USA Softball
GOLD Nationals Championship
16u & 18u

Pre-Tournament Packet

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 17 – July 23, 2022

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Tournament Name: USA Softball GOLD National Championship (16u & 18u)

Location(s): Hall of Fame Complex
2801 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

Wild Horse Park
1201 N Mustang Road
Mustang, OK 73064

Dates: July 17th – 23rd, 2022
16th used as check-in day
24th used as rainout/makeup day

Website: USA Softball GOLD Nationals

Entry Fee: $1,800 per team – Checks payable to ‘USA Softball’
Pay online via Tournament USA Softball
Mail entry fee to Tournament Director (address below)
Pay by phone – (405) 425-3424

Tournament Format: 5 Game Guarantee – 3 Pool Play into Double Elimination Bracket
Pool Play placement will affect blind draw for Bracket

Tournament Director: Julie Whiteaker
2801 NE 50th Street
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(405) 425-3446 (Office)
jwhiteaker@usasoftball.com
Dates and Deadlines

**Monday, June 20th:** Last day to earn/accept a berth to GOLD Nationals

**Friday, July 1st:** All required items are due

*Please send to Julie Whiteaker*

- Register USA Softball ID#
- Proof of Insurance (equal to or greater than standards required by USA Softball – [see here](#))
- Entry Fee ($1,800)
- USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form
  *Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*
- Background Checks (all 18+ – [see here](#))
- SafeSport Certification (all 18+ – [see here](#))
- ACE Training (1 Coach)

*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](#)*

**Thursday, July 14th:** Pool Play Blind Draw & Coaches Meeting @ 4pm CT
Virtual (Zoom): [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85373811636](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85373811636)

**Saturday, July 16th:** Team/Player Check-In at RIVERSPORT @ 10am-5pm
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 Championship Roster
  *Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*
- USA Softball Pick-up/Release Player form(s) (if any)
  *Signed by Commissioner (or designee)*
Saturday, July 16th: **Bat Testing at** [RIVERSPORT](#) @ 10am-5pm
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**.

Sunday, July 17th: **Pool Play**
Each team will play three pool play games. Play will begin Sunday morning at 9:00am. You must participate in your pool games or you will be eliminated from bracket play.
*Pool Play placement will affect blind draw for Bracket.*

Monday, July 18th: Pool Play continues at 9:00am

Tuesday, July 19th: Pool Play continues at 9:00am
Bracket Play for 16u starts at 5:00pm
Bracket Play for 18u starts at 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 20th: Bracket Play continues at 9:00am

Thursday, July 21st: Bracket Play continues at 9:00am

Friday, July 22nd: Bracket Play continues at 9:00am

Saturday, July 23rd: Bracket Play continues at 9:00am; Championship Day

Sunday, July 26th: Reserved for weather delays. Travel day for teams.
Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)

Admission: Ticket prices are TBD. No charge for parking. There will be precautionary bag checks. Teams are allowed one ice chest with appropriate identification and consisting of only hydrating refreshments.

Badges: All members of the coaching staff ages 18+ are required to visually display their USA Softball badges with proof of background check and SafeSport per USA Softball Procedural Code. Every member will receive a specialized bracelet at check-in which is required to be worn at all times.

Concessions: Concessions will be operating. No outside food or drinks will be allowed.

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, July 15th by 5pm CT. Teams are protected from playing someone from their own Association (where possible) per USA Softball Procedural Code.

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.

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](https://twitter.com/USASoftball)

**Live Stream:**
All games will be available for users to watch live [HERE](https://example.com/live-stream)

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

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

**Playing Rules:**
[USA Softball Official Rules of Softball](https://www.usasoftball.com/rules)

**Practice Contacts:**
Mustang Parks & Rec  
(405) 376-3411  
OKC Parks & Rec  
(405) 297-2211

**Refund Policy:**
Upon request for refund, you will be issued a 50% refund until June 20th. After this date, there will be no refunds unless we are able to fill your spot.

**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.

**Visit OKC:**
Find attractions and more [HERE](http://www.okc.com/visitokc)

**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.
Park Rules and Regulations

The USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field is widely regarded as the finest softball facility in the nation. With four fields and other world class amenities, the Stadium has played host to the best softball competition in the world, including USA teams that represent the nation in international competitions and it is the home of the NCAA Women’s College World Series.

All guests may be subject to search, at USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field discretion, of their personal and/or possessions (including women's handbags of normal size that may be allowed entry after such a search). Patrons with prohibited articles will be turned away at the entrances and no storage or "check area" will be provided for such items. Enforcement will be without exceptions.

We ask all guests to arrive early and travel light, as you may be subject to search, which on some occasions may include metal detecting hand wands upon entry. For safety reasons, prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- Umbrellas, folding chairs, coolers
- Alcohol, drugs, illegal substances or any paraphernalia associated with drug use
- Tobacco and vape/E-cigarettes
- Pets
- Hover-boards, skateboards, bikes and scooters
- Audio/Video recorders, professional cameras, tripods and drones
- Cans, bottles, coolers or other similar containers
- Fireworks
- Flags/Signs with poles
- Laser pens/pointers of any type
- Noisemakers such as air horns
- Outside food or drinks
- Oversized bags, backpacks, duffel bags or diaper bags
- Pepper spray/Mace
- Weapons of any type, including chains, knives, firearms and spiked jewelry
- Any other item deemed unacceptable by event/building management

If an item is revealed during a search, patrons may dispose of the item or they may return the item to their vehicle. USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium - OGE Energy Field does not safeguard any personal belongings or other items.