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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOE PATTERSON

I am extremely excited for my two-year term as President of USA Softball and look forward to working with the Board of Directors and the National Office staff in their efforts to continue making your experience as a member of USA Softball the best as possible.

USA Softball encompasses everything from local recreational teams to National Team Programs who represent our country on the international stage. Our local associations across the U.S. are dedicated to promoting the USA Softball brand, which includes providing the very best in administration as well as league and tournament competition.

I believe the training and administration of our USA Softball umpire program is one thing that sets us apart from other softball organizations as we provide elite training and learning opportunities for umpires across the U.S. through our Umpire Manual and National Umpire Schools. Having a prepared and well-trained umpire staff

is critical to running leagues and tournaments across the country, and I am very proud of all our Blues Across America who are a part of the USA Softball umpire program.

As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, it is our responsibility to provide a safe environment for our members, which includes our required SafeSport training, background checks and ACE Certification. Such requirements have been implemented by USA Softball, the USOPC and the U.S. Center for SafeSport in effort of ensuring our athletes are participating in a safe environment. If we can prevent just one unfortunate episode by utilizing these programs and guidelines, it will be worth all the effort.

We have heard from our members that our individual registration system is difficult to navigate, and we are working to develop a more streamlined system that will soon be available to our teams. This is a significant investment by USA Softball in effort to make your experience more enjoyable and efficient.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has had a negative impact on all sports, including USA Softball. We are continuing to work every day to move forward as an organization and look forward to the opportunities that the 2022 season will bring.

USA Softball is a volunteer organization, and

you have at your disposal a group of dedicated softball enthusiasts that are committed to working for you and your organization. If you have suggestions on how USA Softball can better serve your team or program, please reach out to your local representative, and share your thoughts.

On behalf of the USA Softball family, I want to sincerely thank you for your support of our organization at whatever level you participate, and I hope to see many of you at USA Softball events over the next two years. I wish you all nothing but the very best success in the coming season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

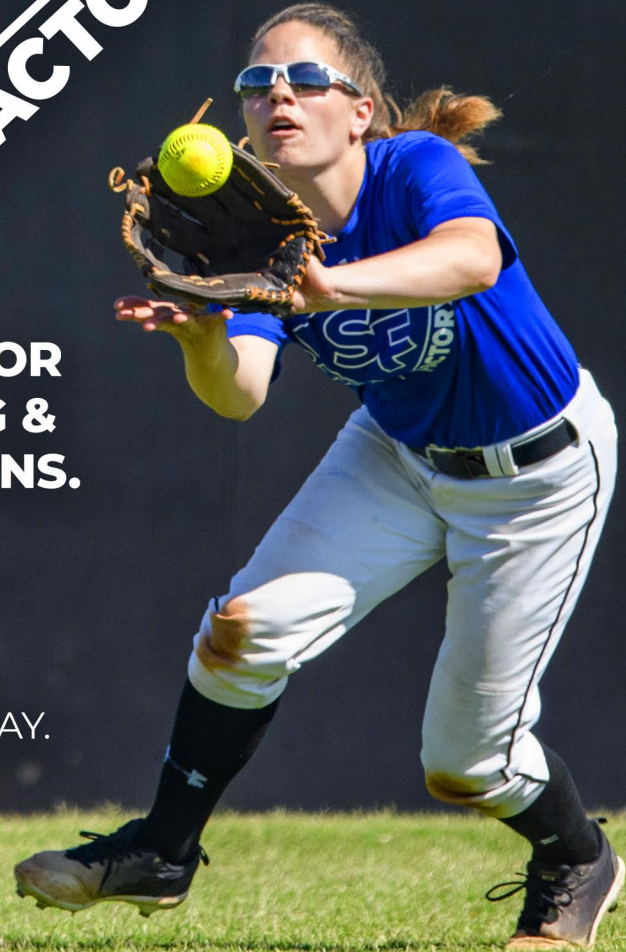
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NEWS & UPDATES

DAVEY COLE SELECTED AS USA SOFTBALL OF MISSISSIPPI COMMISSIONER



USA Softball, a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization has appointed Davey Cole (Saltillo, Miss.) as Commissioner for USA Softball of Mississippi. Cole assumes the role following the retirement of long-time Commissioner ET Colvin.

“I’m extremely honored and humbled to be selected as the Commissioner of USA Softball of Mississippi,” said Cole. “I’m very thankful for the leadership that former Commissioner Colvin has given during his tenure, and I look forward to growing our staff here in Mississippi. My focus is to continue to grow our grassroots level of softball and build relationships with our members while increasing the opportunity to play with USA Softball of Mississippi.”

DIAMOND KINETICS NAMED AN OFFICIAL SUPPLIER OF USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS



USA Softball, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, announced Diamond Kinetics (DK) as the newest Official Supplier for the USA Softball National Team Program effective through Dec. 31, 2023.

The collaboration between Diamond Kinetics and USA Softball brings DK’s innovative technology to the top athletes in the game. Not only do the science-based analytics improve training for pitchers and hitters, they create engaging experiences that bring the sport to life. This partnership will allow members from the six USA Softball National Team Programs (Women’s National Team, Junior Women’s National Team, Men’s National Team, Junior Men’s National Team, Women’s Slow Pitch National Team and Men’s Slow Pitch National Teams) to gain access to the data collected through DK’s PitchTracker Smart Softball and the SwingTracker Bat Sensor, both of which can be accessed through mobile apps. Each device’s respective mobile app allows players to receive instant feedback on their swings and throws, benchmark their metrics against other players, track improvement, and share data with coaches to facilitate in-person and even remote training. To read more, visit USASoftball.com

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



USA Softball has announced details for the 2022 USA Softball Girls' Class A Fast Pitch National Championships and GOLD National Championships. Read more on page 47 and find a National Championship near you!

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**National
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Evaluators

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Current & Former Athletes

USA Softball announced updates to the High Performance Program including evaluation by current and former USA Softball National Team players! Read more on page 25.



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



USA Softball concluded its 90th Annual Council Meeting with Joe Patterson (Hastings, Neb./USA Softball of Nebraska Commissioner) stepping into office as the President of USA Softball following Rodney Cobb's (San Marcos, Texas/ USA Softball of Texas Commissioner) two-year tenure. The President-Elect position was also announced as Dave Devine (Irving, Texas/USA Softball of Dallas/Ft. Worth Commissioner) was elected by the USA Softball Council.

In addition to the change in leadership, USA Softball evaluated proposed code and rule changes for all divisions of USA Softball, announced 2023 National Championship locations and reappointed Regional Vice-Presidents to the Board of Directors. Other highlights at the 2021 USA Softball Annual Council Meeting included the 40th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the announcement of the 2022 Hall of Fame Class and the Wilson Awards Luncheon.

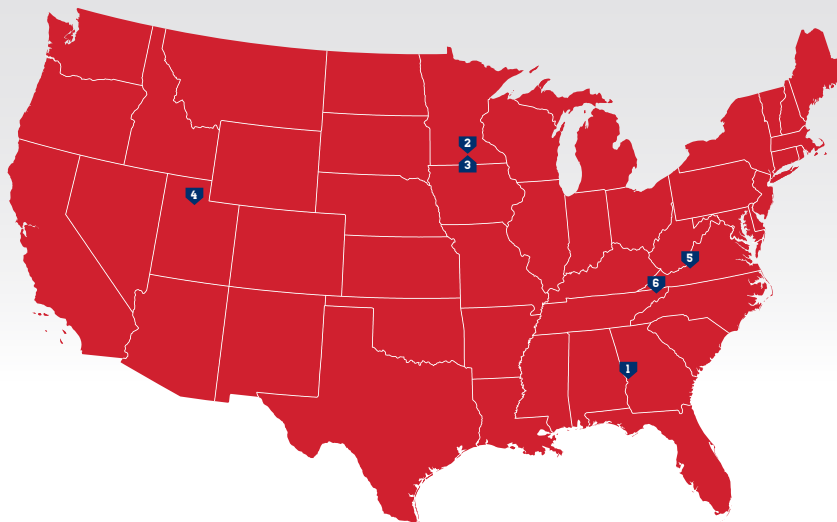


Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt welcomed members of USA Softball to the 2021 Annual Council Meeting

2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDED

USA Softball Council Members awarded 2023 USA Softball National Championships for all divisions of play within USA Softball's grassroots programs, including the below Girls' Class A Fast Pitch National Championship Finals.

1. USA Softball Girls' 10-Under Class A Eastern Fast Pitch – Columbus, Ga.
2. USA Softball Girls' 10-Under Class A Western Fast Pitch – North Mankato, Minn.
3. USA Softball Girls' 12-Under Class A Fast Pitch – North Mankato, Minn.
4. USA Softball Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch – Salt Lake City, Utah
5. USA Softball Girls' 16-Under Class A Fast Pitch – Salem, Va.
6. USA Softball Girls' 18-Under Class A Fast Pitch – Johnson City, Tenn.



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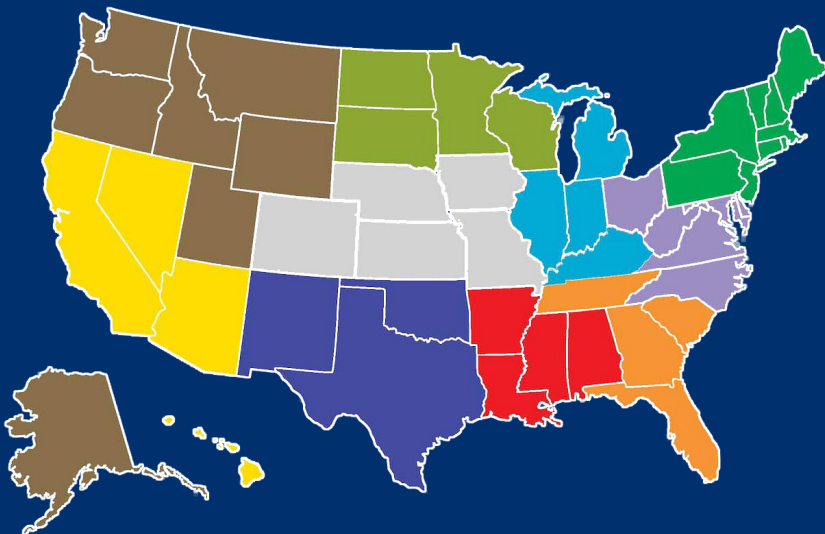
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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

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USA SOFTBALL RE-ELECTED REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

During the week, all 10 Regional Vice Presidents were reappointed to the USA Softball Board of Directors (BOD).



- Beverly Wiley – USA Softball of Rhode Island Commissioner; Northeast Region
- John McPhail – USA Softball of Central Virginia Commissioner; Central Atlantic Region
- James Ellis – USA Softball of Tennessee Commissioner; Southeast Region
- Walker Clark – USA Softball of Arkansas Commissioner; South Region
- Drew Wells – USA Softball of Texas At-Large Player Rep; Southwest Region
- Darrin Duistermars – USA Softball of Michigan Commissioner; Midwest Region
- Mary Mahoney – USA Softball of Kansas City Commissioner; Mid-America Region
- Dick Gulmon – USA Softball of North Dakota Commissioner; Northern Region
- Roger Garcia – USA Softball of Alaska Commissioner; Northwest Mountain Region
- Anna Louie – USA Softball of San Francisco Commissioner; Pacific Coast Region



WILSON LUNCHEON AWARDS

USA Softball recognized members and tournament hosts at the Wilson Awards Luncheon, presented by Wilson Sporting Goods. Awards were given in three categories: dedicated years of service to USA Softball, excellence in conducting USA Softball National Championships in 2021 and the 2021 USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex of the Year.



40TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Announced during the 90th Annual Meeting, the National Softball Hall of Fame Class of 2022 inductees include: Brett Helmer (Slow Pitch Player), Christian Dowling (Slow Pitch Player), Rusty Bumgardner (Slow Pitch Player), Cat Osterman (Fast Pitch Player), Debbie Doom (Fast Pitch Player), George Nokes (Fast Pitch Player), Jeff Peck (Fast Pitch Player), Steve Shortland (Manager/Coach), Jeff Hansen (Umpire), Mike De Leo (Meritorious Service) and Al Savala (Sponsor).

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FACES ON THE FIELD



DANIELLA MONACO, 16

Christmas, Florida
Georgia Impact Caymol 18U

HER START

When I was four years old, I began playing softball. I started with t-ball and kept going from there.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT PLAYING SOFTBALL

My favorite thing about softball are the highs and lows. The game is built on errors, but when hard work pays off it is the best feeling ever.

HER GOALS

My goals are to continue to better my work ethic in the sport and in life, and I hope to go to college to play softball and further my academics.

BEST EXPERIENCE

My best experiences in softball so far have come from my current team. They are amazing teammates and encourage me to push to the next level. I've had some of the best times of my life with them.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

I'm most proud of myself for receiving the best batting average in Brevard County, most stolen bases, and winning Athlete of the Week with over 4,000 votes.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE

The toughest obstacle I had to face was switching from righty to lefty. I'm a natural righty and when I switched over the left side, I failed a lot. I kept working at it and now I can hit from both sides, but mostly lefty.

ROLE MODEL IN THE GAME

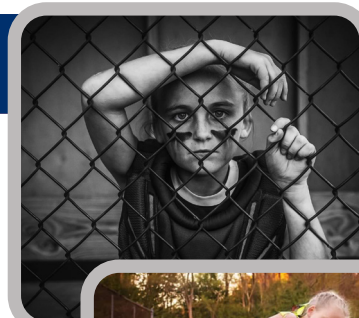
My role model in softball is Sis Bates. I watch a lot of her footwork and how quick she is to the ball. My overhand throw reminds me a lot of her. She has a very positive attitude towards the game, and she is so fun to watch.

MORE FROM DANIELLA

I'm trying to get to the next level in the game and I work very hard for what I want to succeed at.

ADELYNN GRACE ARTRIP, 9

South Bend, Indiana
River Bandits 10U



HER START

I started playing t-ball and baseball with my brothers. When I was eight years old, I tried out for travel softball and fell in love with it.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT PLAYING SOFTBALL

I love sliding and getting opponents out.

HER GOALS

I want to play college softball and play for Team USA.

BEST EXPERIENCE

The best experience I've had so far was winning a difficult championship with my team.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

My proudest accomplishment so far is working hard as a catcher and making many outs at home plate.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE

My toughest obstacle is being tiny but mighty.

ROLE MODEL IN THE GAME

My role models in the game are my mom and Team USA.

MORE FROM ADELYNN

I love softball and the family created by the sport! I also want to encourage girls all over the world that with hard work and determination, you can do anything.



FACES ON **THE FIELD**



DUSTIN BAKENHUS, 30

Magnolia, Arkansas
USA Softball of Arkansas, District 7

HIS START

I started umpiring youth fast pitch in 2007.

HIS GOAL

I want to become WBSC Certified and one day work the Olympics.

BEST EXPERIENCE

The best umpiring experience I've had so far was working my first National Championship this past season in Johnson City, Tenn.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

It's a tie between working my first NCAA Division I season at the age of 22 and being selected to work the "if-necessary" game in my first National Championship this past season.

TOUGHEST OBSTACLE

My toughest obstacle is time! After college, I got my first high school coaching job which kept me out of umpiring for a few years, but now I'm back and excited to be umpiring again.

HAVE YOU EVER UMPIRED AT A USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP?

Yes, I worked my first Girls' Fast Pitch Class A National Championship this past season in Johnson City, Tenn. and it was incredible.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT UMPIRING FOR USA SOFTBALL

I love the game of fast pitch softball, but I also love the challenge of working with your partners to work that perfect game. I always want us to be the best team on the field. USA Softball has opened the door to an incredible world where I have had made many memories with some of my best friends in the world.



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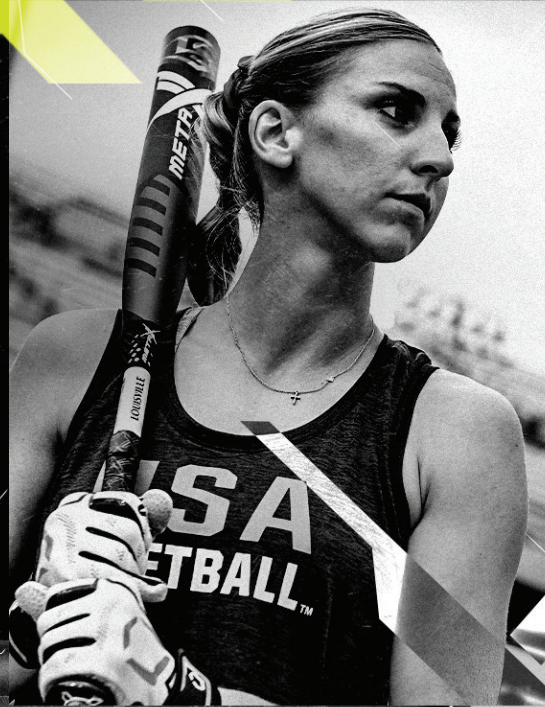
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Had a great time attending the softball camp host by Olympian @ValerieArioto Thanks for coming out today and teaching us girls! #TopGunFastpitch #USASoftball

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TL Chamblee @ Salute the Troops today in Burlington, sporting our new camos #thankyouveterans #gotgame #USASoftball

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Emceeding the @USASoftballTradeshow was a blast! Got to meet Olympic Silver Medalists Michelle Moultrie, Delaney Spaulding and Aubrey Monroe along with Slowpitch legend Brett Helmer! #USASoftball

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Great day at the USA Fall Championships! Won the tourney! Awesome day of softball but an even BETTER group of teammates who truly care about each other!

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A BIG congratulations to these girls for winning the USA Fall Frenzy in Virginia Beach. Every girl played hard and contributed to this victory! #1 out of 17 teams. We are so proud! #ecbullets #ecbulletsgraham #usasoftball

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09 Texas Glory (DFW) are runners-up at the 14u USA Softball Elite Texas State Champions Cup

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Had a opportunity last night to speak with 3x Olympic gold medalist [@leah.amico](#), one of the 's of USA women's softball through FCA.

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   Great Memorial Tourney this past weekend for Parent Leon of Impact 09  , and got to see some old teammates and Kaitlyn

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HALL OF FAME

COMPLEX SCHEDULE



USA Softball has revealed the 2022 schedule for the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex. With events slated for March through October, softball fans from across the nation can look forward to many action-packed weekends at the Softball Capital of the World® featuring the highly-touted NCAA Women's College World Series (WCWS), the USA Softball All-American Games and the USA Softball Junior Olympic Cup. The historic complex will also play host to various USA Softball National Championships including the

prestigious 16-Under and 18-Under GOLD National Championship, Women's Open Slow Pitch National Championship and Men's Class A and B Slow Pitch National Championships.

"We are looking forward to hosting a full schedule of events at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex for the 2022 season," said USA Softball Director of Membership Services, Rich Cress. "With events slated at the youth, adult, high school and college levels, we welcome the

opportunity for fans to experience competition from athletes of all ages in events such as the OSSAA High School Fast Pitch State Tournament, the Women's College World Series and a variety of youth and adult USA Softball National Championships. It's going to be a great year of softball and we are excited to welcome all who visit the Softball Capital of the World® in 2022."

The 2022 season kicks off in March with a pair of collegiate tournaments including the Langston



2022 USA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMPLEX SCHEDULE

University Red Dirt Softball Classic (March 3-5) and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Classic (March 18-20) followed by the first slow pitch event of the year with the Capital City Classic scheduled for March 25-26.

USA Softball will welcome back the Spring Challenge (April 1-3), Special Olympics of Oklahoma (April 6) and the Spring Preview (April 8-10) in the month of April before the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) Slow Pitch State Championship takes place the first week of May (May 3-4). Also returning to the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex is the Big 12 Conference Championship (May 13-14) prior to the highly-anticipated NCAA WCWS (June 2-10), which features the top eight teams in Division I softball competing for the coveted National Championship title.

An exciting addition to the 2022 schedule is the USA Softball Junior Olympic (JO) Cup, coming to the Hall of Fame Complex for the first time in its seven-year history. The 14-Under division will kick off the competition on June 29 with the Championship Game slated for July 4. Scheduled to take place the following week will be the 16-Under and 18-Under divisions as they compete for the title July 11-16. In addition to facing some of the top competition in the country, the USA Softball JO Cup serves as an opportunity for evaluation by the USA Softball coaching staff and the Women's National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC).

Returning the Softball Capital of the World® following its hosting in 2020, the prestigious USA Softball GOLD National Championships will welcome the top 16-Under and 18-Under girls' fast pitch teams to Oklahoma City for a full week of competition slated for July 17-23. Following that will be the return of the Alliance Fastpitch Championship Series (AFCS) after the inaugural event in 2021 - this year featuring the 10-Under and 12-Under divisions held July 25-31.

After an action-packed month of July, the competition will continue in August with the USA Softball All-American Games, a top tournament intended to provide national exposure to elite athletes in the 12-Under JO Fast Pitch division, taking place August 12-14. The All-American Games will be followed by a series of Slow Pitch National Championships including the Women's Open (Aug. 19-21), Men's Class B (Sept. 2-3) and Men's Class A (Sept. 4-5) divisions, while the OSSAA Fast Pitch State Championships will close out the 2022 events season at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex with tournaments Oct. 6-8 and Oct. 13-15.

Additional events to be held at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex may be added at a later date. To view the complete 2022 schedule of events at the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex, visit USASoftball.com.

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ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

USA Softball announced updates to the High Performance Program (HPP), which will serve as a pipeline to the USA Softball National Team Program. In effort of providing an equal opportunity for players to show their talent, the HPP will focus on evaluating player skills and growing the game of softball in the United States, specifically in the Junior Olympic (JO) Girls' Fast Pitch division.

2022 HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM



Regional Identifier



Regional Invitational Event



National Selection Event



The HPP will consist of three levels: Regional Identifiers, Regional Invitational Events and National Selection Events. Athletes will begin by participating in a Regional Identifier where their skills will be evaluated and considered for the Regional Athlete Pool. Fifteen athletes from each age division and region will be selected to move on to the second phase: the Regional Invitational Event. Here, athletes will compete against other Regional Athlete Pools in a game-setting and be evaluated based on their play in competition. This stage of the HPP process will begin no earlier than June 6 and will conclude on or before September 11. The top athletes from each Regional Invitational Event will move on to the final stage of the HPP process – the National Selection Event where an 18-player roster for each age specific National Team will be announced at its conclusion. From these rosters, possible invitation for team participation in a USA Softball National Team trial, pool, or event will be extended based on World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) events for the following calendar year.

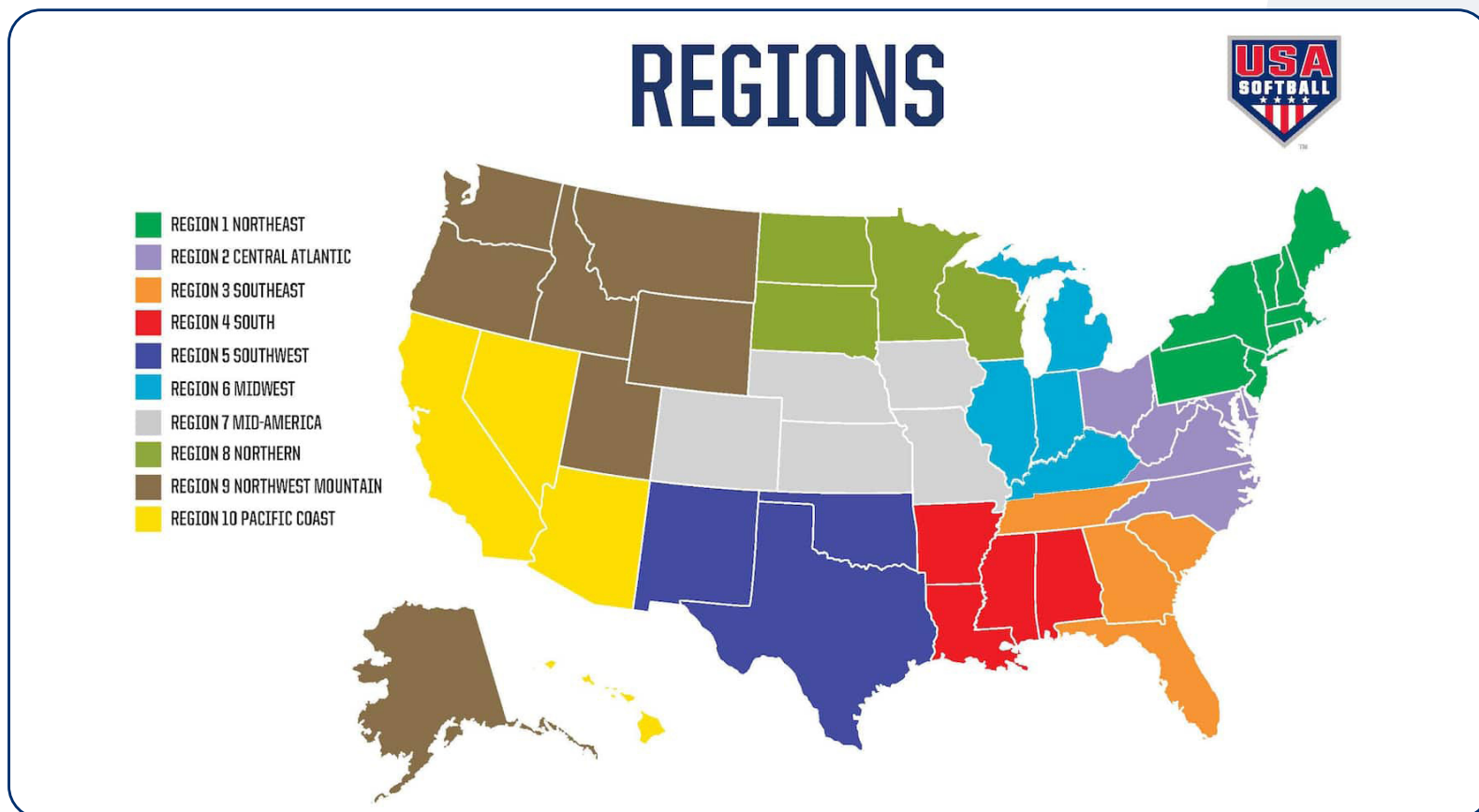


"The High Performance Program provides a great opportunity for athletes across the U.S. to enter the pipeline to a USA Softball National Team Program for a chance to represent the U.S. on the international stage," said two-time Olympian and former USA Softball Women's National Team member, Kelly Kretschman. **"We are excited to add the involvement of current and former Women's National Team members as HPP evaluators in effort of providing our participants with ratings and feedback from the best of the best. This program is a huge step in the right direction for our sport and we are excited to get things started for the 2022 season."**

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HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

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Consisting of the 10 USA Softball Regions throughout the country, the HPP is inclusive to all that wish to participate. Age groups and tryout dates may differ from region to region based on seasonal and regional considerations; however, an athlete can attend an identifier outside of their region while still being considered for the Regional Athlete Pool in their respective area.

HPP Identifiers will be run by local coaches with athletes being evaluated by current and former USA Softball National Team players. Additionally, participating athletes will be exposed to USA Softball National Team coaches and selection committee members. Serving as an opportunity for athletes to compete against the nation's top Junior Olympic (JO) talent, HPP participants will have the opportunity to represent their region in competition in hopes of one day representing their country on an international stage as a part of the USA Softball National Team Program.

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TARR NAMED HEAD COACH

Heather Tarr (Redmond, Washington/Washington Softball Head Coach) has been selected as the Head Coach for the 2022 USA Softball Women's National Team (WNT). Selected by members of the USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC), Tarr will lead the Red, White and Blue at the 2022 World Games in addition to various international competitions throughout the year. A historic selection for the USA Softball National Teams program, Tarr will be the sixth female Head Coach at the helm of the WNT following Rosalie Sorenson (1970), Marge Ricker (1982), Carol Spanks (1987), Shirley Topley (1991) and Margie Wright (1998).

"I look forward to the opportunity to help the United States build toward its future and am honored to be charged with an eager mindset of adding to the foundations laid by current and past USA Softball athletes and coaches," said Tarr. **"I feel prepared, inspired and compelled to take on this challenge.** Being a part of the 2020 Olympic experience, I was able to witness women like Cat Osterman, Danielle Lawrie, and Ukiko Ueno become the best at their craft. **Because of my experiences, I am compelled to do more so that our women who compete for USA Softball have the opportunity to become the best in the world."**



TARR'S USA SOFTBALL COACHING CAREER

2017-18 USA Softball Women's National Team Assistant Coach
 2019 U-19 USA Softball Women's National Team Head Coach
 2020-21 U.S. Olympic Softball Team Assistant Coach



TARR'S WASHINGTON COACHING CAREER

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"I have been in this sport for decades and have seen its iterations, successes and hard losses," said Tarr. **"I'm committed to creating a safe space for USA Softball to achieve elite excellence and to behold a pipeline of talent, opportunities and excellence, reflective of USA, every year in between the Olympics and to win on the global stage."**



2022 WNT SELECTION TRIALS



A list of athletes participated in the 2022 USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Trials held Jan. 1-6 at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Fla. Those athletes who accepted the invitation to try out vied for a spot on the 18-player roster for the 2022 USA Softball WNT that will compete at the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, which will signify as the 2022 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Cup.

Comprising the 2022 Women's National Team Selection Trials invitee list includes present and former athletes from seven athletic conferences who represent 20 NCAA Division I universities.



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2022 WNT SELECTION TRIALS

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Highlighting the list of invitees were 11 members of the Tokyo Olympic silver medal team:

Monica Abbott (Salinas, Calif.), **Ali Aguilar** (Orangevale, Calif.) **Ally Carda** (Elk Grove, Calif.), **Hannah Flippen** (San Diego, Calif.), **Rachel Garcia** (Palmdale, Calif.), **Haylie McCleney** (Morris, Ala.), **Michelle Moultrie** (Jacksonville, Fla.), **Dejah Mulipola** (Anaheim, Calif.), **Aubree Munro** (Brea, Calif.), **Bubba Nickles** (Merced, Calif.) and **Delaney Spaulding** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.).

In addition, five former Women's National Team members and nine former Junior Women's National Team members were amongst the athletes participating at the 2022 Selection Trials.



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WNT Retirements

Two members of Team USA announce retirement

After two long-lasting careers capped with a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, longtime members of the USA Softball Women's National Team (WNT) **Cat Osterman** (Houston, Texas) and **Valerie Arioto** (Placentia, Calif.) have announced their retirement.

CAT OSTERMAN

After retiring from the sport in 2015, Osterman returned to the field in 2019 with the sport of softball on the brink of its return to the Olympic stage. The lefty veteran has helped Team USA to three Pan American Games gold medals, two World Championship gold medals and three Olympic medals throughout her 13-year career with the USA Softball WNT. At the age of 38, Osterman has been a part of several USA Softball rosters - transitioning from a rookie at the age of 20 to now a decorated veteran as her historic career comes to an end.

"I'm so blessed for all this game has given me," said Osterman. "This last chapter was filled with more than I could've imagined, and I will always be appreciative for my time in this game. It's been an honor to wear the Red, White and Blue, and I thank USA Softball for all they have done for the Women's National Team, the sport and myself."





WNT Retirements ...CONTINUED

VALERIE ARIOTO

Arioto has been a member of the USA Softball WNT for the last decade, helping the U.S. to four World Cup Gold Medals, three Pan American Games Gold Medals, and two World Championship Gold Medals in addition to the long-awaited Olympic Medal victory in Tokyo where Arioto and Team USA earned silver. Leaving a lasting mark on the sport, Arioto's retirement comes after a remarkable career of representing the Red, White and Blue both on and off the field.

"This has been an unforgettable, rewarding, and humbling experience," said Arioto. "I can truly say my career has been everything I could imagine and more. There is no such thing as doing it on your own - that is why I am eternally and immensely grateful for the sport of softball, USA Softball, my teammates, my family and my friends."





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2022 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM

HEAD COACHES



RON HACKETT
MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM
HEAD COACH

Richmond, Virginia

USA SOFTBALL COACHING
EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant Coach - MNT (2019)
- Head Coach - MNT (2020 - current)

"It is an absolute pleasure to remain Head Coach for the Men's National Team for the upcoming cycle," said Hackett. "I look forward to continuing the work needed as we strive for a gold medal in 2022 at the World Championships in New Zealand. I also look forward to expanding our efforts to identify and develop players across the country in striving to attain our goal as a top tier organization in Men's Fastpitch for years to come."



TIM LYON
U-23 MEN'S NATIONAL
TEAM HEAD COACH

South Jordan, Utah

USA SOFTBALL COACHING
EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant Coach - MNT (1998-2000)
- Head Coach - Junior Men's National Team (2001 - 2016)
- Head Coach - U-23 Men's National Team (2021 - current)

"It is an honor to be chosen to help build the first-ever U-23 Men's National Team," said Lyon. "I believe we have a good pool of players to work with but are always looking for anyone that would like to be considered. We have a lot of work ahead of us as we prepare to qualify for the World Championships in 2022. I am looking forward to working with the USA Softball community to launch this new international division."



TONY ARESCO
U-18 MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM
HEAD COACH

Stonham, Massachusetts

USA SOFTBALL COACHING
EXPERIENCE:

- Assistant Coach - Junior Men's National Team (2017-2020)
- Head Coach - U-18 Men's National Team (2021 - current)

"I am incredibly excited and humbled for the opportunity to lead the U-18 Men's National Team, and the chance to compete and represent the United States on the highest stage," said Aresco. "Having been involved as a player and now coach, I have a tremendous amount of respect for the coaches and players within USA Softball and am ready to build a foundation where we can be a contender and consistently compete among the best. I want our program to make USA proud both on and off the field with consistent excellence. I'm very grateful to the USA Softball staff and Men's National Team Selection Committee for this opportunity."

2022 MEN'S FAST PITCH NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

USA Softball officially announced the 16-player roster and two replacement athletes selected to represent the U.S. as part of the 2022 USA Softball Men's National Team (MNT). Selected by members of the Men's National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC), the 2022 roster is set to compete at the

Americas Qualifier in Paraná, Argentina scheduled in April 2022 - a qualifying tournament for the 2022 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Men's World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand scheduled for November 2022.

"We are proud of all these athletes as they have put in the work needed to be named to this team," said 2022 MNT Head Coach, Ron Hackett. "They're a great group of young men and will represent USA softball well as we strive for a gold medal."

Announced in February, Hackett will lead Team USA in their quest to the podium in 2022. Hackett joined the MNT as an Assistant Coach in 2019 and has helped lead the U.S. to a second-place finish at the Pan American Games and a fifth-place finish at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Cup during the 2019 season.

"We look forward to going to the qualifier in Argentina," said Hackett. "This group has lofty goals in mind as we prepare for the world tournament later in the year, but first we need to focus on the qualifier and competing there as we look to ensure our spot in New Zealand."



2022 MNT ROSTER:

Tyler Albert - Montoursville, Pa.
 Tyler Bouley - Champlin, Minn.
 Joel Cooley - St. Paul, Minn.
 Yusef Davis - Long Beach, Calif.
 Brad Kilpatrick - Florida
 Owen Lukens - Williamsport, Pa.
 Jonathan Lynch - Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 Tony Mancha - Las Cruces, N.Mex.
 Blaine Milheim - Eaton Rapids, Mich.
 Nick Mullins - Toms River, N.J.
 Erick Ochoa - Imperial, Calif.
 Matthew Ratliff - American Fork, Utah
 Dusten Rutt - Ephrata, Pa.
 Brandon Rutt - Ephrata, Pa.
 Cameron Schiller - Prescott, Ariz.
 Zac Shaw - Odessa, Mo.

Replacement Athletes:

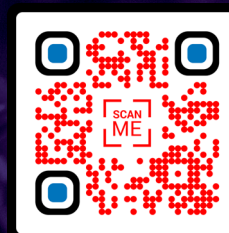
Tyler Johnson - Union, Mo.
 Bryce TeKulve - Luxemburg, Wis.

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JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

U-18 Women's National Team caps 2021 season with gold medal finish at Junior Pan American Games and WBSC U-18 World Cup

The U-18 Women's National Team finished atop the podium at the 2021 Junior Pan American Games in Barranquilla, Colombia after shutting out all six of their opponents for an undefeated quest to the Junior Pan American gold medal.



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62 hits

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U.S. DEFENSE

6 shut outs

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5 hits allowed

62 strikeouts in
30 innings

0.00 ERA



JUNIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

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Finishing the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup with an undefeated 8-0 record, Team USA's dominant campaign to the gold medal was led by stellar pitching performances that garnered a 0.46 ERA with 78 K's. Named tournament Most-Valuable-Player (MVP), Valerie Cagle (Yorktown, Va.) finished fourth in strikeouts (20) with Keagan Rothrock (Whiteland, Ind.) following closely

behind with 18. Leading the tournament in perfect games, Alissa Humphrey's (Micanopy, Fla.) control in the circle contributed to Team USA's success as only five runs were allowed through eight games. The superior U.S. pitching staff was backed by an offense that scored an impressive 57 runs with a .371 team batting average.

WBSC U-18 WORLD CUP RESULTS

USA 10
Czech Republic 0

USA 8
Colombia 0

USA 5
Mexico 3

USA 1
Puerto Rico 0

USA 10
Netherlands 0

USA 13
Peru 0

USA 9
Chinese Taipei 2

USA 1
Chinese Taipei 0
*Gold Medal Game



The U-18 World Championship gold medal matchup was one to remember as the games remained scoreless until a walk-off double from Valerie Cagle in the bottom of the seventh inning allowed the U.S. to seal the 1-0 walk-off victory for the World Championship title.

Named to the 2021 WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup All-World Team for an outstanding performance throughout the tournament were five members of Team USA:

Valerie Cagle (Yorktown, Va.) - Clemson University

Erin Coffel (Bremen, Ind.) - University of Kentucky

Megan Grant (San Bruno, Calif.) - UCLA

Rylee Holtorf (Peoria, Ariz.) - University of Washington

Alissa Humphrey (Micanopy, Fla.) - James Madison University

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USA Softball GOLD National Championships

WHEN: July 17-23, 2022

WHERE: USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium | Oklahoma City, OK
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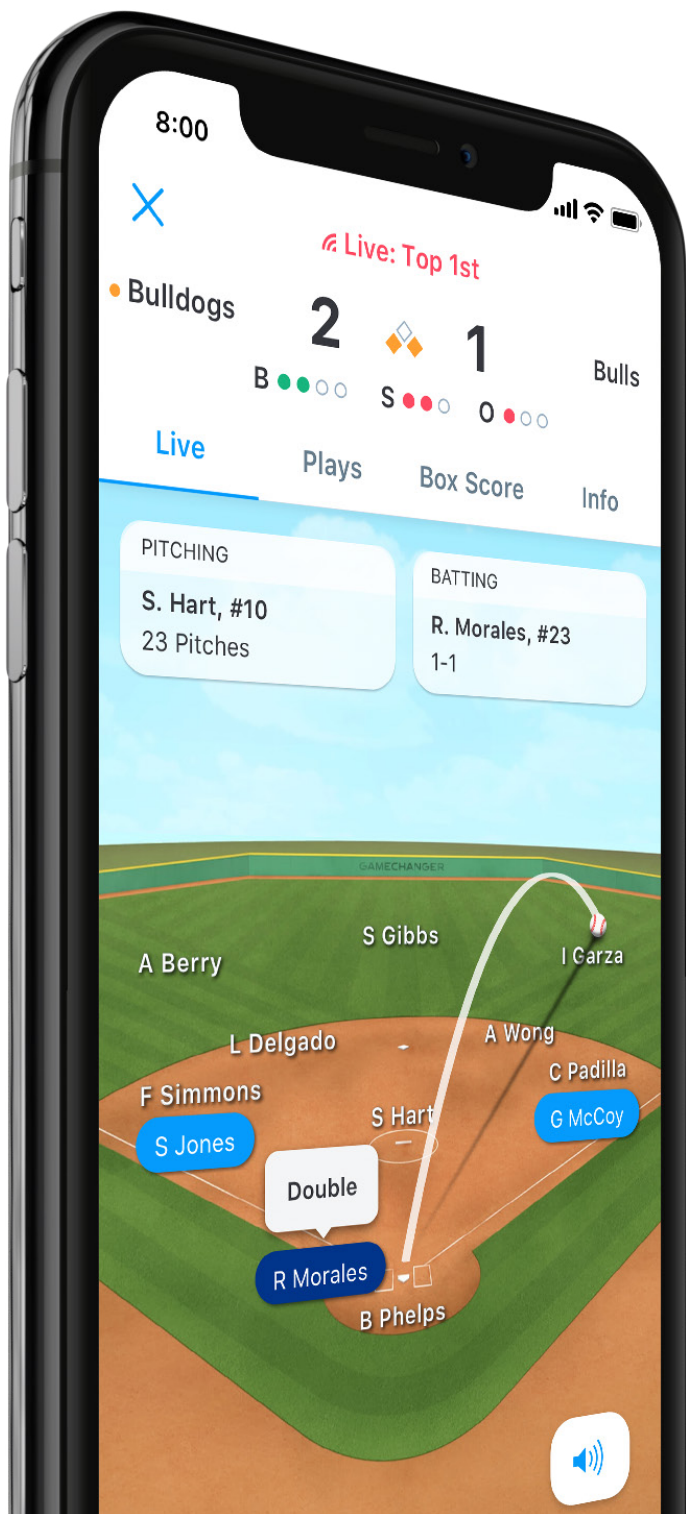
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- 2008 - Gold Coast Hurricanes (Plantation, Fla.)
- 2009 - Sorcerer Gold-Phil (Concord, Calif.)
- 2012 - AZ Desert Thunder (Tucson, Ariz.)
- 2014 - Wagner's GOLD - Dunn (Oviedo, Fla.)
- 2016 - Beverly Bandits (Taylor Mill, Ky.)
- 2020 - Birmingham Thunderbolts 18U (Birmingham, Ala.)

WHO TOOK HOME THE TROPHY LAST YEAR?

At the 2021 GOLD Nationals in Salem, Va., Finesse 16U Dreher/ Lesko dominated the 16-Under division with an undefeated 8-0 record to claim the Championship title after defeating Florida Gold John 10-2 in their final contest. The 18-Under division saw Windermere Wildfire 18U - Paulson edge out Florida Storm-National Shepherd 12-11 and lift the trophy high after battling through the loser's bracket, winning seven straight games to finish the week with a 12-1 record.



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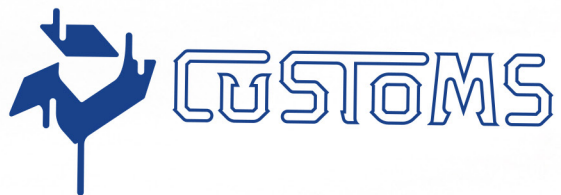


WHAT IS THE JO CUP?

- Created in 2015, the inaugural USA Softball JO Cup included a total of 32 teams competing in the 18-Under division and has since grown to include a 16-Under division the past six years (2016-2021) and 14-Under division the past four years (2018-2021).

- In addition to facing some of the top competition in the country, the USA Softball JO Cup serves as an opportunity for evaluation by the USA Softball coaching staff and the Women's National Team Selection Committee (WNTSC).

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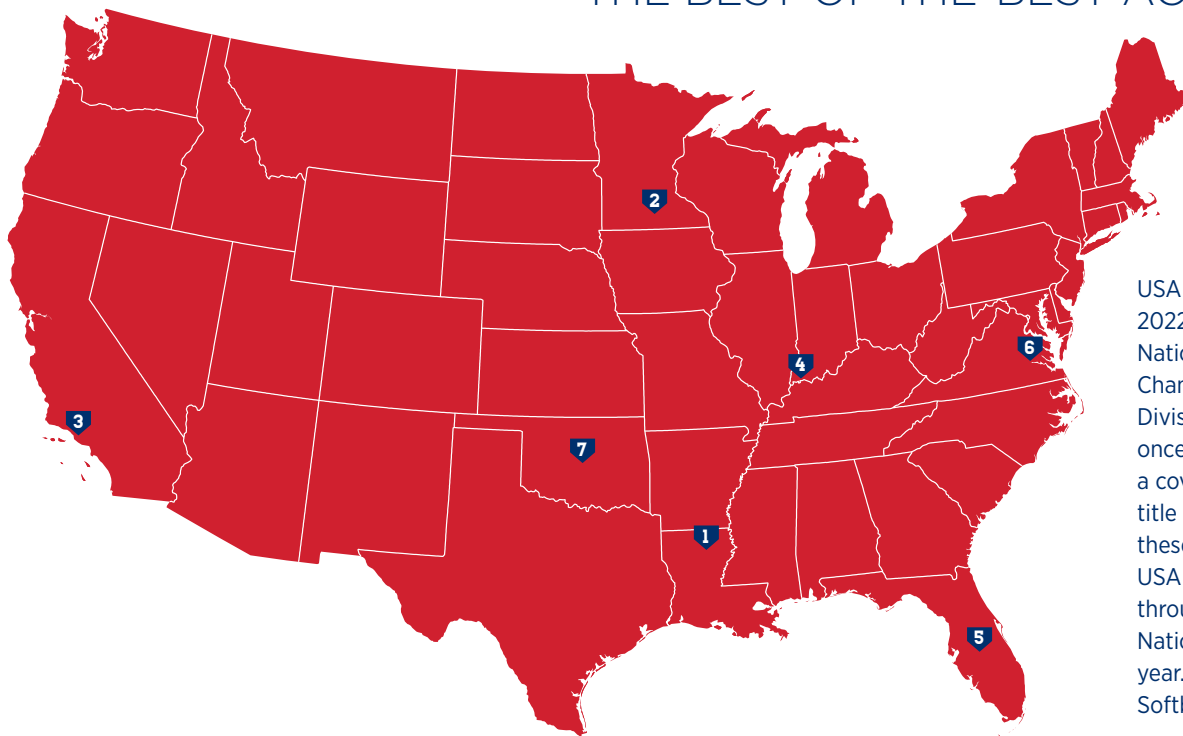
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2022 USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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USA Softball has announced details for the 2022 USA Softball Girls' Class A Fast Pitch National Championships and GOLD National Championships in the Girls' Junior Olympic (JO) Division. Spread across seven states, teams will once again have the opportunity to compete for a coveted USA Softball National Championship title in their respective division. In addition to these Girls' Fast Pitch Class A competitions, USA Softball also conducts various tournaments throughout the country including over 80 National Championships in all divisions each year. [Click here to view the full list of 2022 USA Softball National Championships.](#)

1. **Girls' 10-Under Class A East Fast Pitch National Championship**
Monroe, La. | July 18-24
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3. **Girls' 12-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship**
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5. **Girls' 16-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship**
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7. **GOLD 16-Under & 18-Under National Championships**
Oklahoma City, Okla. | July 17-23
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2. **Girls' 10-Under Class A West Fast Pitch National Championship**
North Mankato, Minn. | July 28-31
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4. **Girls' 14-Under Class A Fast Pitch National Championship**
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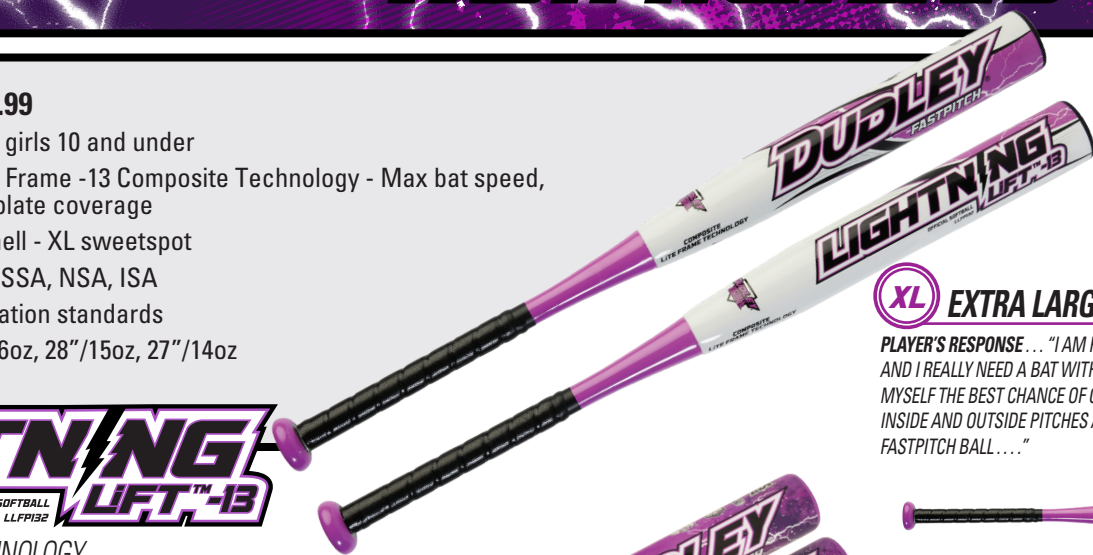
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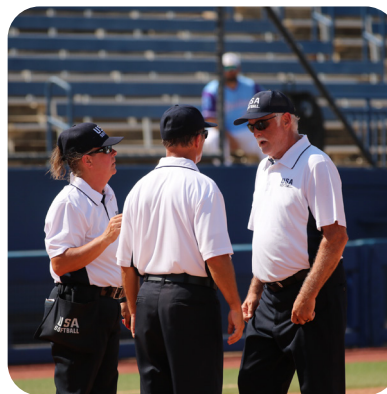
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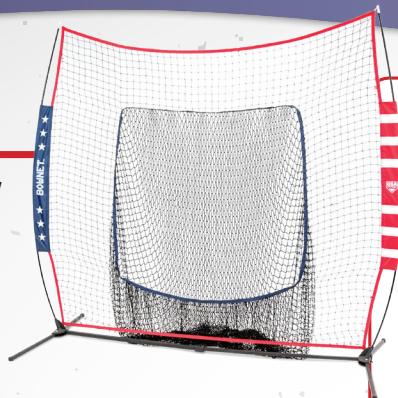


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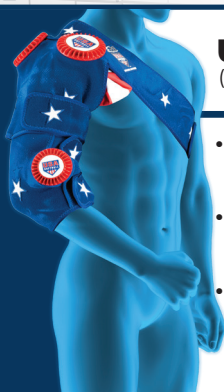
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Following the conclusion of a successful summer of softball including hosting the 2021 USA Softball Girls' Class A 16-Under Fast Pitch National Championship, Sherman Park of USA Softball of South Dakota was awarded the 2021 Complex of the Year, presented by Stabilizer Solutions, Inc., at the 90th USA Softball Annual Council Meeting held in October in Oklahoma City, Okla.

“On behalf of all of USA Softball, congratulations to Sherman Park for earning the 2021 USA Softball Complex of the Year,” said USA Softball Director of Membership Services, Rich Cress. “Sherman Park does an outstanding job of maintaining their facility to create a fun, safe, and pleasant family environment. Whether it’s USA Softball National Championships or local events, the Sherman Park staff takes great pride in what they do, and it shows both on and off the field.”

Over the course of a typical year, Sherman Park hosts 18 weekend tournaments with five different organizations utilizing the complex during the week. Included in this year’s list of events was the 2021 USA Softball Girls’ Class A 16-Under Fast Pitch National Championship in which 31 of the top 16-Under teams in the country gathered for the week-long tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

With two full-time employees and 16 seasonal employees, the field and maintenance crews work tirelessly to keep the park in top shape for every competition. While the maintenance crew works behind the scenes to create a pristine environment, the field crews go above and beyond by re-dragging, re-chalking, watering the infield, and working the pitching and batter’s area in-between every game to ensure a safe and quality surface that sets Sherman Park apart from the rest.

“Since 1974, I have played, coached, umpired, and hosted local, state, and national events at Sherman Park,” said USA Softball of South Dakota Commissioner, Gary Young. “In those 47 years, I have watched what I consider the best softball diamonds in South Dakota become one of the best softball complexes in the United States. What an honor this is not only for the Parks and Recreation Department and field crew, but for the City of Sioux Falls, the State of South Dakota, and USA Softball of South Dakota as a whole.”

WHAT’S IN THE PARK?

- Nine softball fields
- Six bullpens
- 12 pitching areas
- Large shade structures
- Two concessions stands
- Playground
- Ice rink
- Wedding plaza
- U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memorial
- USA Softball of South Dakota Hall of Fame
- Great Plains Zoo
- Delbridge Museum of Natural History



2020 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

NINE INDIVIDUALS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME



The National Softball Hall of Fame welcomed nine new members as USA Softball held its 40th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony this October. With nearly 350 friends, family members and administrators from all across the country in attendance, the ceremony honored the accomplishments, history-making moments and milestones of the nine inductees who helped shape the sport of softball.

Natasha Watley (Fast Pitch Player), **Curtis Williams** (Slow Pitch Player), **Terry Muck** (Fast Pitch Player), **Phil Gutierrez** (Meritorious Service), **Bill Pfeiffer** (Fast Pitch Player), **Doug Roberson** (Slow Pitch Player).

NOT PICTURED:

Lovieanne Jung (Fast Pitch Player), **Carl Rose** (Slow Pitch Player), **Cecil Whitehead** (Slow Pitch Player).



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USA SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES

CLASS OF 2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Honoring over 400 individuals since its establishment in 1957, the National Softball Hall of Fame welcomes a new class of softball legends each year, signifying the ultimate achievement for any player, coach, umpire or administrator involved in the sport.

Announced during the 90th Annual Council Meeting, the National Softball Hall of Fame Class of 2022 inductees include:

-  **Brett Helmer - Slow Pitch Player**
-  **Christan Dowling - Slow Pitch Player**
-  **Rusty Bumgardner - Slow Pitch Player**
-  **Cat Osterman - Fast Pitch Player**
-  **Debbie Doom - Fast Pitch Player**
-  **George Nokes - Fast Pitch Player**
-  **Jeff Peck - Fast Pitch Player**
-  **Steve Shortland - Manager/Coach**
-  **Jeff Hansen - Umpire**
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The screenshot shows the USA Softball website interface. At the top left is the USA Softball logo. To its right is the text "USA SOFTBALL™". Below this is a navigation bar with the text "Welcome to TournamentUSA Softball" and a small USA Softball logo. Below the navigation bar is a section titled "Please select a division:" with six buttons: "Adult Fastpitch", "Girls Fastpitch", "Boys Fastpitch", "Adult Slowpitch", "Girls Slowpitch", and "Boys Slowpitch". Below these buttons is a single button for "Boys Baseball".

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FROM THE VAULT: WBSC JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Take a look back at Team USA's gold medals at the WBSC Junior Women's World Championships



1987
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Gold: USA
Silver: China



1995
Normal, Ill.
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



2007
Enschede, Netherlands
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



2011
Cape Town, South Africa
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



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WBSC JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2015
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



2017
Clearwater, Fla.
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



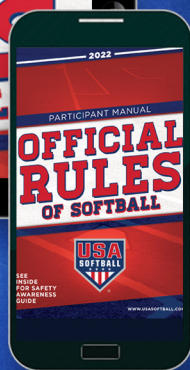
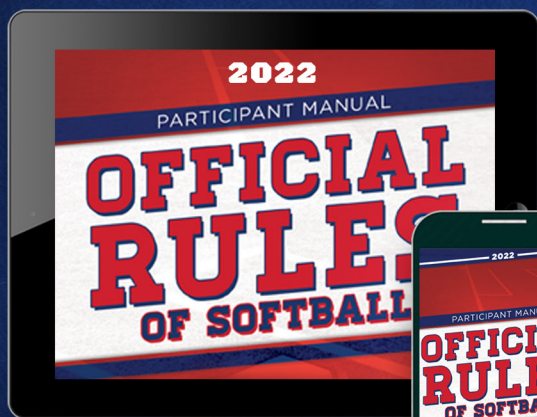
2019
Irvine, Calif.
Gold: USA
Silver: Japan



2021
Lima, Peru
Gold: USA
Silver: Chinese Taipei

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