

USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup 14u, 16u & 18u



Pre-Tournament Packet

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
14u: June 29 – July 4, 2022
16u/18u: July 11 – July 16, 2022

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Tournament Information Sheet

Tournament Name:	USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup (14u, 16u & 18u)	
Location(s):	Hall of Fame Complex 2801 NE 50 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111	Wild Horse Park 1201 N Mustang Road Mustang, OK 73064 <i>(Only for 16u & 18u)</i>
Dates:	14u: 6/29 – 7/2, 2022 6/28 check-in day	16u/18u: 7/11-16, 2022 7/10 check-in day
Website:	USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Cup	
Entry Fee:	\$2,750 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 <i>Pool Play placement will NOT affect Bracket Play.</i>	
Tournament Director:	Julie Whiteaker 2801 NE 50 th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 425-3446 (Office) jwhiteaker@usasoftball.com	

Dates and Deadlines

- Friday, March 1st:** Non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 due
- Friday, May 6th:** Remaining entry fee equaling \$2,750 due
- Friday, June 17th:** 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](#))
_____ **Background Checks** (all 18+ – [see here](#))
_____ **SafeSport Certification** (all 18+ – [see here](#))

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](#)

- Tuesday, June 28th:** **14u Team Check-In at [Hall of Fame](#) @ 12pm – 4pm**
Every member of coaching staff (18+) is required to check in to verify Background Check and SafeSport requirements are met. Proof of ID and Register USA Softball is needed to verify. Players do not need to sign in.
- Tuesday, June 28th:** **14u Bat Testing at [Hall of Fame](#) @ 12pm – 4pm**
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**.
- Tuesday, June 28th:** **14u Coaches Dinner at [Hall of Fame](#) @ 5pm**
Two coaches from each team can attend the Coaches Meeting & Dinner. We will have a catered dinner as we work through the meeting and blind-draw bracket.
- Wed., June 29th/30th:** **14u Pool Play**
Each team will play three pool play games. Play will begin Wednesday morning at 9:00am and finish on Thursday.

Friday, July 1st – 2nd: **14u Bracket Play** (Championship Day is 7/2)

Sunday, July 10th: **16u/18u Team Check-In at [Hall of Fame](#)** @ 10am – 4pm
Every athlete and member of coaching staff (18+) is required to check in to verify Background Check and SafeSport requirements are met. Proof of ID and Register USA Softball is needed to verify. Players under the age of 18 do not need to sign in.

Sunday, July 10th: **16u/18u Bat Testing at [Hall of Fame](#)** @ 10am – 4pm
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 10th: **16u/18u Coaches Dinner at TBD** @ 5pm
Two coaches from each team can attend the Coaches Meeting & Dinner. We will have a catered dinner as we work through the meeting and blind-draw bracket.

Mon., July 11th/12th: **16u/18u Pool Play**
Each team will play three pool play games. Play will begin Monday morning at 9:00am and finish on Tuesday.

Wed. July 13th – 16th: **16u/18u Bracket Play** (Championship Day is 7/16)

Tournament Guidelines (A to Z)

- Admission:** There will be precautionary bag checks. Teams are allowed one ice chest with appropriate identification and consisting of only hydrating refreshments. There is no daily fee.
- 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](#).
- 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 one week before first scheduled game. Teams are protected from playing someone from their own Association (where possible). Bracket is posted after the conclusion of the Coaches Dinner.
- 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>
- Live Stream:** All games will be available for users to watch live [HERE](#)
- 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.
- Playing Rules:** [USA Softball Official Rules of Softball](#)
- Practice Contacts:** Mustang Parks & Rec (405) 376-3411 OKC Parks & Rec (405) 297-2211
- Refund Policy:** Entry fees have a non-refundable policy on the first \$1,000. Refunds must be requested in writing to the Tournament Director and will not be granted once schedules have been posted.
- Substitution Rule:** Teams can bat their entire roster and use free substitutions in pool play. Teams must comply with **Rule 4 Section 1C** for lineups and **Rule 4 Section 6** for substitutions in bracket.
- 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!](#)
- Warm-Up Areas:** Teams may use the space beyond the outfield temporary fence and hitting tunnels for warmups as 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.