

USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup 16u & 18u



Pre-Tournament Packet

Polk County, Florida
July 6 – July 11, 2023

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Tournament Information Sheet

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| Tournament Name: | USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Cup |
| Age Divisions: | 16u, 18u |
| Location(s): | DiamondPlex Softball Complex 500 Polk State Access Rd Winter Haven, FL 33880 |
| Championship: | Florida Southern College 111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr Lakeland, FL 33801 |
| Dates: | July 6th – 11th, 2023 <i>6th used as check-in day</i> |
| Website: | USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup |
| Entry Fee: | \$2,750 per team – Checks payable to 'USA Softball' Pay online via Tourney Machine Mail entry fee to Tournament Director (address below) Pay by phone – (405) 425-3424 |
| Tournament Format: | 5 Game Guarantee – 3 Pool Play - Double Elimination Bracket <i>Double Elimination is a Blind Draw; no seeding</i> |
| Tournament Director: | Julie Whiteaker 2801 NE 50 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 425-3446 (Office) jwhiteaker@usasoftball.com |

Dates and Deadlines

Wed., March 1st: Non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 due

Friday, June 16th: All required items are due
Please send to Julie Whiteaker
_____ Register USA Softball ID#
_____ Remaining Entry Fee (\$1,750)
_____ **Background Checks** (all 18+ – [see here](#))
_____ **SafeSport Certification** (all 18+ – [see here](#))

Every member of the coaching staff needs a Register USA Softball account where the highlighted requirements must be completed. The team administrator is responsible for attaching those individuals to the team ID#. [Help Link](#)

Note: You must be logged in to Register USA to access help links.

Thursday, July 6th: [High Performance Program](#) at **DiamondPlex Softball Complex**
@ 8:00am for check-in ; @ 9:00am for event start
[Registration Link](#)

Thursday, July 6th: **Team/Player Check-In at [Camp Margaritaville](#)**
@ 12:00pm-4:00pm | Camp Margaritaville Retreat
Every athlete age 18+ and member of coaching staff is required to check-in prior to participating in the event. One of the following documents is required for verification:

- Birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, Hospital certificate, Driver's license, photo ID card issued by a local USA Softball Commissioner, or Valid passport.

Thursday, July 6th: **Bat Testing at [Camp Margaritaville](#)**
@ 12:00pm-4:00pm | Camp Margaritaville Retreat
All bats must be tested and stickered prior to game use. Any player using a bat that has not been tested could be subject to ejection from the game or tournament. Umpires will also be checking to make sure bats meet regulations outlined in the USAS Official Rules of Softball **Rule 3 Section 1.**

Thursday, July 6th: **Athlete Reception at [Camp Margaritaville](#)**
@ 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Camp Margaritaville Paradise Pavilion

All athletes are welcome to join USA Softball for a fun evening of food, refreshments, and games to kick off the tournament! [RSVP HERE](#)

- Thursday, July 6th:** **Coaches Meeting & Dinner at [Camp Margaritaville](#)**
@ 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Pavilion and Dock
[RSVP HERE](#)
Three coaches from each team can attend the Coaches Meeting & Dinner. The dinner will be casual and poolside/fireside! Happy hour starts at 5:00pm; limited drinks provided by [Visit Central Florida](#). Coach meeting will start at 6:00pm followed by the blind draw bracket.
- Friday, July 7th:** **Pool Play** will begin Friday morning at 8:00am. Each team will play three pool play games.
- Saturday, July 8th:** **Pool Play** continues at 8:00am
- Sunday, July 9th:** **Bracket Play** starts at 8:00am
- Monday, July 10th:** **Bracket Play** continues at 8:00am
- Tuesday, July 11th:** **Championship Day @ [Chris Bellotto Field at Florida Southern College](#)**
16u @ 9:00am
18u @ 11:30pm

Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)

- Admission:** No daily fee. No charge for parking. There will be precautionary bag checks.
- Concessions:** Concessions will be operating. **No outside food or drinks will be allowed.**
- Collegiate Athletes:** Athletes who have played at the Collegiate Level are not permitted to participate in this event.
- Dugouts:** First/Top team listed on the schedule will be in the 3rd base dugouts; Second/Bottom team listed will be in the 1st base dugout, unless dugouts are already occupied from a previous game.
- Game Changer:** All games will have scores kept via Game Changer. Do not approach scorekeepers about specific plays or statistics as we are not using GC for official stats.
- Game Schedule:** Pool play games will be posted online no later than Friday, June 30th by end of day.
- Game Times:** Game times listed on the official tournament bracket are forfeit times. Teams should be ready to start a game immediately after the preceding game is completed. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign fields to keep the tournament on schedule.
- High Performance:** The USA Softball HPP is coming to the JO Cup! You can find further information on the event [HERE](#) and register online [HERE](#). Members of the USA Softball Selection Committee will be on site for the event scoping talent for the USA Softball National Teams (U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18).
- Identification:** All members of the coaching staff ages 18+ are required to display their USA Softball badges with proof of background check and SafeSport per [USA Softball Procedural Code](#) upon

request. Every member will receive a bracelet at check-in which is required to be visibly worn at all times.

Inclement Weather: In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. In the case of an evacuation, everyone in the park must take their belongings and go to their cars.

Line Drills: Line drills are prohibited from taking place on the infield until the Field Crew has completely exited. Outfielders are to utilize the space beyond the temporary fence (when possible).

Line-Ups/Coin Toss: Line-ups must be turned into the official scorekeeper no less than 30 minutes prior to game time. The coin toss will be done at Home Plate by an official umpire to determine Home/Visitor.

Live Updates: Twitter - <https://twitter.com/USASoftball>

Live Stream: All games will be available for users to watch live [HERE](#)

Lodging: This event is not a stay-to-play, however room blocks and group rates have been secured through [Event Pipe](#).

Medical: Athletic Trainers will be on site at all times.

Playing Rules: [USA Softball Official Rules of Softball](#)

Practice Contacts: Joey Williams | jwilliams.parks@cityofbartow.net
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Recruitment: USA Softball is partnered with the [NCSA](#) who will be contacting College Recruiters and collecting RSVPs for who will be in attendance. That information will be posted on their website linked through our [event page](#). Your team and athletes are encouraged to build out profiles as NCSA will produce a college coach recruiting book specific to the event.

Refund Policy: The deposit is non-refundable. Upon request for refund, you will be issued a 50% refund of remaining fee until June 16th.

After this date, there will be no refunds unless we are able to fill your spot.

Synergy Sports: [Synergy Sports](#) will be on site to build video clips in real time for college recruiters to access.

Team Preview: Let us brag about your team! Complete your team's preview here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzd0rntAR9mb_s6wMpz0sgVwsF2Fxnw1Y5EeD0U4LuOCt1kcQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Time Limits: Pool Play games are one hour and forty minutes (1:40) and finish the inning. Bracket Play will have no time limit and all seven innings will be played. Run ahead rule applies.

Tourney Machine: The official tournament schedule will be on TournamentUSASoftball.com via the Tourney Machine platform. Teams can follow along!

Visit Central Florida: Find attractions and more [HERE!](#)

Warm-Up Areas: Teams may use the space beyond the outfield temporary fence and hitting tunnels for warmups and long as they are not being used by the teams playing at that time. Pitchers are not allowed to warm up on the grass. The warning track and dirt areas are acceptable.

Water: Water will be provided in the dugouts. Participants must have their own cup/bottle. Teams are allowed one ice chest with appropriate identification and consisting of only hydrating refreshments.