National Tournament” when making the reservation.