

Dear Coaches,

We hope this message finds you and your families safe and well during this COVID-19 pandemic. Like you, the City of Mt. Pleasant and USA Softball of Michigan have been following the recommendations of national, state and local health officials. The safety of tournament participants is our first priority.

Under the current health guidelines there are many uncertainties regarding gatherings of any size. Therefore, in an effort to keep all tournament participants safe, USA Softball of Michigan and the City of Mt. Pleasant have decided to **postpone the USA Softball Championships to August 13 -16, 2020.**

The decision to postpone the tournament did not come easy. However, after much discussion and research, we concluded postponing was the safest option. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, facilities are now unavailable, staffing levels altered, and sanitation protocols and social distancing guidelines still remain unknown for future youth sports and tournaments.

The decision to postpone into August provides us with the opportunity to provide coaches, players, parents, and families with the best playing experience possible. Our hope is the month of August will also provide a better date for your teams to participate, since it may not compete with your regular summer schedule.

Please communicate your intent of playing in the August 13-16, 2020 State Championship by emailing Steve Hofer, shofer@mt-pleasant.org. Choose one of the options below.

1. Keep my team registered for the August 13-16, 2020 tournament.
2. Remove my team from the tournament and process refund.

Hotels: Hotels have been made aware of our date change. Hotels currently are not at full staffing or operation, so please be understanding of any delays in response. I have updated the hotel contact information on the tournament website: <https://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/i!/tournaments/tournamentDetails.php?TID=39273>

USA Softball Team, Player, Coach Registrations and Insurance: Please contact Deb Sherwood at the State office if you have any questions: Email: debbie@usasoftballmi.org or Phone: 989-835-5821

Future Updates: We will continue to use the USA Softball of Michigan website, tournament website, and constant contact for future updates. www.usasoftballmi.org

Thank you again for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing your teams back on the field and until then, please stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,

Steve Hofer

Recreation Coordinator/Tournament Director – USA Softball of Michigan State Championships