

2019 USA Softball Girl's 12U – A Nationals

Normal, Illinois

FAQ's

How do I enter my team into this 12U – A national tournament?

As of 2019, teams may qualify through participation rather than performance. To obtain information on what your local association requires contact your area JO Commissioner.

My team has met the qualification guidelines set forth by my association. What do I need to do to get entered?

Visit www.USAtournamentsoftball.com and search for 12U Class A Nationals in Normal. Entry fee will be accepted beginning February 1, 2019. By **July 10 deadline** the tournament director must receive the official entry form provided by your JO commissioner and team roster.

What address do I send information to?

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

How do I reserve hotel rooms?

Visit the tournament web site www.Normal.org/USAnationals. There is a listing of Convention and Visitors Bureau recommended hotel sites.

What is the best way to get to Normal, Illinois?

By flight, Bloomington-Normal has a fantastic Regional Airport (Central Illinois Regional Airport). If driving, B-N is connected by three interstates (I-55, I-74 & I-39).

What are the addresses to the various facilities used for the tournament?

- Champion Fields: 1850 Gregory St. / Normal, IL 61761 (next to Normal Community West HS)
- Maxwell South: 101 N. Parkside Rd. / Normal, IL 61761 (1/4 mile from Champion Fields)
- Normal Community West High School: 501 N. Parkside Rd. / Normal, IL 61761
- Corn Crib Baseball Stadium: 1000 W. Raab Rd. / Normal, IL 61761

What is the format of the tournament?

Teams are guaranteed four games, which includes two pool games July 22-23 followed by a double elimination tournament starting July 24.

When is the Championship Game?

Sunday, July 28 (mid-afternoon)

What is involved with team check-in?

Team check-in is Sunday, July 21 from 9:00am-3:00pm at Normal Community West High School, 501 N. Parkside Rd. Each player listed on the roster must be present at check-in. Bat testing will be done during check-in.

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).

What is involved with bat testing?

Each bat used for play must go through a compression test and have a sticker placed on it. Team bats will be tested during team check-in. There is a limit of 20 bats per team.

What if I have a player that arrives to town after check-in is over?

A check-in will be offered at Champion Fields for the first several days of play for individual players.

How do I submit a team picture for souvenir program?

Look for the team submission form on the tournament website. Complete and submit along with a digital image of your team saved in JPG format. Deadline is Thursday, July 11 at 5:00pm. Questions? Contact Karen Gibson at (309) 454-9540.

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

Yes, teams can schedule either or both depending upon their needs. There is a \$40 fee for each team. More details will be available June 3rd.

What are the details of the Tournament's Manager's meeting?

Will be hosted on Sunday, July 28 at 4:30pm. More details available February 1st.

Will there be an Opening Ceremonies?

Yes, Opening Ceremonies is scheduled for Sunday, July 21 at 7:00pm at the Corn Crib Stadium. More details will be available at a later date.

Have questions?

Contact Cary Frey, Tournament Director at cfrey@normal.org.