

2020 USA Softball of North Dakota/Monsta Tournament Series

COVID-19-RELATED CHANGES FOR THE 2020 SEASON

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on all aspects of the 2020 season. As such, we have had to make some changes to our Series rules for this season. These changes may supersede those shown in the normal rules on the pages that follow.

Event Schedule

As of May 21st, 10 of the 21 planned Series tournaments have been cancelled. Some that have not are still in jeopardy of being cancelled. Others that have been cancelled may be rescheduled. We will update the schedule at USASoftballND.com/series as often as necessary.

Prize Packages

To be eligible for the end of season Series Prizes, a team must compete in a minimum of **one** Tournament Series event and one State Tournament.

Due to reduced Series revenue, we will only be guaranteeing first place prize packages. However, we will award addition prizes based upon the revenue generated. The prize packages will be updated following the end of the invitational tournament schedule.

State Tournaments

Cancellation of any state tournament would void the requirement in that classification that teams must participate in a state tournament to be eligible for a prize package. A team could still earn additional points from another state tournament of the same or higher classification.

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Event Schedule: The tournament series schedule is posted at USASoftballND.com/series. Any changes to the schedule will be updated, as they occur, on the website. We will attempt to post results for each tournament and updated standings on the website by Friday following each completed event.

Rosters/Player/Team Classification/Pick-up Players: Teams will play in their USA Softball of North Dakota classifications wherever possible. Teams that play down in classification for any reason will not receive points from that tournament.

Teams/players should check their classification on the Adult Program/Classification section of the USA Softball of North Dakota website prior to entering each tournament.

Tournament sites will use the official USA Softball of North Dakota roster form.



The tournament series tournaments will follow the USA Softball of North Dakota pick-up player rules.

Points: Points for each tournament will be awarded according to the chart listed below.

	SERIES POINTS AWARDED	Place Earned												
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Tie 5 th	Tie 7 th	Tie 9 th	Tie 13 th	Tie 17 th	Tie 25 th	Tie 33 th	Tie 49 th	Tie 65 th
Number of Teams Entered	2-4	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5-6	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7-8	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9-12	480	400	320	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-
	13-16	640	500	400	320	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-
	17-24	720	600	480	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-
	25-32	840	700	560	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-
	33-48	960	800	640	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-
	49-64	1080	900	720	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-
	65+	1200	1000	800	600	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60

The points awarded will be based on the total number of teams entered in the tournament regardless of whether classes are combined. The places listed at the top of the table are based upon a double elimination format. Points awarded may be adjusted as deemed necessary by the Series Committee to account for different tournament formats.

- Series tournaments which are canceled for any reason may be rescheduled only with the approval of the Series committee. Teams will be awarded 60 points for a paid entry into a Series tournament that has been cancelled unless they participate in another Series tournament on the same weekend or in the rescheduled tournament, if applicable.
- Mid-Season classification changes – A team earns points at whatever classification the team is at the time of the tournament. Therefore, if a team is reclassified midseason, the points they earn prior to that will remain at their initial classification, but no more points will be added. Points earned after reclassification will go towards the team's new classification.
- To be eligible for the end of season Series Prizes, a team must compete in a minimum of three Tournament Series events and one State Tournament. Therefore, one-time tournament teams are not eligible to earn points in a Series tournament.
- If a team participates in more than one state tournament, they will receive points for each tournament.
- Series award prize packages will be designated for each place in each classification. A list of prize options and values of those items will be determined by the Slow Pitch Series Committee and will be posted on the website before the beginning of each season. The prizes are funded

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from \$20.00 from each team's entry fee at each tournament. These packages will include Monsta products, not limited to bats, uniforms, gloves, batting gloves, bags and other apparel.

State Tournament Rainout Policy: In any state tournament where there is a full rainout, all teams with paid entries will be awarded 60 points and will, therefore, have met the minimum requirement of having participated in a state tournament. NOTE: If the tournament in a team's classification is canceled, but that team chooses to challenge up to play in a higher classified state tournament, they will still be given the full amount of points they earn in that event.

If there is a partial rainout, points will be awarded as normal based upon a team's final placement, even if that placement was determined by coin flip or card draw. If there is no coin flip or card draw to determine the outcome of some games in the tournament, then the remaining points in that part of the bracket will be shared equally amongst all of the remaining teams in that part of the bracket. (For example, if there are 4 teams still playing in a Roughrider bracket at the time that games are canceled, those 4 teams will each receive an equal share of the total points remaining to be awarded in the Roughrider bracket.)

Tiebreakers: The first tiebreaker applied to the final standings will be most Series events played. If still tied, the team with the highest state tournament finish will be awarded the tiebreaker.

The Tournament Series Committee has the right to change or adjust any rules to benefit the Series.