2020 Handbook



of Metro Detroit

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"The Best in Softball!"

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- Local and National Tournaments
- Softball and Kickball Purchase Program
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Why USA Softball?

USA Softball…The national Governing Body of Softball!

Softball is a way of life for thousands of people each year, and their choice for softball is USA Softball (formerly Amateur Softball Association), the national governing body of softball in the United States. Not every team can come home with a national championship, but the USA Softball program gives people an opportunity to have clean, competitive fun playing slow pitch, fast pitch or modified pitch, at levels ranging from district to national championship.

Since its founding in 1933, the USA Softball has given the sport direction and strived to have the best program possible for the millions of people who play amateur softball each summer. Many of them started playing in the USA Softball Junior Olympic program before moving up to the adult divisions of play.

USA Softball has kept its hand on the pulse of the softball community in America and, when needed, has added divisions of championship play to meet the interests of those involved in the ASA program. Today, USA Softball has more than 100 national championships, ranging from 10-under fast pitch to 75-over slow pitch. Annually more than 40,000 players participate in USA National Championship Finals and they are assured of playing some of the best teams in America.

The tournaments they participate in are run by well-qualified tournament staffs who care about the players participating in their national tournament and want them to enjoy playing in a USA Softball adult national championship.

Jess Maxey of Yukon, OK, had this to say a few years ago after his team played in an ASA national championship. ***"There is nothing like a USA Softball national. It's a tournament that means something and creates memories that will stay with you a lifetime."***

It's the substance behind USA Softball national championships that make them the best of the rest and teams realize they have accomplished something they can be proud of for a lifetime. Besides well-run national championships, the participants are assured of nothing but the best in umpiring. Each year more than 38,000 umpires register with one of the more than 70 USA Softball local associations. USA Softball annually hosts local, state and national umpire clinics, which cover the nation and bring together the best instruction available in the sport to all 10 regions of USA Softball. USA Softball strives to make its umpires the best they can be, and USA umpires are known for their professionalism and expertise.

As the NGB of softball, USA Softball is the only softball organization that can offer players the opportunity to play in these prestigious events, which are often held throughout the world. USA Softball is responsible for selecting and training the USA Teams for international competition. In the three Olympics, 1996, 2000, and 2004 the USA National Team has won the Gold Medal while capturing the Silver Medal in 2008. To help players improve their skills for not only these prestigious events but for national championships as well, USA Softball offers clinics, camps, publications and videos, all designed to help people become better playing America's summer pastime - softball.

USA Softball of Metro Detroit . . . About Us

of Metro Detroit

www.USASoftballDetroit.org

USA Softball of Metro Detroit (USAMD) is an affiliate of the national USA Softball organization and one of 67 metro/state associations in the United States. The Metro Detroit coverage area includes the counties of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, and Livingston.

The volunteer board of Metro Detroit is dedicated and committed to the game of softball – both youth and adult and for men and women. Metro Detroit went through some lean years in the 1960's and 1970's. In 1979 there were a mere 100 teams and 75 umpires registered through Metro Detroit. But in a matter of only three years, USAMD became the number one metro association in the United States for production and registration gains in both umpires and teams registered. From that year on, metro and state associations throughout the country look to Metro Detroit as a model association in many respects. Metro Detroit continues to be one of the best respected and top local associations in the United States.

Umpires

USA Softball of Metro Detroit is the only organization that offers mechanics training for both fast and slow pitch along with rule seminars. These programs have been conducted annually since 1976. Metro Detroit has placed more than 200 local umpires in national USA Softball tournaments since 1990. Metro Detroit has 45 of these national tournament umpires in the National Indicator Fraternity (umpires who have worked three national tournaments). USA Softball also recognizes umpires through the "Elite" umpire program and the Medals program.

Structure

The metro commissioner is responsible for the organization and implementation of all policies and procedures within the local association. Board meetings, conducted by the President, are normally held every other month, in the metro Detroit area. More than 10 sub-committees help the association continue to strive for excellence and promotion of the game of softball each year.

Team Benefits

Official USA Softball Participant Guide
Official USA Softball scorebook
Ability to purchase team insurance at **reasonable** rates
Access to national publication *Balls and Strikes*
USA Softball team travel permits
Official USA Softball team identification card
Opportunity for registered team to compete in local, state, regional, national tournament play
mParks discount ticket program offerings
Opportunity to purchase softballs at a deep discount

Umpire Benefits

Fast and slow pitch training schools and rules seminars
Assignments to umpire local, state, regional and national USA Softball tournaments
USA Softball identification card and bat ring
Umpire Award Programs
USA Softball rule book and umpire manual
Insurance coverage
Supplemental insurance available
Access to national publication *Balls and Strikes*
USA Softball umpire merchandise catalog
mParks discount ticket program offerings

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Adult Tournaments	Kyle Langlois

USA Softball of Metro Detroit website	**www.USASoftballDetroit.org**
USA Softball national website	**www.USASoftball.com**
RPS Bollinger Insurance website	**www.RPSBollinger.com**
Individual Player and Umpire Registration	**www.RegisterUSASoftball.com**
Tournament Information and Registration	**www.TournamentUSASoftball.com**

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Youth Tournaments – 2020

USA Softball of Michigan and Metro Detroit have joined forces to offer one state tournament.
This format assures that we will have a true state champion. The winner of this tournament will advance directly to the USA Softball national championships/territory national championships.

There will continue to be a four (4) game guarantee for the Junior Olympic state tournaments.
There will be two (2) pool play games that will determine placement into the double elimination tournament.

Girls Class A Fast Pitch – 14U A, 16U A, and 18U A

Date:	June 25-June 28	**Location:**	**Mt. Pleasant, MI**
Contact:	Steve Hofer, 320 West Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858		
Phone:	989.779.5332		
Email:	shofer@mt-pleasant.org		
Entry Fee:	$675 (four game guarantee); no gate fees		
Entry Deadline	May 1 or until full		
Register at:	https://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/i!/tournaments/tournamentDetails.php?TID=39273		
	www.tournamentusasoftball.com / Michigan		

Girls Class Fast Pitch – 10U, 12U A and B, 14U B, 16U B, 18U B

Date:	June 25-June 28	**Location:**	**Independence Township, MI**
Contact:	Derek Smith		
Phone:	248.625.8223		
Email:	dosmith@indtwp.com		
Entry Fee:	$675 (four game guarantee); no gate fees		
Entry Deadline	May 1 or until full		
Register at:	https://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/i!/tournaments/tournamentDetails.php?TID=39408		
	www.tournamentusasoftball.com / Michigan		

ALL USA Softball of Michigan and Metro Detroit teams entering any of the JO tournaments listed

- **MUST register all players individually**
- **ALL adults (on the field/dugout) must have a background check and be SafeSport certified for the current year.**
- **MUST have at least one coach ACE certified in the dugout.**
- **Coaches must have proper Concussion paperwork on file with USA Softball of Metro Detroit**

Registrations can be completed at registerasa.com click on USA Softball of Metro Detroit

Novi and USA Softball of Metro Detroit is pleased to host the 2020 Girls 18U class A Northern National Championship!

July 22-26

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USA SOFTBALL of Metro Detroit

2020 Girls Fast Pitch USA Softball National Qualifiers

Girls 10-Under

Ohio	Akron	May 1-3	Charles Peak	mariepeak@gmail.com
Michigan	Ottawa Lake	May 29-31	Jon Bennett	allstartournaments@yahoo.com
Illinois	Green Valley Park	June 26-28	John Nelson	coachjohn7@Yahhoo.com

Girls 12-Under

Ohio	Akron	May 1-3	Charles Peak	mariepeak@gmail.com
Michigan	Ottawa Lake	May 29-31	Jon Bennett	allstartournaments@yahoo.com
Illinois	Green Valley Park	June 26-28	John Nelson	coachjohn7@Yahhoo.com

Girls 14-Under

Michigan	Ottawa Lake	May 29-31	Jon Bennett	allstartournaments@yahoo.com
Chicago	Elgin	June 19-21	John Radtke	niltournaments@gmail.com
Detroit	Novi, MI	June 18-21	Jeff Simpson	Jeffrey.simpson@farming.k12.mi.us
Illinois	Green Valley Park	June 26-28	John Nelson	coachjohn7@Yahhoo.com

Gold Girls 16-Under

Indiana	Bloomington	June 19-21	Jeff Alsip	jalsip@usasoftballindiana.org

Girls 16-Under

Michigan	Ottawa Lake	May 29-31	Jon Bennett	allstartournaments@yahoo.com
Chicago	Elgin	June 12-14	John Radtke	niltournaments@gmail.com
Detroit	Novi, MI	June 18-21	Jeff Simpson	jeffrey.simpson@farming.k12.mi.us
Chicago	Elgin	June 19-21	John Radtke	niltournaments@gmail.com
Illinois	Green Valley Park	June 26-28	John Nelson	coachjohn7@Yahhoo.com

Gold Girls 18-Under

Indiana	Bloomington	June 19-21	Jeff Alsip	jalsip@usasoftballindiana.org

Girls 18-Under

Chicago	Elgin	June 12-14	John Radtke	nitournaments@gmail.com
Detroit	Novi, MI	June 18-21	Jeff Simpson	jeffrey.simpson@farming.k12.mi.us

Please visit www.TournamentUSASoftball.com for a complete list of tournaments in Metro Detroit and throughout the country!

USA SOFTBALL of Metro Detroit

A Great Value for Players in 2020!



Junior Olympic Individual Registration

Includes Insurance for Players . . . Saves You $$$!

What is Individual Registration?

As the National Governing Body for the sport of softball, USA Softball is committed to the goal of providing accident and liability insurance for all participants in the Junior Olympic (youth) program.

The ID card serves three purposes

1. Indisputable proof of age
2. Signature and photo ID card (now required for USA Softball championship play)
3. Proof of Insurance

If Metro Detroit area teams wish to participate in USA Softball national qualifiers or state tournament play, they must register players and coaches individually.

Additional benefits and information regarding Individual Registration:

- **Each player who registers** online will be covered for insurance purposes with a $250 deductible policy – $2,000,000 Liability Insurance, plus $250,000 Excess Accident Medical Insurance. Coverage follows the individual throughout the calendar year for all USA Softball softball activities, even if the player changes to another USA Softball team.

- The team coach/manager will register players on their team online at the ***URL:*** **RegisterUSASoftball.com**

- At the end of the registration process, an invoice will be produced on behalf of USA Softball of Metro Detroit. Payment and birth certificates must then be sent to Metro Detroit at the designated address. Allows for a team to import their own database and upload pictures.

- Once USA Softball of Metro Detroit receives the check from the team, a Metro Detroit representative will review the submittal and make any corrections/adds/deletes and then APPROVE. Once approved, Register USA Softball will send the ID cards to the coach.

- Each registrant receives two (2) ID cards. Options are listed below ***(cost is per person):***
  $250 deductible **$16 pp for a non-photo ID** **$19 pp for a photo ID**

- **COACHES/ADULTS:** **A Junior Olympic team participating in championship play must have at least one ACE certified coach (current year) in the dugout. All adults (on the field/dugout) must have a background check and be SafeSport certified for the current year.**

Cost Comparisons:

- If a team purchases USA Softball team insurance separately w/ a $250 deductible - $200 (12 under teams) or $240 (age 13-19 teams), plus $25 team registration fee = **$225** / **$265 per team** (plus coaches)
- 12-member team x $16 per player for non-photo ID card = **$192** (plus coaches) for Individual registrations or $19 per player for photo ID card = **$228**. ***(Includes Insurance for each player and team registration fee!)***

For further information, please contact JO Commissioner Denny Troshak at 517.548.0124

Get ACE Educated!

The ACE (Aspire, Challenge, Encourage) Coach Education Program is a coaching program, developed and designed to provide softball coaches of all levels – from beginning coaches to experienced veterans – an opportunity to be educated as a coach with a national softball organization.

As the National Governing Body of Softball, it is the USA Softball's responsibility to ensure that our coaches achieve a certain level of understanding of what their duties are as coach of a youth softball team. The ACE Education videos are a practical guide to the everyday situations you will encounter as a youth softball coach. After obtaining your ACE education, you will be well prepared to coach a youth softball team.

Benefits of ACE membership:

Here is a quick run through of the ACE Coaching Education program and how one would become certified and achieve the highest level of ACE Education.

The first step to complete for any coach who is attempting to become certified using the ACE online system is a profile lookup. If you are an existing coach who is coming to the site to complete another level of certification your profile should be located, and you should be able to continue from the position that you left off. For example, if John Doe has completed ACE Levels 1 and 2 in an ACE Clinic through its local association, when he looks up his profile the system will recognize this and make ACE Level 3 available for purchase and completion. For the system to properly find your coaches profile, you must enter your information (i.e. first name, last name, email address, zip code) exactly how you did when you registered. If you have moved since you last registered, enter the previous zip code under which you registered and then edit your information in the ACE Online System. If you are a previously registered coach and the system does not find your profile properly, DO NOT create a new profile, which you will do in Step 2 on the ACE Online Program. Instead, contact the ACE Administrator at the USA Softball national office. The administrator's contact information can be located on the ACE Website under the Contact Us tab.

If you are a first time ACE Coach or you have not certified through a local association in the last year, you will have to create a new profile and begin ACE Online Education at Level 1.

<u>The guiding principles behind the ACE Coaching Education Program are:</u>
A-spire: to achieve a comprehensive level of knowledge for the game.
C-hallenge: your understanding and knowledge through continued education and growth.
E-ncourage: yourself and others to be prepared and knowledgeable as a coach in order to provide your athletes an environment in which they can achieve success.

ALL USA Softball of Michigan and Metro Detroit teams entering any of the JO qualifiers, state, and national tournaments MUST register all players individually. A Junior Olympic team participating in championship play must have at least one ACE certified coach (current year) in the dugout. All adults (on the field/dugout) must have a background check and be SafeSport certified for the current year. Registrations can be completed at www.RegisterUSASoftball.com; click on Metro Detroit under Association.

To begin your ACE Certification today, log on at and get ACE Educated! www.RegisterUSASoftball.com





U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT

USA Softball, together with the United States Olympic Committee, is committed to enabling a safe environment for participants involved in USA Softball. To this end, it has developed the following SafeSport Strategy for the attention of all Directors, Employees and Members of USA Softball.

Beginning immediately, the free SafeSport training program is available to all members of USA Softball and the course can be taken by first logging in to the RegisterUSA Softball website and then accessing the SafeSport option under the ACE Education tab.

Mission
To cultivate and steward a culture of dignity and respect in sport.

Purpose
Enable every athlete to thrive by fostering a national sport culture of respect and safety, on and off the field of play.

Covered Individuals
The following is a list of categories under USA Softball that are subject to SafeSport training and reporting:

1. National Office Staff National Teams, including:
    a. Staff
    b. Coaches
    c. Players
    d. Athletic Trainers
    e. Medical Personnel
    f. Umpires appointed by the NGB to national championship events or international events
2. Local Association Softball Officials, including:
    a. Board of Directors
    b. Commissioners appointed by the NGB
    c. JO Commissioners appointed by the NGB Commissioners
    d. Player Representatives appointed by the NGB Commissioners
    e. Umpires-In-Chief appointed by the NGB Commissioners
    f. National Championship Tournament Directors appointed by the NGB or NGB Commissioners
3. A.C.E. Program Coaches of NGB's Local Association Members

SafeSport training topics include the following:

Sexual Misconduct Awareness Education
1. Mandatory Reporting
2. Emotional and Physical Misconduct

Each topic is approximately 30 minutes followed by a test and each topic provides a separate certificate upon completion. All three courses must be completed in order to show a completed status on the RegisterUSA system, and in some cases to be allowed to continue processing additional membership options. SafeSport training must be completed every two (2) years.

We encourage everyone take the free training now even those who have completed the training in recent years as a new version was just released in December 2107. SafeSport is free to everyone including coaches, athletes, parents and administrators at all levels.

GET STARTED: Login (or create an account) on RegisterUSASoftball.com and then access the SafeSport option under the ACE Education tab. When you're on the SafeSport site please be sure to select USA Softball from the Organization list for USA Softball to be notified by SafeSport of your completion status.

USA SOFTBALL of Metro Detroit

Big Benefit - Adult Individual Registration

Includes Insurance for Players – Don't Get Caught without Insurance!

What is Individual Registration?

As the National Governing Body for the sport of softball, USA Softball is committed to the goal of providing accident and liability insurance for all participants in the adult and youth programs. Only adult leagues can individually register and they must register all the teams in their league.

The ID card serves three purposes

2. Indisputable proof of age
2. Signature and photo ID card
4. Proof of Insurance

Additional benefits and information regarding Individual Registration:

- Each player who registers online will be covered for insurance purposes. The liability limit is $2,000,000 per occurrence and $5,000,000 aggregate per team for USA Softball liability plans, plus more! Coverage follows the individual throughout the calendar year for all USA Softball activities, even if the player changes to another USA Softball team.

- The team coach/manager will register players on their team online at the **RegisterUSASoftball.com**

- Allows for a team to import their own database and upload pictures. At the end of the registration process, an invoice will be produced on behalf of USA Softball of Metro Detroit. Payment must then be sent to the Metro Detroit designated address.

- Once USA Softball of Metro Detroit receives the check from the team, a Metro Detroit representative will review the submittal and make any corrections/adds/deletes and then APPROVE.

- Once approved, Register USA Softball will send the ID cards to the coach. Each registrant receives one (1) ID card with their name, insurance deductible printed on the card, and information on insurance coverage including number to call in case of an accident claim. Options are listed below *(cost is per person):* **$500 deductible** **$19 pp for a non-photo ID**

A liability insurance premium is now included in the USA Softball of Metro Detroit adult team registration fee if all teams in the league/agency are registered and use USA Softball umpires! Unlike the General Liability insurance, Excess Accident insurance is not built into USA Softball Registration. The purchase of Excess Accident insurance remains a voluntary purchase for teams and leagues in 2020 at a standard rate of $225 per team across the country. A single team may purchase the coverage, or an entire league. This $225 per team premium represents the lowest premium charge in years for the Excess Accident insurance offered by USA Softball.

Cost Comparisons:

- All registered teams will now have liability insurance included in their team fee. If a team adds USA Softball team accident insurance - $225; plus $31 USA Softball of Metro Detroit team registration fee = **$256 per team**.
- 12-member team x $19 per player = **$228** for Individual Registrations ***(SAVES MONEY!)***

For further information, please visit the RPS Bollinger web site at **www.RPSBollinger.com** or contact USA Softball of Metro Detroit Associate Commissioner Scott Mercer at 248.524.3484

USA Softball of Metro Detroit and USA Softball of Michigan Recreational Tournament Offerings

Listed below are **RECREATIONAL** tournaments that are offered in cooperation with USA Softball of Michigan. **Most TOURNAMENTS** have the opportunity for teams to advance to either a national tournament or territory tournament. All tournaments listed below are coordinated and conducted by USA Softball of Michigan staff.

Slow Pitch

	Site	Dates
Men's D	Muskegon	July 24-26
Men's E	Holland	July 31-Aug 2
Men's F	Grand Rapids – Art Van Complex	August 7-9
Men's 35 & 40 Over	Port Huron	July 18-19
Men's 50 Over	Port Huron	July 18-10
Women's C, D, E	Muskegon	July 25-26

Fast Pitch

	Site	Dates
Men's A	Midland	July 31-Aug 2
Men's B	Midland	July 31-Aug 2
Men's C	Midland	July 31-Aug 2
Men's D	Holland	August 7-9
Men's E	Holland	August 7-9

Modifield

	Site	Dates
Modified 9	Port Huron	August 29-30
Modified 10 A, B	Port Huron	August 15-16

Coed

	Site	Dates
Coed C, D, E East	Davison	July 11-12
Coed C, E, E West	Holland	July 11-12



Register for all these tournaments through USA Softball of Michigan. Visit www.TournamentUSASoftball.com/Michigan for complete listings of tournaments.

- ***NOTE***: All metro Detroit teams entering a tournament must be registered with USA Softball of Metro Detroit!

Roster deadline for tournaments is June 15, 2020

Classification Code – Women's Slow Pitch

A sub-committee will review all tournament records and determine the teams that will move up to the next class. This committee will meet in the fall annually.

Class E

1. Must use local league roster.
2. Must have a record below. 500 if playing in a league comprised of Class D teams
3. May have a record of .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class E teams.
4. Must not place higher than fourth in any tournament that is Class D and above.

Class D

1. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class C and above.
2. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class D and below.
3. Must not place higher than fourth in any tournament that is class C and above.

Class C

1. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class B and above.
2. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class C and below.
3. Must not finish higher than fourth in any tournament that is Class B and above.

Open

All teams wishing to advance to the USA Softball Women's Open slow pitch national championship.

Classification Code – Men's Slow Pitch

A sub-committee will review all tournament records and determine the teams that will move up to the next class. This committee will meet in the fall annually.

Class F

1. Must use local league roster.
2. Must have a record below. 500 if playing in a league comprised of Class E and above teams.
3. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class F teams.
4. Must not place higher than fourth in any tournament that is Class E and above.

Class E

1. Must use local league roster.
2. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class D and above.
3. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class E and below.
4. Must not place higher than 4th in any tournament that is Class D and above.

Class D

1. Must use local league roster.
2. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class C and above.
3. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class D and below.
4. Must not finish higher than 4th in any tournament that is Class C and above.

Class C

1. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class B and above.
2. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class C and below.
3. Must not place higher than 4th in any tournament that is Class B and above

Class B

1. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class A Teams.
2. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of teams in Class B and below.
3. Must not finish higher than 4th in any tournament that is Class A.

Class A

All teams wishing to advance to the USA Softball Men's Class A slow pitch national championship

Classification Code – Coed

Class E

1. Must use local league roster.
2. The top three (3) finishing teams from the previous year's coed class E slow pitch state championship must participate in at least the next higher classification in their next tournament playing season.
3. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class D and above teams.
4. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprised of Class E teams.
5. Must not place higher than fourth in a Class D or above tournament.
6. Roster must be comprised of players from Men's and Women's Class D and below slow pitch.

Class D

1. Must use local league roster.
2. Teams finishing first or second for two (2) consecutive seasons must move up to class C in their next tournament playing season.
3. Must have a record below .500 if playing in a league primarily comprised of Class C teams.
4. May have a record above .500 if playing in a league comprise of Class D teams.
5. Must not place higher than 4th in a Class C tournament.
6. Roster must be comprised of players from Men's and Women's Class C and below slow-pitch.

Class C

All teams wishing to advance to the USA Softball Coed Open slow pitch national championship

Suspensions and Hearings

USA Softball of Metro Detroit leagues/agencies may submit a player/team for further suspensions to the Metro Detroit board if the proper right of due process is followed at the local level. If the USAMD suspension committee agrees that the proper procedures have been followed at the local level and the offense warrants a hearing, the committee will then set up a hearing for the individual/team. Individuals suspended by USAMD are ineligible for Metro Detroit tournament play and will have their name(s) forwarded to local agencies as being suspended. Local agencies have the option to honor
the suspension at the local level of league play.

2020 USA Softball National Tournaments

ADULT FAST PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Men's Major	7/30/2020	8/2/2020	South Bend, IN
Men's Open East			www.usasoftball.com
Men's Open West			www.usasoftball.com
Men's 23-Under			www.usasoftball.com
Men's Masters 40-Over			www.usasoftball.com
Men's Masters 50-Over	8/22/2020	8/23/2020	Ashland, OH
Men's Senior 60-Over	9/25/2020	9/27/2020	Ashland, OH

ADULT MEN SLOW PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Men's Super			www.usasoftball.com
Men's Class A			www.usasoftball.com
Men's Class B	8/28/2020	8/30/2020	Oklahoma City, OK
Men's Class C	9/4/2020	9/6/2020	Oklahoma City, OK
Men's Masters 35-Over	8/28/2020	8/30/2020	Mandan, ND
Men's Masters 40-Over	9/12/2020	9/13/2020	Brick, NJ
Men's Masters 45-Over	8/28/2020	8/30/2020	Mandan, ND
Men's 16 Inch Major			www.usasoftball.com
Men's 16 Inch Class A			www.usasoftball.com
Men's 19-Under	8/7/2020	8/9/2020	Canton, OH
Men's 21-Under	8/7/2020	8/9/2020	Canton, OH
USA Men's Eastern Class D	9/3/2020	9/7/2020	Salem, VA
USA Men's Eastern Class E/Rec	9/3/2020	9/7/2020	Salem, VA
Men's Northern Class D	9/5/2020	9/6/2020	Topeka, KS
Men's Northern Class D	9/4/2020	9/6/2020	Grand Rapids, MI
Men's Northern Class E/Rec	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Fargo, ND
Men's Northern Class E/Rec	9/4/2020	9/6/2020	Evansville, IN
USA Men's Southern Class D			www.usasoftball.com
USA Men's Southern Class E/Rec			www.usasoftball.com
USA Men's Western Class D	8/31/2020	9/3/2020	Albany, OR
USA Men's Western Class E/Rec	8/31/2020	9/3/2020	Albany, OR

ADULT WOMEN SLOW PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Women's Open			www.usasoftball.com
Women's Masters 35-Over	8/28/2020	8/30/2020	Mandan, ND
USA Women's Class C	9/5/2020	9/7/2020	Rolla, MO
USA Women's Class C	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Lakewood, NJ
USA Women's Class D	9/5/2020	9/7/2020	Rolla, MO
USA Women's Class D	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Lakewood, NJ

ADULT COED SLOW PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Coed Open	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Brick, NJ
Coed Open			Valdosta, GA
Coed Class C	9/5/2020	9/7/2020	Rolla, MO
Coed Class C	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Brick, NJ
Coed Class D	9/5/2020	9/7/2020	Rolla, MO
Coed Class D	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Brick, NJ
Coed Class E/Rec	9/5/2020	9/7/2020	Rolla, MO
Coed Class E/Rec	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Brick, NJ

SENIOR SLOW PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Senior 50, 55, 60,65,70,75 East (Major, AAA, AA)	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	Burlington, NC
Senior 50, 55, 60,65,70,75 West (Major, AAA, AA)			www.usasoftball.com

MODIFIED PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Men's (10)			www.usasoftball.com
Men's (9)			www.usasoftball.com

JUNIOR OLYMPIC FAST PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
USA Girls' GOLD 18-Under	7/19/2020	7/25/2020	Oklahoma City, OK
USA Girls' GOLD 16-Under	7/19/2020	7/25/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
USA Girls' Class A 10-Under East	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Findlay, OH
USA Girls' Class A 10-Under West	7/22/2020	7/26/2020	North Mankato, MN
USA Girls' Class A 12-Under	7/27/2020	8/7/2020	Camarillo, CA
USA Girls' Class A 14-Under	7/19/2020	7/26/2020	Salem, VA
USA Girls' Class A 16-Under	7/19/2020	7/26/2020	Chattanooga, TN
USA Girls' Class A 18-Under	7/20/2020	7/26/2020	Sioux Falls, SD
Girls' A 12-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Findlay, OH
Girls' A 14-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Findlay, OH
Girls' A 16-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	York, PA
Girls' A 18-Under Eastern	7/22/2020	7/26/2020	Sterling, VA
Girls' A 12-Under Southern	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' A 14-Under Southern	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' A 16-Under Southern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Columbus, GA
Girls' A 18-Under Southern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Columbus, GA
Girls' A 12-Under Northern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Bowling Green, KY
Girls' A 14-Under Northern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Blue Springs, MO
Girls' A 16-Under Northern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Rochester, MN
Girls' A 18-Under Northern	**7/22/2020**	**7/26/2020**	**Novi, MI**
Girls' A 12-Under Western	7/27/2020	8/2/2020	Medford, OR
Girls' A 14-Under Western	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Salinas, CA
Girls' A 16-Under Western	7/27/2020	8/2/2020	Medford, OR
Girls' A 18-Under Western	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Salinas, CA

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Girls' B 10-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Ocean City, MD
Girls' B 12-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Ocean City, MD
Girls' B 14-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Ocean City, MD
Girls' B 16-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Ocean City, MD
Girls' B 18-Under Eastern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Ocean City, MD
Girls' B 10-Under Southern	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' B 12-Under Southern	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' B 14-Under Southern	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' B 16-Under Southern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Columbus, GA
Girls' B 18-Under Southern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Columbus, GA
Girls' B 10-Under Northern	7/23/2020	7/26/2020	Bowling Green, KY
Girls' B 12-Under Northern	7/23/2020	7/28/2020	Eau Claire, WI
Girls' B 14-Under Northern	7/29/2020	8/2/2020	Bloomington, IN
Girls' B 16-Under Northern	7/30/2020	8/2/2020	St. Joseph, MO
Girls' B 18-Under Northern	7/22/2020	7/26/2020	North Mankato, MN
Girls' B 10-Under Western	7/21/2020	7/26/2020	Salem, OR
Girls' B 12-Under Western	7/28/2020	8/2/2020	Clovis, CA
Girls' B 14-Under Western	7/28/2020	8/2/2020	Clovis, CA
Girls' B 16-Under Western	7/28/2020	8/2/2020	Clovis, CA
Girls' B 18-Under Western	77/28/2020	8/2/2020	Clovis, CA

Boy's Fast Pitch

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Boys' 10-Under, 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under			www.usasoftball.com

JUNIOR OLYMPIC SLOW PITCH

Tournament Name	Start	Stop	Locaton
Girls' 10-Under, 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under			www.usasoftball.com
Boys' 10-Under, 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under			
	8/7/2020	8/9/2020	Canton, OH



USA Softball Sanctioned Invitational TOURNAMENT REQUEST FORM

of Metro Detroit

On behalf of the sponsoring organization listed below, please sanction the following invitational tournament:

_____ _____

Sponsoring Organization **Name of Tournament**

_____ _____ _____ _____

Tournament Site **Date** **Classification** **Entry Fee**

Check Appropriate Boxes:

( ) Men's ( ) Fast Pitch ( ) Slow Pitch ( ) Coed

( ) Women's ( ) Modified ( ) Junior Olympic

The Sponsoring organization hereby agrees to comply with the following USA Softball of Metro Detroit conditions:

1. Pay a Sanctioning Fee $10 due upon submission of this form.
2. **Teams –** Only teams currently registered with USA Softball will be allowed to participate. Exception: Foreign teams will be permitted with approval of their national sanctioning body.
3. **Awards –** No cash prizes may be awarded to any individual, team or sponsor.
4. **Conflicts –** No Invitational Tournament may be conducted which will conflict with "USA Softball state elimination play".
5. **Notification –** All teams shall receive adequate notification of game schedules prior to the start of the tournament. All entry blanks and publicity shall include the words **Sanctioned Invitational USA Softball of Metro Detroit Tournament.**
6. **Rosters –** Teams must participate with the same roster as used in regular season play. The team roster must include the team's commissioner signature, or their designee. **Exception**: each team may add **three** pick-up players from another USA Softball registered team.
7. **Umpires –** Only registered USA Softball umpires may be used.
8. The tournament representative must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit a list of all umpires projected to umpire within one week of the tournament; and a complete list within one week after completion of the tournament.
9. The tournament representative **must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit a list of all projected teams in the tournament 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament; and a complete list of teams that participated and where they are from within one week of the completion of the tournament.**

This agreement shall be binding upon the payment of the $10, Sanctioning fee and signatures of the sponsoring organization, the USA Softball of Metro Detroit Commissioner or their designee. Send check made payable to "USA Softball of Metro Detroit"; mail to Dennis Troshak, 812 Tanager Trail, Howell, 48843.

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Signature of Tournament Director **Email Address**

_____ _____ _____ _____

Address **City** **Zip Code** **Telephone**

_____ _____

Signature of USA Softball of Metro Detroit Representative **Date**

USA Softball National Territory Qualifier
TOURNAMENT REQUEST FORM

On behalf of the sponsoring organization listed below, please sanction the following invitational tournament:

Sponsoring Organization _____ **Name of Tournament** _____

Tournament Site _____ **Date** _____ **Classification** _____ **Entry Fee** _____

Check Appropriate Boxes:

( ) Men's ( ) Fast Pitch ( ) Slow Pitch ( ) Coed

( ) Women's ( ) Modified ( ) Junior Olympic

( ) 10Under ( ) 12Under ( ) 14Under ( ) 16Under ( ) 18Under

The Sponsoring organization hereby agrees to comply with the following USA Softball of Metro Detroit conditions:

1. **Pay** an Assessment Fee of $15 per team; due to USAMD no later than 14 days following tournament.
2. **Teams –** Only teams currently registered with USA Softball will be allowed to participate.
3. **Awards –** No cash prizes may be awarded to any individual, team or sponsor.
4. **Conflicts –** No Qualifying Tournament may be conducted which will conflict with "USA Softball state elimination play".
5. **Notification –** All teams shall receive adequate notification of game schedules prior to the start of the tournament. All entry blanks and publicity shall include the words **Sanctioned Invitational USA Softball of Metro Detroit Tournament.**
6. **Rosters –** Teams must participate with the same roster as used in regular season play. The team roster must include the team's commissioner signature, or their designee. **No pick-up players are allowed**.
7. Team entry form must be signed by the local USA Softball Commissioner or their designee.
8. ACE and Background check form must be submitted and signed by local USA Softball Commissioner or their designee.
9. **Umpires –** Only registered USA Softball umpires may be used. Rate $40 per game two umpire system
10. Must have an Umpire-in-Chief assigned by USA Softball of Metro Detroit at a rate of $100 a day; who will select, assign and evaluate the umpires.
11. The format for the tournament must include a double elimination tournament for elimination play.
12. The tournament representative must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit a list of all umpires projected to umpire within one week of the tournament; and a complete list within one week after completion of the tournament.
13. The tournament representative must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit a list of all projected teams in the tournament 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament; and a complete list of teams that participated and where they are from within one week of the completion of the tournament.
14. The tournament representative must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit with copies all entry forms, rosters, coaches certification forms, a completed bracket and assessments fees due within one week of the completion of the tournament.

Send check payable to "USA Softball of Metro Detroit"; mail to Dennis Troshak, 812 Tanager Trail, Howell, 48843.

Signature of Tournament Director _____ **Email Address** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip Code** _____ **Telephone** _____

Signature of USA Softball of Metro Detroit Representative _____ **Date** _____

USA Softball National Qualifier
TOURNAMENT REQUEST FORM

USA SOFTBALL™ of Metro Detroit

On behalf of the sponsoring organization listed below, please sanction the following invitational tournament:

_____ _____
Sponsoring Organization **Name of Tournament**

_____ _____ _____ _____
Tournament Site **Date** **Classification** **Entry Fee**

Check Appropriate Boxes:

( ) Men's ( ) Fast Pitch ( ) Slow Pitch ( ) Coed

( ) Women's ( ) Modified ( ) Junior Olympic

( ) 10Under ( ) 12Under ( ) 14Under ( ) 16Under ( ) 18Under

The Sponsoring organization hereby agrees to comply with the following USA Softball of Metro Detroit conditions:

1. **Pay** an Assessment Fee of $20 per team; due to USA Softball of Metro Detroit no later than 14 days following tournament.
2. **Teams –** Only teams currently registered with USA Softball will be allowed to participate.
3. **Awards –** No cash prizes may be awarded to any individual, team or sponsor.
4. **Conflicts –** No Qualifying Tournament may be conducted which will conflict with "USA Softball state elimination play".
5. **Notification –** All teams shall receive adequate notification of game schedules prior to the start of the tournament. All entry blanks and publicity shall include the words **Sanctioned Invitational USA Softball of Metro Detroit Tournament.**
6. **Rosters –** Teams must participate with the same roster as used in regular season play. The team roster must include the team's commissioner, or their designee. **No pick-up players are allowed**.
7. Teams entry form must be signed by the local Commissioner or their designee.
8. ACE and Background check form must be submitted and signed by local USA Softball of Metro Detroit Commissioner or their designee.
9. **Umpires** Only registered USA Softball umpires may be used. Rate $40 per game two umpire system
10. Must have an Umpire-in-Chief assigned by USA Softball of Metro Detroit at a rate of $100 a day; who will select, assign and evaluate the umpires.
11. USA Softball of Metro Detroit will provide a staff member to act as the representative at this tournament.
12. The format for the tournament must include a double elimination tournament for elimination play.
13. The tournament representative must provide USA Softball of Metro Detroit a list of all umpires projected to umpire within one week of the tournament; and a complete list within one week after completion of the tournament.
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_____ _____
Signature of Tournament Director **Email Address**

_____ ____ _____ _____ _____
Address **City** **Zip Code** **Telephone**

_____ _____
Signature of USA Softball of Metro Detroit Representative **Date**

USA Softball Metro Detroit . . . Insurance

Why USA Softball for Insurance?

In today's economy, don't get caught without insurance!

FIELD OWNERS

All agencies that register their adult teams can now name field owners as additional insured at NO additional cost. This is a great value that can save your agency/complex money in the future for insurance premiums! USA Softball offers one of the best (highest) insurance benefits for field owners - **$2,000,000** of liability insurance protection for claims arising out of the practice and play of softball by teams, leagues, and umpires registered with USA Softball; **$5,000,000** aggregate per location.

JO (Youth) INDIVIDUAL

- All teams that register their players through the individual registration process will automatically have all their players covered for a **$2,000,000** per occurrence insurance policy.
- Coverage follows the individual throughout the calendar year for all USA Softball softball activities, even if you change to another USA Softball team!
- Less expensive than team insurance!
- Liability - $2,000,000; Accident/Medical - $250,000 limit; Deductible - $250 per injury

ADULT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

If you desire insurance for your players, this is a great value for your players, especially in today's economic conditions! Provide for **$2,000,000** occurrence; **$5,000,000** aggregate per team of liability insurance; $250,000 excess accident medical insurance with a $500 deductible.

UMPIRE INSURANCE PROGRAM

USA Softball umpires are covered when they umpire games, leagues, and tournaments involving USA Softball registered teams; includes a policy of **$2,000,000** per occurrence and $5,000,000 aggregate of liability insurance. An ALL SPORTS official's insurance plan is also available at a very reasonable cost which includes game fee reimbursement as well as for those that officiate other sports.

YOUTH BASEBALL TEAMS

All youth baseball teams can also register with USA Softball and get the same benefits either as a youth team or for the individual registration program that includes insurance for their players!

For a more detailed explanation of the USA Softball insurance programs,
please visit www.RPSBollinger.com

USA Softball Insurance Programs

Field Owners Liability Plan – **All agencies that register their adult teams can now name field owners as additional insured at NO additional cost.** Can help reduce insurance premiums at the local level due to excellent coverage as recommended by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Adult Team Insurance – **ALL adult teams will now have *Liability Only coverage*** *with the option to purchase accident insurance ($225 for a $500 deductible)!*

Adult Individual Registration (includes individual insurance) – This is the best deal for teams wishing to have both Liability and Accident insurance; includes team registration fee.

Youth Team Insurance – Teams can purchase team insurance (if they do not register their players individually). Liability and accident coverage are options.

Youth Individual Registration (includes individual insurance) – This is the best deal for JO (youth) teams; less expensive than purchasing a separate team insurance policy; includes team registration fee.

Umpire Insurance – This is included with each umpire registration. Coverage when they umpire games, leagues, tournaments involving USA Softball registered teams and the event has been authorized by an USA Softball commissioner/designee.

Sports Officials Insurance Plan for Umpires – This is optional for umpires that officiate other sports. Benefits include: game fee reimbursement; accident and liability coverage.

Clinic and Tournament Insurance – This is designed for those that offer a tournament or clinic only with coverage for tournament/clinic directors, sponsors, organizers, and leagues sponsoring tournaments. Teams and umpires must be registered with USA Softball with proper verification and proper USA Softball of Metro Detroit form must be submitted.

Director and Officer Liability for non-profit sports organizations – This policy protects sports organizations and their members from claims arising out of wrongful acts or errors and omissions. Coverage is provided to any member of the organization while acting in an official capacity on behalf of the team/league and is not limited just to the directors and officers of your association.

Crime Insurance Plan for non-profit sports organizations – This provides protection to sports associations against financial loss. Crime insurance covers your association from loss of money, securities or financial instruments resulting from a crime.

Equipment Insurance – This covers theft of equipment for private organizations. Deductible is $250 per claim. Cost is based on equipment cost: Examples: $5000 policy limit X .0158 = $79. (Cost of policy - $100 minimum premium); $25,000 policy limit X .0158 = $395.

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Background Checks – This national background check conducted by Protect Youth Sports, Inc is a requirement for youth coaches playing in state and national tournaments, and is now included with all umpire registrations. More than 33 convictions are checked including crimes of violent/behavioral, against children, drug related, alcohol related, and white collar crimes. Inexpensive cost for a background check!

USA Softball of Metro Detroit . . . Umpires

Metro Detroit Umpire Staff:

John Jonassen, Umpire-in-Chief	586.779.8599	jonassen@comcast.net
Bernadette Aaron, Deputy UIC	248.421.1288	ladyumpire@gmail.com
Dan Daldine, Deputy UIC	586.291.8178	danieldaldine@yahoo.com
Bill Geatches, Deputy UIC	586.747.1123	bill.geatches@gmail.com
Mike Scharf, Deputy UIC	586.707.4323	mikescharf41@gmail.com
Bob Lawson, UIC Emeritus	248.719.3951	mdasabob@aol.com

2020 Umpire Educational Program

Fees are included in your registration for schools listed below. Adult - $76 ***($71 if register prior to May 1)***
Youth under age 18 - $56

Umpire School – West
Saturday, March 28
Crestwood High School
1501 North Beech Daly Road
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Check In: 8:00 am
8:30 am-2:30 pm

Umpire School – East
Saturday, March 7
Lakeshore High School
22980 East 13 Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082
Check In: 8:00 am
8:30 am-2:30 pm

Umpire School – East
Saturday, April 4
Sterling Heights Community Center
40250 Dodge Park Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
Check In: 8:00 am
8:30 am-2:30 pm

Umpire School – West
Sunday, April 26
Novi Civic Center
47175 West Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375
Check In: 8:00 am
8:30 am-2:30 pm

Umpire Uniforms and Equipment:

USA Softball National Office,
Oklahoma City, OK 800.654.8337
(www.officialgear.com)

USA Softball of Michigan
989.835.5821

USA Softball Umpire National Indicator Fraternity (NIF)

This reward program is for those umpires who have been assigned and officiated in three national championships. The applicant must have been an USA Softball registered umpire for at least seven (7) years but does not have to be currently active. To qualify the umpire must have umpired or served as a national championship UIC or assistant UIC for three nationals or can substitute attendance at an USA Softball Advanced Umpire School for one of the nationals. The umpire receives a certificate, membership card and a patch and their name is permanently displayed in the National Hall of Fame.

Metro Detroit Umpires in the National Indicator Fraternity (NIF)

* Members of the Elite Umpire Program

Mike DeLeo, 1990 *SP	Bob Kaump, 1991	Mike Barel, 1992 *SP	Craig Thomson, 1992	Doug Zimmerman, 1992 *FP
Bob Allen, 1993	Mike Scharf, 1993 *SP	Ted Younce, 1993 *SP	Tom Fitzsimmons, 1995	Chuck Lebert, 1995
Dan Daldine, 1996 *SP	Mike Luttenberger, 1996	Gillie David, 1997	Sean Barel, 1998 *SP	Marc Drouillard, 1999
Doug Flees, 1999	Art Collyer, 2000	Bob Lawson, 2000 *FP	Bill Geatches, 2002 *SP	Tom Mallon, 2002
Bob Chant, 2005	Dennis Troshak, 2005	Arnie Gray, 2008	John Jonassen, 2009	Clark Lawrence, 2011
Rick Fields, 2011	David Jakubowski, 2011	Larry Klimek, 2012	Rodney Stachurski, 2012	Jason Clark, 2014 *SP
Jim Niemiec, 2014	Stephanie Perrie, 2014	Jim Tiede, 2014	Bill Blickensdorf, 2015	Pete Condino, 2015
Thomas Donovan, 2015	Don Gillette, 2015	Brandon Pappas, 2015	Bernadette Aaron, 2016 (*FP)	Ken Bertin, 2016
Steve Barnes, 2016	Doug Quick, 2016	Danielle Shamus, 2016	Mike Cavazos, 2017	Willie Nuttall, 2017

USA Softball Elite Umpire Program

This reward program is the highest honor an USA Softball umpire can obtain other than selection to the USA Softball Hall of Fame. To become eligible for this program, an umpire must have been an USA Softball registered umpire for at least seven (7) years and a current member in good standing. The umpire must have participated in at least four (4) national championships of which two (2) must be at the highest level of championship play. The USA Softball "Elite" umpire will receive a lapel pin, a navy USA Softball "Elite" cap, membership card, framed certificate, and their name listed in the USA Softball Hall of Fame.

2020 Youth Umpire Training

The success of your softball program is due, in part, to the quality of the umpires assigned to the games. Any official benefits from training at the beginning of each season. Young umpires need to be schooled in the mechanics, positioning, rules and techniques of this avocation.

The USA Softball of Metro Detroit umpire staff will provide a training program to any USA Softball agency that registers 20 or more youth umpires. Recreation departments may find it convenient to combine, with another, to meet the minimum requirement. We will conduct this instructional program at your facility.

We suggest that the $55 registration fee for each youth umpire, be paid by the league or agency. The umpire can then repay the league, from their game fees, throughout the season.

The instructional program will include basic calls, positioning, mechanics and drills for plate and base umpires. Fundamentals of the one and two umpire systems will be covered and an introduction to softball rules will emphasize those unique to youth play. Registered youth umpires will receive: an USA Softball Participant Manual/Rule Book, Umpire Manual, a bat ring, and USA Softball Umpire Insurance.

Each participating agency will have the opportunity to select a youth umpire to receive a plaque at our annual Umpire Awards Breakfast.

The youth umpire and your softball program benefit from this training. There is minimal cost to your department. Take advantage of this opportunity to train your young umpires and give them a great start on a new season.

For more information, or to sign up for the Youth Umpire Training, contact the USA Softball of Metro Detroit Umpire Staff.

RPS Bollinger Insurance Company offers Sports Officials insurance plans for USA Softball registered umpires. This exclusive coverage is available for umpires when officiating other sports. This must be purchased through your local USA Softball umpire association.





USA Softball of Metro Detroit Hall of Fame Inductees

The USA Softball of Metro Detroit Hall of Fame honors individuals in the following categories:
Player, Umpire, Manager, Sponsor, Commissioner, Meritorious Service

1982
George Caloia-FPP
Bill Cole-SPP
Carl "Tex' Collins*-SPP
Mike Gouin-SPP
Bonnie Jones*-FPP
Sam Lombardo*-FPP

1983
Ed Figelski*-FPP
Mike Ilitch-S
Beatrice Lollar-SPP
Roy Lombardo*-MG
Jim Snyder*-S

1984
Mike Adray*-S
Bob Auten-SPP
Mack Phillips-S
Johnny Spring*-FPP
Frank Verbanac*-SPP

1985
Al Dolecki*-S
Joe Gauci-SPP
Charles Justice*-FPP
Anthony Lutomski*-C
William Svochak*-C

1986
Mike Axelson-SPP
George Gillies-U
Wilbur Landis*-C
Rocco Palmeri-FPP

1987
Joe Castrodale-FPP
Felix Michaels*-S
Jim Puckett-SPP

1988
Thomas Chappelle-SPP
Sammy Gee*-FPP
Bob McCaffrey*-U
John "Jack" Trompics-MS
Jack Westerlund-SPP

1989
George Corona-SPP
Jackie Huggins-SPP
Fred Nothdurft-S
Karl Nothdurft-S
Tom Trompics*-SPP
Ed Tyson-FPP

1990
Wally Galba-SPP
George LaPlata-S
Don Lair*-C
Linda Mueller-SPP
Carl Walker-FPP
Jerry Zarick-FPP

1991
Milo Karhu-SPP
Tony Mazza-SPP
Percy McConner*-FPP
Evans Telegadas-FPP
Jack Tobias-U

1992
Diane Laffey-MS
Bob Malicki*-SPP
Buck" Polonczyk*-MS
Charlie Williams-SPP

1994
Ernie Flowers-FPP
Leon Grunalt*-MG
Robert Kaump*-U
Andy Kovalcik*-MG
Gary LaDue-SPP
Sally Whalen*-MS

1996
Mike Engan-MS
Paul Gatto-FPP
Jim "Torch" Scullen-S
Ed Shankin-SPP
Mike Turk-SPP

1998
Al Hortop*-MS
Shelley Larned-FPP
George Lerchen-SPP
Frank Pilarowski*-P/MG
Al White-MP

2002
Mike DeLeo-U
Scott Grace-S
Tom Kaminski-SPP
Don Stuckey*-MS
Bob/Sandy Thompson-MG

2004
Mike Busch-SPP
Tim Doyle*-C
Angie Fielder-FPP
Gary Urbanczyk-MS
Ted Younce-U

2006
Mike Barel-U
Dick Collard-MS
John Eckstein-SPP
Danny Lipinski*-C
Kelly Thayer –FPP
Doug Zimmerman-U

2008
Bob Allen–U
Peter Karamanos, Jr.–S
Jeanne Martin – U
Mike O'Connor–SPP
Pam Ossenheimer-FPP
Mike Zdrodowski –SPP

2010
Tom Fitzsimmons – U
Bob Green – SPP
Carol Hutchins – MS
Mike McDowell –SPP
Evelyn Michol – MS
Dennis Troshak – MS

2012
Gary Bryce – MS
Bob Kost – U
Al Land – M
Julie Liljeberg - FPP
Tony Profita* – M
Don Sheffield – SPP
Tim Whitson – MS

2014
Steve Bienkowski – SP
Dave Brubaker – MP
Kelly Holmes – FP
Margo Jonker – MS
Bob Lawson – U

2016
Melissa Bater – FPP
Dan Daldine – U
Harry Haroian – FPP
Steve Hill – SPP
Jim Martin – U
Tom Newcombe – MS

2018
Tracy Carr – FPP
Detroit Sports Commission – MS
Bill Humphrey – MS
John Jonassen – MS
Chuck Maiorana – SPP
Mike Scharf – U

KEY
SPP – Slow Pitch Player;
MP – Modified Pitch
MG – Manager
S – Sponsor
FPP -Fast Pitch
U – Umpire
C – Commissioner
MS – Meritorious Service
* Deceased

Team Recognitions
2016 – Golden Vipers, Sterling Heights
2018 – Finesse Youth Softball Organization

Submissions for the USA Softball of Metro Detroit Hall of Fame can be submitted to Stu Alderman, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. **The next Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled for October 2020.** The National USA Softball Hall of Fame is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and has an annual induction ceremony.

2020 Timothy J. Doyle Community Grant Program

General Information Sheet

Who:

Eligibility is open to any USA Softball of Metro Detroit registered community/agency. The metro Detroit area consists of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston counties. Community must have been part of the USA Softball of Metro Detroit program for at least two (2) years prior to application submittal (2018 and 2019). Communities receiving a grant the previous year (2019) are ineligible to apply for another grant until next year. If awarded a grant, the improvement project must be completed during the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

What:

Grants up to $5000 will be awarded annually to a USA Softball of Metro Detroit community softball programs to enhance the quality of softball in our area. Amount of individual grants will depend on number of applications, proposed amounts, and the potential to improve the quality of softball with the proposed project.

When:

Applications are due January 4, 2020. The USA Softball of Metro Detroit board will select winning projects at its next bimonthly meeting. Applicants will be notified no later than early February. Upon approval, a signed agreement with USA Softball of Metro Detroit is mandatory to set project payment(s) schedule.

Where:

E-mail the completed application to:

Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kyle Langlois
Email: klanglois@sterling-heights.net

Questions:

Contact Kyle Langlois at 586.446.2705 or at the e-mail address listed above.

Application is available on the USA Softball of Metro Detroit web site at **www.USASoftballDetroit.org**

USA SOFTBALL™ of Metro Detroit



2020 Softball and Kickball Purchase Program



USA Softball of Metro Detroit agencies are eligible for this discount softball and kickball purchase program. The Trump USA Softball approved softballs will be delivered to the location of your choice.

Softball Prices for 2020

Dudley Thunder Softball (Yellow)	Per dozen	12 inch	11 inch
Dudley Thunder SY - .52/300 Synthetic Softball (orders over 12 doz.)	$39	✓	✓
Dudley Thunder SY - .52/300 Synthetic Softball (orders of 12 doz. or less)	$42	✓	✓
Dudley Thunder SY - .44/375 Synthetic Softball (orders over 12 doz.)	$39	✓	✓
Dudley Thunder SY - .44/375 Synthetic Softball (orders of 12 doz. or less)	$42	✓	✓
Dudley Thunder Fast Pitch Softball (orders over 12 doz.)	$49	✓	✓
Dudley Thunder Fast Pitch Softball (orders of 12 doz. or less)	$52	✓	✓

All softballs USA Softball approved and stamped. Price includes delivery.

If interested in special pricing for soft toss balls, please contact Scott Mercer (at contact info listed below)

Order Early!

Kickball Purchase Program

8.5" Mikasa Official Kickball (yellow); nylon wound bladder for shape retention
* * * This is the same ball that is provided to each team with a kickball registration * * *
$10.50 per kickball for USA Softball members; $11.50 per kickball for non-USA Softball members

Purchasing Information

1. All softballs USA Softball approved and stamped.
2. Credit card payments will be accepted. A $1 per dozen service fee will be added to the prices listed above for all credit card purchases.
3. **Providing service to Metro Detroit area teams only. All non-USA Softball of Metro Detroit agencies/teams will have an additional $5/dozen fee added to listed price.**
4. Delivery included in price. Tax not included in price for non-governmental agencies.
5. Prices on softballs not listed are available upon request.

Interested agencies should contact the following individuals for detailed information on how USA Softball of Metro Detroit can work with your purchasing procedures to provide high quality softballs or kickballs at a great price:

- **Softballs – Scott Mercer, mercerse@troymi.gov or 248.524.3484**
- **Kickballs – Kyle Langlois, klanglois@sterling-heights.net or 586.446.2705**

USA SOFTBALL of Metro Detroit

USA Softball National Background Check Program

USA Softball, Inc. ("USA Softball") and/or USA Softball's state /metro association reserve the right to screen any volunteer and/or employee who has access to children in USA Softball programs. **Currently, all USA Softball of Metro Detroit board members and umpires receive an annual background check.**

The screening may consist of 1) a staff and volunteer application form, 2) an interview, 3) consent to reference and fingerprint for a background check report, and/or 4) approval by staff and/or committee members. Please note that the 50 states of the United States adopt different laws and categorize the offenses differently. The USA Softball list of offenses below is not intended to be an exhaustive list of offenses, but a list of commonly used terms to define the offenses. Other convictions, accusations, charges, or facts should be considered on a case by case basis.

If a background check is performed and the following convictions are revealed, USA Softball, its National Background Check Committee, and/or its state/metro associations shall undertake a review of such individual's application to determine whether such person should be permitted to participate in USA Softball programs:

** Murder
** Rape
** Sexual assault
** False Imprisonment
** Burglary
** Armed Robbery
** Indecent solicitation of a child
** Aggravated sexual abuse/assault of a child
** Child abuse
** Child molestation
** Sexual conduct with a minor
** Sexual abuse of a child
** Online solicitation of a minor



Abandon/Endanger a child
Arson
Assault
Bad checks/Insufficient Funds
Bookmaking
Breach of computer security
Breaking and Entering
Coercion
Conspiracy
Credit Card Abuse
Crimes against elderly
Disorderly Conduct
Domestic violence in the presence of a minor
Domestic violence/abuse
Drug dealing
Drug possession
Drub trafficking
DUI/DWI (3 in last 7 years)
Escape from penitentiary
Evading arrest
Firearms/Weapons charges
Forgery
Furnishing alcohol to a minor
Identity theft
Indecency with a child
Money lauderi9ng
Petty theft
Prostitution
Public intoxication (2 in last 5 years)
Shoplifting
Theft/Robbery/Larceny
Violation of a protective order

If a background check is performed and reveals a conviction of any of aforementioned offenses, then the application shall be reviewed by a member of the National Background Check Committee (or such person's designee) for a determination of eligibility. A denial of eligibility may be appealed by the applicant to the entire National Background Check Committee.

In addition, if the background check reveals that the applicant is listed on a sex offender registry**, then the applicant shall be ineligible for participation in USA Softball programs.

Appeal Process:

USA Softball recognizes that no policy can encompass every situation, so USA Softball has formed it National Background Check Committee to evaluate appeals and decide variance requests on a case-by-case basis in certain situations where good cause exists.

An applicant may appeal a denial of eligibility to the entire National Background Check Committee, so long as the appeal is timely filed within fourteen (14) days of the date on the denial correspondence. The appeal process shall provide the applicant with an opportunity to present his/her side of the story. An appeal may advise the Committee of incorrect information appearing in a background check report, a mistaken identity with another individual, or extenuating circumstances as to why the person should be permitted to participate despite a conviction of one of the aforementioned offenses.

Any person whose application for participation in USA Softball's program has been denied may appeal the denial within fourteen (14) days to USA Softball's National Background Check Committee by filing his/her appeal with his/her USA Softball state/metro Local Association Commissioner. All appeals shall be in writing and sent first to the Commissioner of the State/Metro association. The written appeal submission must contain a statement of the specific grounds why the prior determination should be reversed and must be accompanied by all evidence supporting the request for reversal. With the written appeal submission, the person filing the appeal may also file any other information or evidence in support of the appeal. The USA Softball state/metro Local Association Commissioner will review the information and make a recommendation to the National Background Check Committee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The National Background Check Committee shall review the appeal and decide whether the applicant's appeal should be granted or denied.

Subject to the **Mandatory Ineligibility** requirements below, in extenuating circumstances and for good cause show, USA Softball National Background Check Committee shall have the authority to, but not be required to, grant an appeal and permit an individual to participate in USA Softball's Junior Olympic youth program even though that person has been convicted of one of the above non-mandatory offenses (or its equivalent).

Mandatory Ineligibility for Certain Felony Offenses

An applicant listing on a sex offender registry and/or conviction of any felony convictions(s) occurring within the prior 15 years for any offenses(s) marked with and "**" shall constitute that applicant's mandatory ineligibility from participation in USA Softball programs. For all such applications, the National Background Check Committee may consider appeals based upon incorrectly reported information and/or mistaken identity but the Committee shall not have the authority to grant an appeal for extenuating circumstances or good cause shown in stances where the applicant is listed on a sex offender registry or has been convicted within the last 15 years of a felony of the type marked with a "**" above

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Additional USA Softball Programs and Services

- **Safety Awareness Guide**
- **Lighting Guidelines**
- **Parents Code of Ethics**
- **Coach Code of Ethics Pledge**
- **Lightning Standards**
- **Fundraising Opportunities**
- **Hotel Discounts**
- **Airline Discounts**
- **Rental Car Discounts**
- **Auto/Home Insurance Discounts**
- **“Play Positive” Program**

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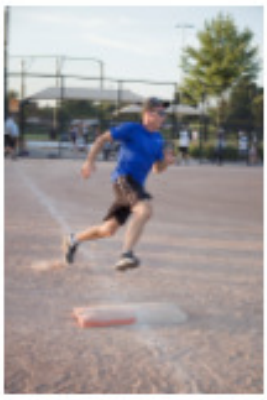
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Dennis Troshak, JO Commissioner
John Jonassen, Umpire-in-Chief

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Top 10 Reasons to Play USA Softball of Metro Detroit

1. Metro Detroit, which includes Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Livingstone counties, is coordinated by a volunteer board. Get support from softball colleagues throughout the year. A Free Softball Summit is also offered.
2. The Best umpire training programs for youth and adult in the country! Attain a list of registered umpires in your area from your local umpire association coordinator!
3. Recreation and competitive tournament options for men, women, coed, seniors, and youth - slow pitch, fast pitch, modified, and kickball!
4. National background check available for your coaches at a deep discount price and top notch online coaching certification program. Background checks can extend to coaches in your other local athletic programs if you register with USA Softball of Metro Detroit!
5. All registered teams receive a team score book and rule book—value of more than $20!
6. Affordable insurance options for teams, players, tournaments and non-profit organizations! Liability insurance NOW INCLUDED for registered adult teams! Field owners insurance at NO cost if all teams are registered!
7. Softball and kickball purchase program to save MONEY; and a community grant field improvement program for agencies!
8. An outstanding ACE (Aspire, Challenge, Encourage) coaches training program! SafeSport training also available, at NO charge!
9. USA Softball is the leader in equipment standards and certification with continuous testing and online updates!!
10. USA Softball is the national governing body of softball as recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee!







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