

ROCHESTER, MN.



USA SOFTBALL 10B & 14B
NORTHERN NATIONAL
JULY 27-30, 2023

REGISTRATION INFO: lfunk@rochestermnsports.org



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 2023 USA 10B and/or 14B 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 Monday, July 17th, 2023. 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 \$500.00 entry fee (made payable to the: Rochester Sports) must be received by July 17th.

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 Funk

Rochester MN Sports

Senior Manager of Events and Operations



Tournament Fields

Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball Complex

827 36th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904



Venue Details -

The Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball Complex is the city's newest athletic complex. With the construction of a permanent pavilion with concessions and restrooms, as well as a new Championship Field completed in 2018

- 7 Fastpitch Softball Fields
- 2 fields meet NCAA specifications, Fences 200-220ft
- On-site concessions, restrooms, storage and umpire facilities.
- All fields equipped with electronic scoreboards and covered dugouts
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Tournament Staff

Tournament Director	Linsy Funk	lfunk@rochestermnsports.org
Assistant Tournament Director	Bryant Schmidt	bschmidt@rochestermnsports.org
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Umpire In Chief		
USA Representative	Kaleigh Curran	kcurran@rochestermnsports.org
Tournament Host	Rochester Sports	https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/10B.html

PRE-TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

Monday, July 17th - 2023 – Tournament Registration Deadline

Items in **RED below MUST be received prior to the **deadline of 3:00pm CST on July 17th** for teams to be entered into the tournament. All other items may be emailed to lfunk@rochestermnsport.org prior to the event or brought to check-in!

1. **Tournament Fee of \$500 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 bschmidt@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 26th

Team, Player Check-In & Player ID Validation	1pm-6pm	RYFSA Complex
Coaches Meeting	3pm	RYFSA Complex
Opening Ceremonies	6:30pm	RYFSA Complex <i>Teams line-up in by 6:15pm</i>

Opening Ceremony

The ceremony will start at 6:30pm at the Rochester Youth Fastpitch Softball Complex (827 36th Ave. SE – Rochester, MN 55904). The opening ceremony will take place on field #1. Teams should be lined-up by 6:15pm near the left field foul line.

Opening Ceremony Details:

- **The 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.” There will be a prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place best dressed.
- **Opening Remarks & National Anthem**
- **Ceremonial First Pitch**
- **Costume Contest Awards**
- **Base Running Race**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Gift Exchange**
 - After the ceremony we will have a gift exchange - this will be in place of doing a gift exchange at your first game. This gift can include things such as a pin, t-shirt, wristbands or other fun items that represent your state! We will give the athletes 10 minutes to run around and exchange gifts with whoever they please.

THURSDAY, July 27th

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

Draw Process Into Bracket Play

- At the conclusion of each teams 2nd pool play game, each coach must return to the tournament HQ area at the RYFSA 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.
- The bracket is already labeled with a number (1-4). Each team will draw a game number according to how they finished within their pool.
- Example: Rochester finished 2nd 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.

FRIDAY, July 28th- SUNDAY, July 30th - Double Elimination Bracket Play

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:

- o Adults - \$25.00
- o Seniors/Students - \$20.00 **Seniors (55), Students (7-18)

● **Daily Admission:**

- o Adults - \$8.00
- o 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 3 coaches at check-in. Additional coaches passes can be purchased at check-in for \$20. All coaches must show proof of background check to receive a coaches pass.

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 29th. Pool Play begins on Thursday, August 4th. 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**

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 2022 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 RYFSA Complex.

TEAM HOUSING – Hotel blocks are being held for teams. Please call the hotels listed directly when booking and mention the “USA National Tournament block” when making reservations.