

**2021 USA GIRL'S A 16U NORTHERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
NORMAL, IL JULY 21-25**

INFORMATION PACKET

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Qualification Process

Each State/Metro Association has their own requirements for participation in USA Softball Class A Nationals. Teams need to contact their local /state J.O. Commissioner to find out what this entails.

Entry fee of \$450.00, team roster, and national entry form must be received by the tournament director no later than July 9 at 5:00pm.

****Checks made payable to Town of Normal**

Hotels & Motels

Over 500 rooms have been blocked at over 10 properties. Mention USA Softball Nationals when reserving your rooms. See tournament web site for all hotel information!

Team Check-In - PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT AT CHECK-IN

Normal Community West High School - 501 N. Parkside Rd., Normal
Wednesday, July 21 - Time TBD based on number of teams

Managers must provide USA Softball ID cards for each player on the roster. Players must be present at check-in!! If ID cards are not an option, photo ID and birth certificate will be accepted

ACE CERTIFICATION - One coach must have this certification. Every coach in the dugout is required to have proof of background check. Each team will be given

tournament passes for the number of coaches certified and/or with background checks (Limit of 4 per team).

Every bat must be tested before it can be used in a game. Bring your bats with you to check-in!!!! Limit 20 bats per team

Managers' Meeting

Wednesday, July 21 - Time TBD based on number of teams

Normal Community West High School

Each team is permitted three coaches to attend

Opening Ceremonies

Wednesday, July 21, - Time TBD based on number of teams

Normal Community West High School

Opening Games

Pool Play may begin Wednesday, July 21 at 5:00pm (depends on number of teams)

Pre-tournament draw for pool play conducted Wednesday, July 14

Draw information will be available on tournament website by July 15 at 9:00am

During the first two days of pool play the tournament committee is asking each team to provide a volunteer to keep official score or operate scoreboard during their teams three games. **In return, coaches will be given an adult tournament pass for this volunteer (\$30 Value).**

- Elimination play begins Friday, July 23 at 8:00am
- Championship Game – Sunday, July 25 at 3:00pm
- **Draw into elimination play will be held at the conclusion of each pool**
- **Draw location: east press box @ Champion Fields**

Official Game Ball

The official game ball is provided by A.D. Starr. Spirit softballs will be used for games.

Concessions

The tournament will offer a wide variety of concession foods. Team and personal coolers are permitted inside Champion Fields. We do ask if a team meal is going to be brought in it is consumed outside of the admission gates.

Each dugout will contain a water cooler with water, ice & cups.

Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited

Alcoholic beverages are **prohibited** at Champion Fields, Maxwell Park and all parking lots.

Warm-Up Areas

Prior to games, teams may warm up outside the fenced-in areas of Champion Fields. Teams may also warm-up in between temporary fences and permanent fences on each field. **NO THROWING OR SWINGING OF BATS WILL BE ALLOWED in any other areas except designated bullpens. This is for the safety of all.**

No infield practice will be permitted prior to games. Teams may hit grounders from 3rd to 2nd and 1st to 2nd base. **Teams MUST stay off entire infield while the grounds crew is performing their work**

Run Ahead Rule

15 after three innings, 12 after four, 8 after five innings.

Time Limit Rule

For pool play and elimination play 1 hour 20- minute time limit will be observed. Finish inning underway and one more full inning. No time limit starting with winners bracket final.

Lineup Cards

Tournament officials will provide lineup cards for each team at check-in. **Please list players' first names and last names.** A lineup card will be collected at the coin flip to give to the announcer/scorekeeper.

Coin Flips

Tournament officials will conduct a coin flip at a pre-determined location 30 minutes prior to game time. Coaches are required to show up on time or risk the flip will be held without them present. **More information provided at managers meeting. Home team occupies third base dugout.**

Awards

Team trophies and individual awards based on number of teams

Protests

The tournament UIC, Assistant UIC, USA Softball Rep and Tournament Director will rule on all protests. As manager, please be familiar with the rules of the game including proper protest procedures.

Souvenirs

A wide variety of items sure to excite players, coaches, and families will be available for purchase throughout the week. Sales begin prior to tournament play at Team Check-In and Opening Ceremonies.

Coach & Player Passes

Each team will be given up to **four** coaches passes and **one** pass for each player attending the tournament who is listed on the roster.

Passes must be shown each time entering the facility. Players in uniform will be allowed in. **Lost passes will be replaced at the tournament price.**

Tournament passes will be available for sale at team check-in, Opening Ceremonies as well as each admission gate (please note cash only at admission gates).

Adult Pass	\$30	Daily Adult	\$10
Senior Pass (62+)	\$20	Daily Senior (62+)	\$7
Youth Pass (6-18)	\$20	Daily Youth (6-18)	\$7
Children 5 & Under	FREE		
Program Guide	\$5		

****Each Adult/Senior Pass purchased receives a complimentary program guide.**

CASH ONLY for passes sold at gates during tournament.

Inclement Weather

If, for any reason, weather suspends games the Tournament Directors will reschedule games and adjust the schedule accordingly to keep the tournament on schedule.

Tournament Weather Information Line, 309-433-3434 - Category 4

Call this information line during the tournament when the weather is inclement to find out up to the minute information on games. This number will also be listed on each tournament pass given to players/coaches, and those sold at the gate.