

# 2021 USA Softball 10 West National Championship



**Coaches Informational Packet**

**July 22nd -25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**





Dear Coaches, Players, and Families,

Congratulations on qualifying for this year's USA Softball 10 West National Championship held in North Mankato, Minnesota. We are excited to have you for this prestigious event and have planned an excellent tournament for you to enjoy.

We have enclosed all information for the upcoming tournament concerning procedures to enter as well as links for information to the area. Attached you will find the Official Entry Form, Roster Form, and Pick-up Player Form. Please make sure your Official Entry Form, Roster Form, and entry fee of \$550.00 is received by July 14<sup>th</sup>. You may hand in your roster form during check-in if more time is needed.

We look forward to a great tournament with some exciting play on the field. Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions you may have.

Congratulations and good luck to your team in the national tournament!!

Sincerely,

*Phil Tostenson*

Caswell Sports Director  
Tournament Director



# Tournament Fields

Caswell Park Softball Complex  
1875 Howard Drive  
North Mankato, MN 56003



- 6 field complex
- Temporary fences at 200'
- Covered dugouts
- Scoreboards
- Concession Stand

# Tournament Staff

Tournament Director	Phil Tostenson	<a href="mailto:ptostenson@caswellsports.com">ptostenson@caswellsports.com</a>
MN USA Commissioner	Dan Pfeffer	<a href="mailto:dan@josoftball.com">dan@josoftball.com</a>
Umpire in Chief	TBD	
USA Representative	TBD	
Tournament Website	<a href="https://www.caswellsports.com/10west">https://www.caswellsports.com/10west</a>	

## Pre-Tournament Deadlines

Registration Deadline is July 14<sup>th</sup> which includes all required forms and payment

1. **Tournament Fee of \$550 per team:** Check payable to: City of North Mankato
2. **Completed USA National Championship Entry Form** (Signed by your state commissioner)
3. **Send team photo for the program** to [ptostenson@caswellsports.com](mailto:ptostenson@caswellsports.com) by 10am on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>
4. **Completed USA National Championship Roster** (signed by your state commissioner)
5. **Completed USA Pick-Up Player Form** (if using one signed by your state commissioner)
6. **Register online**  
<https://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/i!/tournaments/tournamentDetails.php?TID=46525>
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 coach's 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 bats that wish to be used during play need to be brought to check in to get tested

Mail all information to:

**Caswell Sports**

**Attn: Phil Tostenson**

**1001 Belgrade Ave.**

**North Mankato, MN 56003**

# Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, July 21st

Team, Player Check-in and Player ID Validation	9:30am- 2:30 pm	Caswell Park
Coaches Meeting	3:00 pm	Pub 500 500 South Front Street, Mankato
Opening Ceremonies	6:00 pm	Caswell Park Teams line-up by 5:45

### Opening Ceremony

The ceremony will start at 6:00 pm at Caswell Park (1875 Howard Drive, North Mankato, MN 56003) Teams should be lined up by 5:45 p.m. on Field 3 in the staging area.

- We encourage teams to wear their uniforms or team created shirts.
- Teams may exchange pins or other gifts before and after the ceremony if they choose.

## Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Team, Player Check-in and Player ID Validation	6:45 am-2:00 pm	Caswell Park
Start of Pool Play	8:00 am	Caswell Park
Double Elimination Draw	After Team's Pool Play Games	Caswell Park

### Draw Process into Brackets

Teams will turn in their tournament evaluations form at the completion of their last pool game. Coaches are asked to bring their forms to the team check-in at Caswell Park within 60 minutes from the conclusion of their last pool play game to draw for bracket placement. The bracket is already labeled with a number. Each team will draw a game number according to how they placed within their pool.

# Admission

Tournament passes will be provided for all rostered players and three coaches (Max of 20). All participants must have a pass to gain admission to the complex. Uniforms alone is not acceptable. Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers, or more than three coaches/managers free admittance.

## **Tournament Pass**

- Adults-\$25
- Seniors/Students \$20

## **Daily Admission**

- Adults-\$8

**There is no fee for parking. Children under 10 are FREE**

Tournament passes may be purchased at player check-in and at Caswell Park gates during tournament games.

# Coaches Passes

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

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

# General Information

**DRAW / TOURNAMENT FORMAT** – Article 511 of the USA Softball 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Pool Play begins on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Double Elimination immediately follows Pool Play. Teams are guaranteed five (5) games.

**UNIFORMS** – All players competing at the USA Nationals 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 USA Softball official playing rules – Rule 3, Section 6 for complete uniform requirements.

**AWARDS** – USA Softball 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 staff 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 plus one inning. 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.

**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. Water is available at each dugout via drinking fountains. You may also fill your team water jug at Caswell Park. 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 coach's responsibility to report to tournament headquarters for rescheduled game information. Games postponed will be made up as determined by the Tournament Director and staff. Games time limit may be shortened, depending on when a rainout occurs – in order to get all games played. Rainout information will be available via twitter @caswellsports and Facebook @caswellsports and posted on the tournament website at <https://www.caswellsports.com/10west>

**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 2020 USA official guide and rule book.

**COIN TOSS** – Coin toss will take place at tournament headquarters by tournament staff 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.

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

**TEAM PHOTOS** – SPX Sports will be doing all team photos at Caswell Park. Please contact Bridget Larson to schedule your photos and ordering information. [bridget@spxsports.com](mailto:bridget@spxsports.com)

**CONCESSIONS** – A variety of concessions will be available at Caswell Park

**TEAM HOUSING** – Hotel blocks are being held for teams. Please support Caswell Sports Hotel Partners. Go to <https://www.caswellsports.com/10west> for hotel information.

**HOSPITALITY** – We are very pleased to have you in North Mankato, MN and will be happy to help you in any way. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

**PARK RULES** – There are no pets, rollerblades, bikes, scooters, or outside food allowed inside Caswell Park.