

USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup 16U / 18U



Polk County, Florida
November 15-17, 2024

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Tournament Information

Tournament Name: USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup (16U & 18U)

Primary Location(s): DiamondPlex
999 Avenue H NE
Winter Haven, FL

Bartow Ball Park
850 County Road 555 S
Bartow, FL

Dates: **November 15-17, 2024**

Website: [Junior Olympic Cup - USA Softball](#)

Entry Fee: \$1,350 per team

Payment Options: Check - payable to 'USA Softball'
(mail to tournament director at address below)
Online - [Register/Pay via TourneyMachine](#)
Phone - (405) 425-3424

Number of Teams: 16 Teams per Division Max

Tournament Format: 5 Game Guarantee
3 Pool Play Games (1 Hour 40 minute)
Double Elimination Bracket (seeded)
Bracket Games – Full 7 innings no time limit

Tournament Director: Candice Eades
Office: (405) 425-3470
ceades@usasoftball.com

Dates and Deadlines

Friday, November 1 – All required items below due: *Please send to Candice Eades*

- _____ USA Softball Registration Verification (Individual or Team Registration accepted)
- _____ Team Logo & Roster
- _____ Entry Fee (\$1,350) paid in full

Thursday, November 14 – All required items below due:

Visit registerusasoftball.com to complete

- _____ Background Checks for all coaches/volunteers 18+

**background checks can take anywhere from 10-14 business days to clear*

- _____ SafeSport Certifications for all coaches/volunteers and players age 18+

**All players who have turned 18 before or during the event will need to also complete SafeSport training in order to participate*

We will no longer assist coaches in completing requirements at check-in or at complexes during competition days. Coaches should go to registerusasoftball.com to complete background checks/SafeSport requirements. Any coach/volunteer 18 years or older that occupy the dugout or step onto field of play at any time during the tournament will need a cleared background check and completed SafeSport certificate. For help, please contact: ITRegSupport@usasoftball.com

Friday, November 15th:

Coaches Check-In Begins at 4:00 PM All coaches and players 18+ must check-in prior to getting on the field of play. Coaches will receive a gift from USA Softball and receive necessary information for the event.

Pool play games First round of pool play games will begin no earlier than 5 PM. Each team will play three pool play games from Friday evening – Saturday midday. Pool play games will seed you into the bracket.

Bat Testing We encourage teams to arrive two hours prior to their first game to allot time for bat testing, check in, and warm ups prior to game time. Bats must be tested and stickered prior to game use. Players using a bat that has not been tested and is subject to ejection. Umpires will make sure bats meet regulations outlined in the USAS Official Rules of Softball **Rule 3 Section 1**

Saturday, November 16th: Pool play continues / Bracket play begins

Sunday, July 14th: Bracket play continues / Championship Games

Tournament Guidelines (From A-Z)

Admission: There will be no gate fee for this event. There will be no charge for parking.

Armbands: Every coach/staff member listed on the roster will receive a bracelet at check in which is required to be worn at all times. All members of the coaching staff ages 18+ will receive their wristband upon checking in prior to the first game

Dugouts: First/Top team listed on the schedule will be in the 1st base dugout; Second/Bottom team listed will be in the 3rd base dugout, unless dugouts are already occupied from a previous game. There will be water coolers in the dugouts during all games. Players will need to supply their own drinking cup.

Game Balls: USA Softball will supply all game balls.

GameChanger: Teams can utilize the GameChanger Team Manager app to keep up with live scoring of all games and view the leaderboards for various categories. All games will have live scores kept via GameChanger.

Game Schedule: Will post online via TourneyMachine no later than Monday, Nov 4th

Game Start 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. Tournament Director reserves the right to reassign fields to keep tournament on schedule.

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 a weather delay, everyone in the park should follow USA Softball personnel direction on weather procedure. Look for weather updates on Tourney Machine.

In the event that the tournament does not get completed, order of finish will be announced as follows:

- Record W-L
- Head to Head
- Runs Allowed
- Runs Scored
- Coin Flip

Line Drills: Line drills are prohibited from taking place on the infield until the Field Crew has completely exited.

Line-Ups/Coin Toss: All line-up cards will be provided. Line-ups must be turned into official scorekeeper at your designated field no less than 30 minutes prior to game time. Coin toss will be done at Home Plate by an official umpire.

Live Stream All games available for users to watch live. We will post the direct link the week prior to the event.

Lodging This event is not a stay-to-play, but we have included lodging information in the area here:

16U - <https://www.playeasy.com/events/a86b6964-71a3-4568-9869-d57aed7e42ce>

18U - <https://www.playeasy.com/events/3b088aca-d4ca-491e-b028-7a5003418739>

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

Refund Policy: There will be no refunds provided if brackets have been posted, your age division is sold out, or if a team cancels after the deadline of November 1 ****If an age division does not make, you will be entitled to the full refund.***

Act of God/Rainout Policy: If two games are played, you will receive a 50% refund. If three or more games are played, you will not receive any refund.

Time Limits: Pool Play games are one hour and forty minutes, finish the inning, or seven innings (whichever comes first). Games **can** end in a tie during pool play. Bracket play will have no time limit and will play a full seven innings. Run ahead rule applies to all games. (15/12/8)

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Warm-Up Areas: Teams may use the space beyond the playing field, bullpens, 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 at any time.

Vendors and Partners

Merchandise: [Team IP - Home](#) will be the official merchandiser of the Junior Olympic Cup and on site selling apparel and other items during the event

Synergy Sports: [Synergy Coaching & Scouting - Sportradar](#) will be on site to build video clips in real time for college recruiters to access

NCSA: [NCSA](#) will be contacting college recruiters and collecting roster information. This information will be sent to colleges and used to make team profiles for the event for colleges across the country to access

GameChanger: [GameChanger](#) will be our official scoring platform for play by play and live scoring updates