

2019 NJCAA DIII Softball Championship



May 23-25, 2019
Rochester, Minnesota

Tournament Hosts:



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Rochester MN Sports
30 Civic Center Drive SE, Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904

Coaches and Administrators:

Rochester MN Sports and Rochester Community & Technical College (RCTC) are once again excited to host the NJCAA DIII Softball Championship. 2019 will be the 14th consecutive year Rochester has played host to this championship, with our friends from Rock Valley College of Rockford, Illinois winning five straight titles. We look forward to seeing some new faces and maybe some familiar ones come May!

Rochester Sports and RCTC have a long history of working together to host NJCAA events. In 2019 the two organizations will team up to host Division III Men's Basketball, Softball, and Volleyball. I have had the opportunity to work all three of these events in the past, and always look forward to meeting the athletes, coaches, administrators, and fans that come out to the events. Rochester Sports and RCTC have also partnered in hosting championships for Division III Women's Basketball, Division III Wrestling, and numerous Bowl Games for Football.

A few items to note when reading over the information included in this packet would be that there will be three host hotels for the tournament that teams will be required to choose from: **Centerstone Plaza Hotel, Home 2 Suites, and the Country Inn & Suites-Rochester North**. Each of these properties can hold two to three teams max. You can contact the Rochester Sports office to see which hotels still have availability. Also, the Coach's Meeting and Tournament Banquet will be at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm respectively at the Rochester Event Center, address can be found on **page 8**. Lastly, please know that some of this information is subject to change leading up to the Championship. For an updated version, please visit the tournament website: <https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/njcaad3softball.html>

We recognize that this is a very special event for all involved, and we wish all teams luck in the coming months as the season progresses. There is a lot of time and effort that gets put into a winning season, and eight teams will be fortunate enough to advance and compete for the National Championship. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out and I will be happy to assist you. Good luck, and see you in Rochester!

Sincerely,

Brady Turk
2019 NJCAA DIII Softball Championship Tournament Director
Sales and Event Coordinator– Rochester MN Sports
507.424-0812
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GENERAL INFORMATION



Location: McQuillan Softball Complex
1655 Marion Road SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Dates: May 23-25, 2019

Hosted By: Rochester MN Sports
30 Civic Center Drive SE, Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904
Phone: 507.280.4701

Tournament Website: <https://www.rochestermnsports.org/events/njcaad3softball.html>

Social Media: Twitter: @RochesterSports
Facebook: @RochesterSports
Instagram: @rochestermnsports
Tournament Hashtag: #njcaad3softball



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Complimentary Passes:

Each participating school will receive tournament passes for only those rostered players, coaches, and other school officials listed on the Official Entry form submitted. Please list all School Representatives that will be attending with their appropriate titles. **All players, coaches, and other personnel must present tournament passes to gain access to the facility.**

Ticket Information:

Ticket will be sold at the venue at the start of the tournament.
Payment Options: Cash, Check, Credit Card (Visa, MC, Discover, AMEX)

Daily Passes:

Adult: \$12.00
College Student (with ID): \$8.00
Student (18 & under)/Seniors (60 & over): \$8.00
Children age 6 & under: FREE

Tournament Passes (tournament program included):

Adult: \$30.00
College Student (with ID): \$20.00
Student (18 & under) & Seniors (60 & over): \$20.00
Children age 6 & under: FREE

Tournament Merchandise:

Official merchandise for the NJCAA Championship will be sold on site and online. Team IP, Inc., the official championship merchandise vendor for the NJCAA, will work directly with teams for preorders. It is recommended that fans purchase merchandise early as items typically go quickly!

Tournament Souvenir Programs:

Tournament souvenir programs can be preordered or bought on site. The preorder form can be found in the Team Paperwork packet. Do not miss out on the opportunity to provide your athletes with a great memento of their national championship experience. Programs will be available for \$3.00.

Area Attractions and Restaurants

For information regarding things to do, shopping and restaurants while in town please refer to our webpage: <https://www.rochestermnsports.org/visit-rochester.html> or the Experience Rochester website: www.experiencerochestermn.com

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Stipulated in the NJCAA Handbook**

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Sports Medicine

Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day 1 - Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

Official Practice Day

Team Practice:

Practice time slots will be assigned based on the tournament bracket. The practice site will be the competition fields and the tournament setup will be in place. Practice time slots are 60 minutes in length for actual on field time. Time slots are as follows:

10:00 am-10:55am	(District A; Field 4)	(District B; Field 5)
11:00 am-11:55 am	(District C; Field 4)	(District D; Field 5)
12:00 pm-12:55 pm	(District E; Field 4)	(District F; Field 5)
1:00 pm-1:55 pm	(District G; Field 4)	(District H; Field 5)

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

A certified athletic trainer will be on-site throughout the practice day. The trainer will be at the site 30 minutes before the first scheduled practice time.

Coaches' Meeting:

This meeting will include discussion of tournament protocol followed by the NJCAA Division III coaches meeting which the Tournament Director and the DIII Softball Rep will facilitate.

Location: Rochester Event Center

Address: 7333 Airport View Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902

When: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm CST

Tournament Banquet:

COST: \$30.00 per person (please dress appropriately)

Family and friends are welcome at the tournament banquet but **MUST** have reservations on banquet form. WALK UP TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Location: **Rochester Event Center**

Address: 7333 Airport View Dr SW, Rochester, MN 55902

When: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019

Time: Doors Open – 6:15pm CST Dinner – 6:30pm CST

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Day 2 - Thursday, May 23rd, 2019

Tournament format is double-elimination bracket play. Game times are as scheduled: 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm (All games are CST). **30 minutes before scheduled game time, line-up cards are to be submitted to the official scorer.**

ATHLETIC TRAINER:

We will have a certified athletic trainer from Mayo Sports Medicine on site 90 minutes before the first game each day. Mayo Sports Medicine will supply general supplies needed. **TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR OWN TAPE.** Water will be provided in the dugouts.

HOSPITALITY:

The concession stand will provide a roped off hospitality area for all coaches and administration. The meal and snacks provided will be what is in the area each day. There is no ordering that needs to be done. Players, fans and family members will not be allowed in the hospitality area.

OPENING CEREMONY:

Teams will line-up for the opening ceremony on the first base side of Field #5. The opening ceremony will include: team introductions, national anthem, and first pitch.

HOME TEAM & AWAY TEAM:

Home team will be the higher seeded team in the first round. The home team for all other rounds will be determined by a flip of the coin 30 minutes prior to the game. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.

PREGAME INFIELD/OUTFIELD:

Each team will be permitted 10 minutes before their first game of each day for pregame IF/OF. All other games, warmups need to occur in the outfield after the field has been dragged.

Day 3 - Friday, March 24th, 2019

Game times are as scheduled:

10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm (All games are CST)

7th/8th Place Game- 12:00 pm; Field #4 5th/6th Place Game- 12:00 pm; Field #5

4th Place Game- 2:00 pm; Field #5

Day 4 - Saturday, March 25th, 2019

Bracket play is as scheduled (All games are CST):

3rd Place Game- 12:00 pm; Field #5

National Championship- 2:00 pm; Field #5

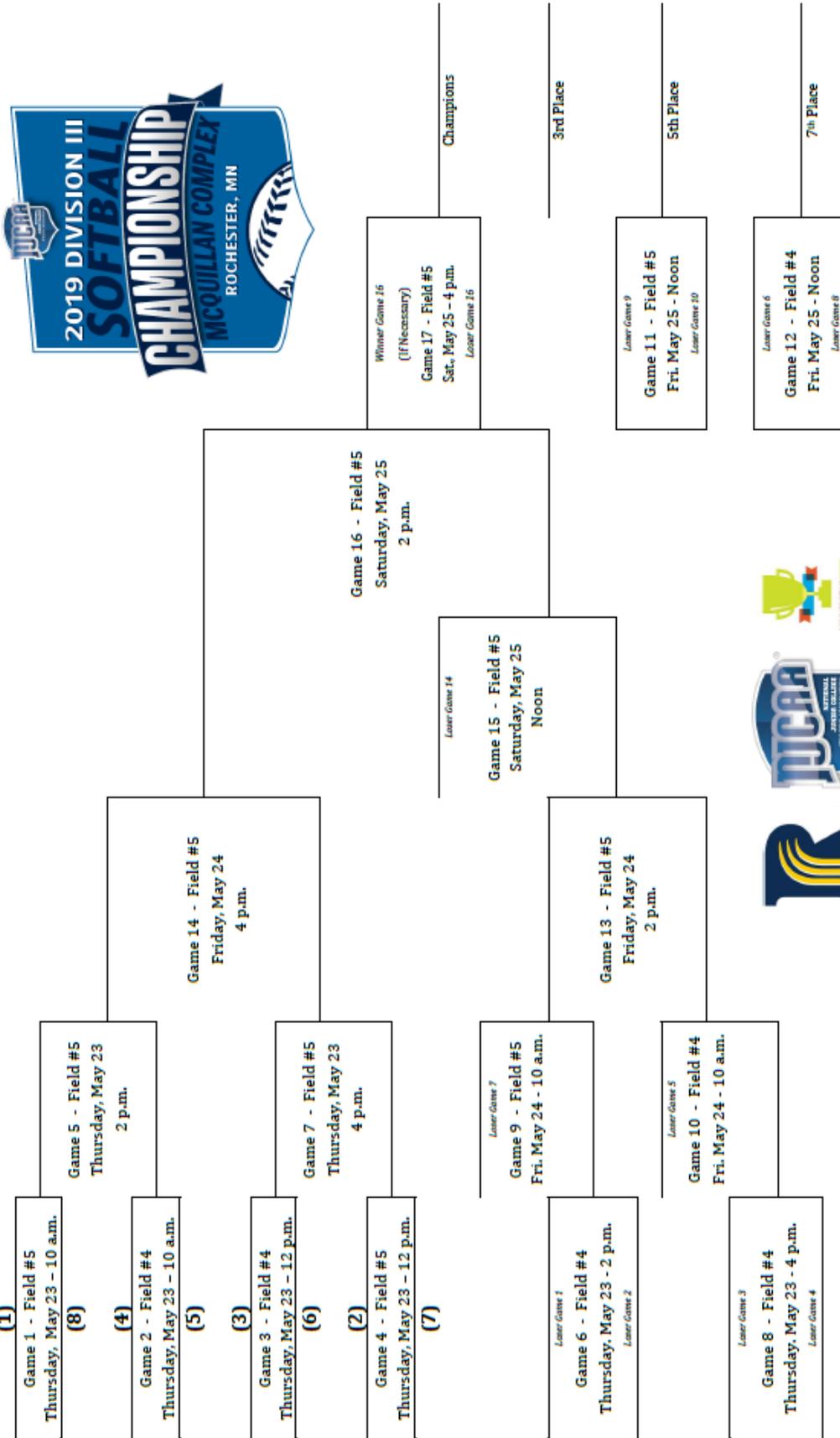
*If Game- 4:00 pm; Field #5

AWARDS CEREMONY:

The Awards Ceremony will follow the completion of the Championship Game

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2019 NJCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



MISCELLANEOUS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Uniforms:

The higher seeded team in each contest will be the home team and wear light uniforms. The lower seeded team in each contest will be the visitor and wear dark uniforms.

ENTRY PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

Required Entry Forms:

All of the items listed below are required to be completed and submitted to Tournament Director, Brady Turk prior to the deadline. All items can be found in the Pre-Event Paperwork-Team Information Packet which is available on our website at:

www.rochestermnsports.org/events/njcaad3softball.html

- Official Entry Form
- Official Team Roster
- Media and Other College Representatives
- Banquet and Program Order form
- Travel Information
- Preparation and Practice Day Participation Information
- Team Photo and Athletics Logo
 - o Please email team photo and logo as a .jpeg to bturk@rochestermnsports.org and lhoosier@rochestermnsports.org

Deadline:

The forms listed above are due prior to Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 7:00 pm CST. If your team qualifies prior to this date, please submit all information as soon as possible.

Please Submit all Information to:

Brady Turk
Rochester MN Sports
bturk@rochestermnsports.org
Phone: 507.424.0812



GENERAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Broadcast Policies:

NJCAA holds the exclusive radio, television, and online video streaming rights for the 2019 NJCAA DIII Softball National Championship.

Live Streaming:

NJCAA TV will broadcast tournament games, 13,14,15,16,17, and 18 listed on the Tournament Bracket, online at www.njcaatv.com. Broadcasts will be available for purchase via a digital download at the conclusion of each game.

Recording of Statistics:

Statistics will be recorded for each game of the entire championship, and will be posted on the NJCAA website at the conclusion of each game.

Videotaping Procedures:

Teams recording the tournament may only record games in which they are playing. Recording must take place in a location that does not interfere with spectator viewing. Fans are not permitted to video record matches.

Photography:

Flash photography may be used at times which do not interfere with the play of the game. Team photographers are permitted only with authorization from the tournament director.

Social Media:

Game updates will be shared via the Rochester MN Sports social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook). These accounts can be located using the information below:

Twitter: @RochesterSports
Facebook: @RochesterSports
Tournament hashtag: #njcaad3softball

TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tournament Qualification:

- Qualifying teams shall come from the following eight districts:

DISTRICT A	Region 3A
DISTRICT B	Region 3B
DISTRICT C	Region 13A
DISTRICT D	Region 13B
DISTRICT E	Region 19
DISTRICT F	Region 19
DISTRICT G	Region 2, 4, 12
DISTRICT H	Region 15, 20, 21

- All District/Region Playoff MUST be completed by May 18, 2019

Tournament Committee Members:

Brady Turk
Matt Esau
Kristine Ihrke

Linsy Hoosier
Mike Lester
Andy Moore

Steve Crittenden
Deb Anderson
Steve Vail



TOURNAMENT SEEDING, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

Tournament Seeding:

The seeding committee will consist of the Section Directors. The committee will seed all eight teams by Monday, May 20, 2019. Teams participating in the tournament should fax their schedules with scores to Sectional Directors to assist with the seeding conference call. Seeding will be on the basis of, in no particular order:

1. Regional placement in the National Tournament the previous year
2. Strength of Region/District
3. National Poll
4. Overall and Division III JUCO record
 - Should a member of the seeding committee coach a team that participates in the tournament, that individual should be excluded from the seeding process.

Rules and Regulations:

- A. All postseason tournament play shall follow the NCAA Rules with the following exceptions:
 1. The halted game rule will be in effect for all national tournament play.
 2. The international tie-breaker will not be used in national tournament play.
 3. The eight-run rule will not be in effect for the national championship game.
- B. The tournament shall be conducted as a double elimination Softball Tournament.
- C. All Region/District Hosts will use and be furnished the official tournament ball.
- D. The official tournament ball is the Dudley Thunder Heat 4N-143.47 compression ball
- E. Weather/Suspended Game(s): When a game is underway and it starts to rain/snow, only the umpire can suspend the game. Suspended games are continued from the point of when the play was suspended.
- F. In the event of unavoidable delays due to weather or unforeseen causes, the Tournament Director and NJCAA Representative reserve the right to re-schedule game times or make other arrangements as necessary as long as there is no extension to the length of the tournament dates.

Tournament Awards:

- A. Awards shall be given to the first, second, and third place teams.
- B. Each individual player on the first place team shall receive an NJCAA gold medal. There shall be 30 medals.
- C. Each individual player on the second place team shall receive an NJCAA silver medal. There shall be 30 medals.
- D. An outstanding Coach Award shall be presented
- E. A Most Valuable Player (MVP) award shall be presented.
- F. Selection of a Softball All-Tournament Team of 12 players (4 battery, 4 infielders, 3 outfielders, and 1 DP) shall be made and presented medals.

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Dress Decorum:

At the National Tournament venue, anyone on the playing field, in the dugout, or in the designated warm-up areas must comply with the dress decorum policy:

- A. Player's attire as addressed in the NCAA Softball Rulebook
- B. Coaches must wear official institutional matching apparel (color and logo) to include matching polo or crew necked shirts (no t-shirts), shorts and/or slacks (no denim/jeans), shoes and socks (no sandals/flip-flops). Headgear must be worn in an appropriate manner.
- C. All other team personnel must wear appropriate institutional polo or crew necked shirts (no t-shirts), shorts and/or slacks (no denim/jeans), shoes and socks (no sandals/flip-flops). Headgear must be worn in an appropriate manner.
- D. Participating team members and college personnel returning to the venue as spectators shall be appropriately attired.
- E. Banquet attire, unless otherwise designated by the Tournament host, will be casual business attire (t-shirts, denim pants, hats, shorts, sandals/flip-flops will not be permitted).
- F. Violators of dress decorum will be asked by either the Tournament Director or the NJCAA Representative to change dress to comply with the stated dress decorum. If they don't comply, the incident will be referred to the Standards & Ethics Committee for possible sanctions.

Tournament Lodging:

Should the tournament host or NJCAA National Office choose to assign lodging for this event, all participating schools must honor that assignment or pay for those rooms.

Code of Conduct:

All Coaches, athletes, and support personnel are expected to be familiar with and follow the NJCAA Code of Conduct. This code may be found under Article XX of the NJCAA bylaws.

Substance Abuse Policy:

The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sponsored regular season or postseason play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

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Gear up for game day in style with
2019 NJCAA Division III Softball Championship
Merchandise!

Deadline to preorder is **Sunday, May 12th**
Prices starting at \$23

AVAILABLE AT TEAMIP.COM/PREORDER

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION:

Teams will have three hotel options to choose from. The booking of hotels will be a first come first serve basis. There will be no more than three teams at one hotel property. All of the options will have complimentary breakfast, parking, and Wi-Fi. Below you will find information on each property. When booking, please contact the listed contact person to make your reservations. Each of the hotels have a block set aside specifically for teams and then a different block for fans.

HOST HOTEL OPTIONS:

- 1. Centerstone Plaza Hotel- 2 double queens in all rooms**
- 2. Country Inn & Suites-Rochester North- 2 double queens in all rooms**
- 3. Home2 Suites- 2 double queens and a sofa sleeper in all rooms**



Host Hotel:

Centerstone Plaza Hotel Soldiers Field (3 teams max)
401 6th St SW
Rochester, MN 55902
507.288.2677

Primary Hotel Contact:

Kristine Ihrke
Director of Sales
507.292.7337 (*phone*)
507.292.7331 (*fax*)
kihrke@soldiersfield.com

Hotel Room Rate:

\$ 102.00/night

Complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free flat-lot parking able to accommodate buses, indoor pool, whirlpool, and fitness center. Free shuttle on 20 passenger buses to the banquet, playing venue, downtown Rochester, Rochester International Airport and the Apache Mall. Twigs Tavern & Grille featuring new American cuisine and hot rock grilling.

ROOM TYPES AVAILABLE:

Queen/Queen Tower: Guestroom with two queen beds, microwave, and refrigerator in the main tower of the hotel.

Queen Extended Stay Suites: The suites have a separate bedroom with a queen bed, a full kitchen (microwave, refrigerator, stove/oven, dishwasher), and a living room with a queen Murphy bed, loveseat, recliner, and small dining table. The suites are located in separate buildings from the main tower (where the lobby and complimentary breakfast is served) and do have exterior entrances. The buildings are located across a parking lot or driveway from the main tower.

Teams will be responsible for housing assignments, arrival and departure dates. Information must be sent to Kristine Ihrke of the Centerstone Plaza Hotel by fax or email no later than Monday, May 20th, 2019, 2:00pm CST.

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Host Hotel:

Country Inn & Suites- Rochester North (2 teams max)
4323 US-52
Rochester, MN 55901
507.285.3335

Primary Hotel Contact:

Matt Morrissey
Director of Sales
507.287.0711 (*phone*)
matt.morrissey@tmihospitality.com

Hotel Room Rate:

\$ 105.00/night

The Country Inn and Suites North features a great free breakfast, indoor pool, exercise room, guest laundry, free flat-lot parking, with all rooms featuring a fridge and microwave.

Teams will be responsible for housing assignments, arrival and departure dates. Information must be sent to Matt Morrissey of Country Inn & Suites North (matt.morrissey@tmihospitality.com) no later than Monday, May 20th, 2019, 2:00pm CST.

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Host Hotel:

Home2 Suites by Hilton (3 teams max)

831 16th St SW
Rochester, MN 55902
507.361.4208

Primary Hotel Contact:

Andy Thilges
General Manager
507.361.4208 (*phone*)
507.361.3131 (*fax*)
andy.thilges@hilton.com

Hotel Room Rate:

\$128.00/night

Rooms available are either Double Queen Studio Suites that includes a full-size sofa sleeper, or Single King Studio Suites with a full size-size sofa sleeper. A fridge, freezer, microwave, and dishwasher are available in every room. Free Hot Breakfast daily from 6:00-9:30am. Complimentary internet access, parking, fitness center, and discounts to local restaurants provided.

Teams will be responsible for housing assignments, arrival and departure dates. Information must be sent to Andy Thilges with Home2 Suites by fax or email no later than Monday, May 20th, 2019, 2:00pm CST.

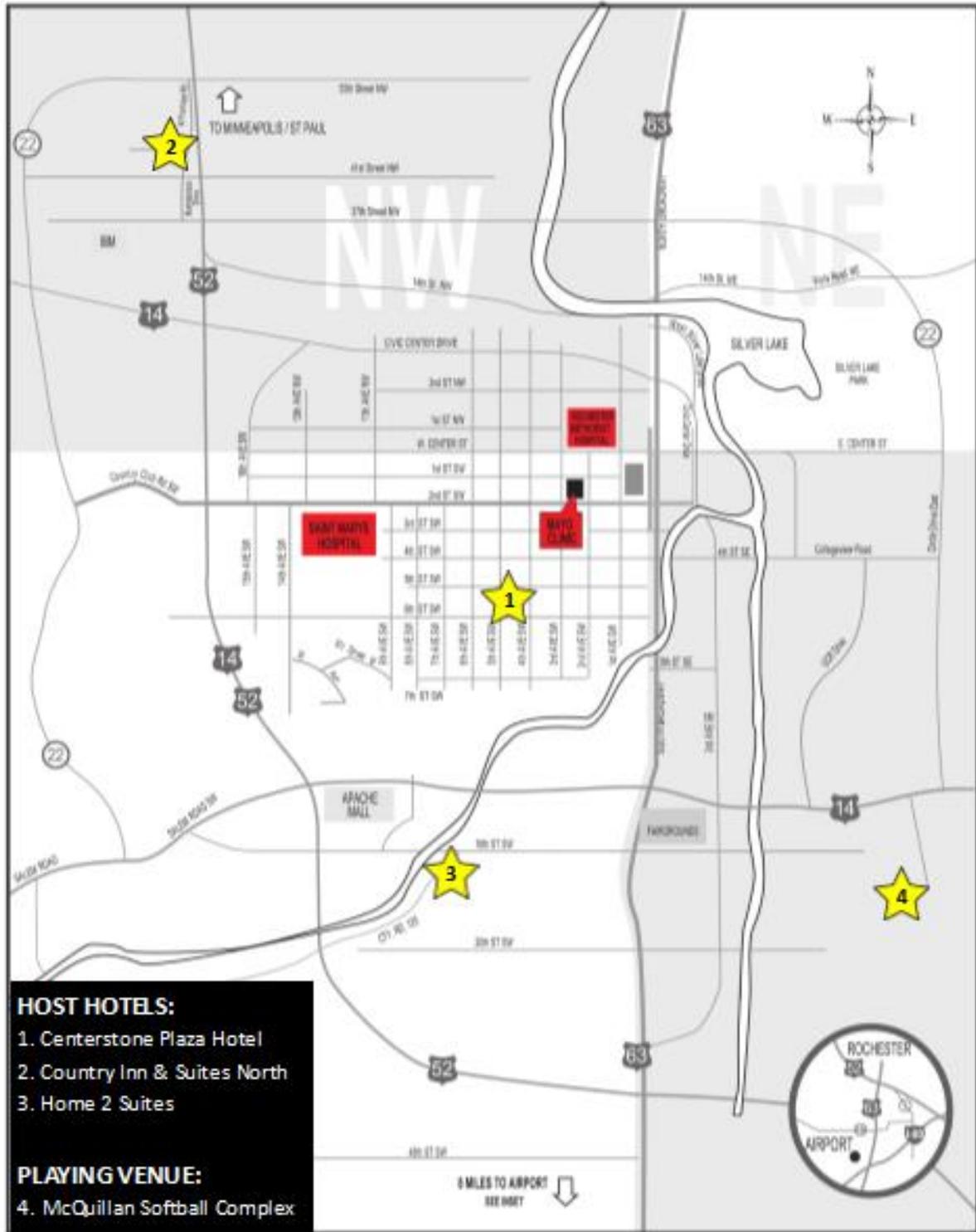
FAN/FAMILY HOTEL INFORMATION:

Please have all Family and Friends book directly with the hotels listed by calling the number for that hotel property to secure a room under the NJCAA Softball Fan Block

Fan Hotel Information will be updated by April 1st, 2019

Apache Hotel:	\$129.00-\$159.00
Comfort Suites:	\$119.00
Country Inn & Suites South:	\$105.00
Courtyard by Marriott:	\$129.00-\$159.00
Kahler Grand:	\$119.00
Microtel Inn & Suites North:	\$89.00
Rochester Marriott:	\$149.00
SpringHill Suites:	\$114.00-\$124.00

2019 NJCAA DIII Softball Championship City of Rochester Map



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Local Charter Bus Transportation:

Minnesota Coaches	507.289.8950
Rochester City Lines	507.288.4353
Windstar Lines	888.494.6378

Rental Car Information:

Advantage Rental Company	507.285.0122
Avis Airport	507.288.5655
Budget Airport	800.527.0700
Clements	800.657.6989
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	800.736.8222
Hertz Airport	507.288.2244
Kuehn Rental	800.227.7368
Rochester Direct	800.280.9270
Rochester Express Airport Shuttle	507.282.8673

Airports:

Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)
78 Miles North of Rochester, MN

Rochester International Airport (RST)
