

# **USA Softball Men's A & B Slow Pitch National Championship**



## **Tournament Packet** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma September 1 – September 4, 2023

### **Table of Contents**

Tournament Information	2
Team/Player Check-in / Managers Meeting	3
Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)	4
Hall of Fame Complex Clear Bag Policy	6
Hall of Fame Complex Prohibited Items	7

## **Tournament Information Sheet**

<b>Tournament Name:</b>	Men's A & B Slow Pitch National Championship
<b>Location(s):</b>	USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex 2801 NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111
<b>Dates:</b>	Mens B Division: September 1-2, 2023 Mens A Division: September 3-4, 2023
<b>Brackets:</b>	Can be found on Tourneymachine.com or usasoftball.com
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$500 per team – Checks payable to 'USA Softball' Mail entry fee to Tournament Director (address below) Pay by phone – (405) 425-3424
<b>Number of Teams:</b>	Mens A Division: 18 teams Mens B Division: 20 teams
<b>Tournament Format:</b>	Blind Draw Double Elimination Bracket With IF Game
<b>Tournament Director:</b>	Candice Eades 2801 NE 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111 Office: (405) 425-3470 <a href="mailto:ceades@usasoftball.com">ceades@usasoftball.com</a>

## **Team/Player Check-in / Managers Meeting**

**Thursday, Aug 31:**

### **Team/Player Check-in and Bat Testing**

**USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium**

**Lower AEP Building at Stadium from 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

*\*All players MUST check in individually before being allowed to compete. Please bring a form of photo identification with you to check-in.* Every athlete and member of coaching staff is required to sign the USA Softball Official Tournament Signature form prior to participating in the event. Please have your team line in the exact order as they are listed on the Championship Roster. 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.

All required items are due at time of check-in

\_\_\_\_\_ USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form  
*Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*

\_\_\_\_\_ USA Softball Official Championship Roster  
*Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*

\_\_\_\_\_ USA Softball Pick-up/Release Player form(s) (if any)  
*Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*

**Bat Testing** 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, Aug 31:**

### **Managers Meeting @ USA Softball Hall of Fame**

**Lower AEP Building at Stadium begins @ 7:30 PM**

*\*Please have 1 representative per team present for the Managers Meeting as UIC/Tournament Rep go through Tournament Format and Game Rules for teams*

## Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)

<b>Admission:</b>	\$30 for the 4-day pass OR \$10 daily. All children 5 and under are FREE. There will be no charge for parking during this event. There will be precautionary bag checks. Players and coaches will be allowed to bring their bags in. Camera bags are allowed / tripods that are portable are also approved.
<b>Concessions:</b>	Concessions will be operating on the 3B Side of the Stadium and a concessions trailer will be open for the back three fields. We will also have Kona Ice on site as a vendor for the event.
<b>Dugouts:</b>	First/Top team listed on the schedule will be in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> base dugouts; Second/Bottom team listed will be in the 1 <sup>st</sup> base dugout, unless dugouts are already occupied from a previous game.
<b>Game Changer:</b>	Teams can utilize the new GameChanger app to access live streaming along with automated highlight clips and a variety of other new benefits. Please do not approach scorekeepers about specific plays or statistics.
<b>Game Schedule:</b>	Teams are protected from playing someone from their own Association/Region (where possible) per <a href="#">USA Softball Procedural Code</a>
<b>Game Times:</b>	Game times listed on official tournament bracket are forfeit times. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign fields to keep the tournament on schedule.
<b>Inclement Weather:</b>	In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point it was suspended.
<b>Line Drills:</b>	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 on [usasoftball.com](https://usasoftball.com)

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

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

**Merchandise:** We will sell National Championship merchandise at \$20 a shirt at the front gate.

**National Anthem:** National Anthem will play at 8:55 AM each morning

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

**Visit OKC:** Find attractions and more [HERE!](#)

**Warm-Up Areas:** Teams may use the space beyond 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.

## ***USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX CLEAR BAG POLICY***

The USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex (2801 NE 50th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111) operates with a clear bag policy for all events.

The Clear Bag Policy aims to provide a safer environment for the public while allowing quicker entry into the complex. *The less bags to search and the ability to easily see through the clear bag will expedite entry for all who attend.*

We strongly encourage you to leave all your bags at home and travel light. **If you do travel with a bag, below are the permissible bags allowed into the complex:**

- Non-clear bags of 9" (L) x 7" (W) or smaller. This could include clutches, cross bodies, or fanny packs.
- Diaper bags, Medical bags, Camera bags and/or Binocular cases DO NOT have to be clear but are subject to a full inspection and will have to be classified by the gate worker as an approved bag. If the bag is approved, a tag will be provided and must be present on the bag at all times.

**Prohibited bags include but are not limited to:**

- Any size purse or clutch that is larger than 9" (L) X 7" (W) or that is not clear
- Briefcases, backpacks, cinch bags, and fanny packs that are not clear and/or exceed the size restriction
- Coolers (unless used as team cooler inside of dugout)
- Luggage of any kind
- Computer bags/cases

**This policy pertains to bags and is not an all-inclusive list of items that are prohibited from being taken into Hall of Fame Complex.**

Every bag that is allowed inside Hall of Fame Complex will be checked by the gate staff. There are no provisions to check items at the entry gates. Fans will be asked to either take prohibited items back to their cars before entry or dispose of prohibited items at the entrance. Fans may continue to carry approved items without a bag (e.g., binoculars, cameras and smart phones) into the stadium.

For questions about the Clear Bag Policy and/or prohibited items, please contact **Jake Magness, Managing Director of Stadium Operations** ([jmagness@usasoftball.com](mailto:jmagness@usasoftball.com))



## ***USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX PROHIBITED ITEMS***

- Alcohol, drugs, illegal substances, or any paraphernalia associated with drug use, **INCLUDING** vapes and all tobacco products
- Cans
- Outside food
- Animals that are not deemed to be service animals. Emotional support animals are **NOT** allowed.
- Bags exceeding the size of a backpack
- Tripod Cameras; All cameras **MUST** be handheld
- Drones
- Fireworks or noisemakers that produce explosive cleanups
- Balloons, confetti, glitter
- Blow microphones or alarming noisemakers such as air horns
- Any object with stick or poles (Flag, signs, selfie stick, etc.)
- Laser pens/pointers of any type
- Pepper spray/Mace
- Obscene or indecent clothing
- Use of 4wheel footwear, skateboard, hoverboard, segway.
- Weapons of any type, including chains, knives, firearms and spiked jewelry. *(Off duty officers may bring in firearm but will be given proper awareness)*
- Wrapped gifts
- Frisbees, toys, footballs, or other "games" that are deemed unacceptable by USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex staff
- Any other item deemed unacceptable by USA Softball Event/Complex management



**USA Softball will allow ONE sealed water bottle of 24oz or less per person**

For questions about the Clear Bag Policy and/or prohibited items, please contact **Jake Magness, Managing Director of Stadium Operations** ([jmagness@usasoftball.com](mailto:jmagness@usasoftball.com))