

## **USA Softball National Championship**

**July 30-August 6, 2017**

**Normal, Illinois**

### **How do I enter this national tournament?**

Teams must qualify through their State/Metro Association. To obtain information on qualifying tournaments, contact a USA Softball Commissioner in your area.

### **My team's qualified, what do I need to do to get entered?**

There are three items the tournament director must receive by **July 21**.

1. **Entry form**, provided by a commissioner indicating qualification
2. **Entry fee**, \$450 payable to Town of Normal
3. **Roster**, sent by commissioner or tournament director from qualifying tournament

### **What address do I send information to?**

Town of Normal, ATTN: Cary Frey, 100 E. Phoenix Ave. - Normal, IL 61761

### **Who is the check payable to?**

Town of Normal. Those teams sending by check will want to send priority if sending after July 14

### **Can I pay entry fee with debit/credit card?**

Yes, email [cfrey@normal.org](mailto:cfrey@normal.org) with the preferred phone number to receive a call the next business day.

### **I have a player who will get to town late. Can she still check in after the team has checked in?**

Yes, player check-in will be available at Champion Fields starting Monday, July 31.

### **When can I get my team's bats tested?**

Bats will be tested during team check-in on Sunday, July 30 from 11:00am – 4:00pm. There is a limit of 20 bats per team.

### **Is there a gift exchange?**

Yes, each team is asked to bring a gift that is symbolic of their hometown or state. Gifts should have a value of \$10 or less and will be exchanged during first round of pool play.

### **What is the format of the tournament?**

Teams are guaranteed four games - two pool games on July 31 followed by double elimination starting August 1.

### **When is the Championship Game?**

Sunday, August 6 at 1:00pm.

### **What is involved with team check-in?**

Team check-in is Sunday, July 30 from 11:00am - 4:00pm at Normal Community West High School, 501 N. Parkside Rd. Each player listed on the roster should be present at check-in (see note above)!

**What is required with ACE Certification & Coaches Background Checks?**

Each team **MUST have** one coach ACE certified and all other coaches must have background checks. Tournament passes for coaches will only be given to those who verify this at team check-in (Limit of 4 coach passes per team).

**How do I submit a team picture for souvenir program?** The [online team submission form](#) is on the tournament website. Deadline is July 20.

**Can I schedule a practice or practice game prior to the tourney?**

Yes, teams can schedule either or both depending upon their needs for Saturday, 7/29 and Sunday, 7/30. There is a \$40 fee for games to cover the umpire fee. Email Chandler Pillsbury [cpillsbury@normal.org](mailto:cpillsbury@normal.org) your request(s). Based on demand teams may be limited to one practice or one practice game per day.

**What are the details of the Manager's Meeting?**

The meeting will be held on Sunday, July 30 at 5:00pm at Illinois State University Hancock Field (301 N. Main Street – Normal, IL 61761). Limit one coach per team. A limited number of tickets will be available for cash sale only of \$20 at team check-in for a second coach. Each team MUST be represented at this meeting.

**What time should my team arrive to Opening Ceremonies?**

Teams should arrive no later than 6:30pm to The Corn Crib (1000 Raab Road – Normal, IL 61761) for the ceremonies. The Opening Ceremony begins promptly at 7:00pm.

**Are teams required to attend Opening Ceremonies?**

It is strongly encouraged! In addition to a formal program featuring team introductions and guest speakers, there will be an entertaining performance by Illinois's Jesse White Tumblers.