# 2024 <br> USA Softball <br> 10U / 12U / 14U / 18U 'A' West National Championships 



## Tournament Packet Broken Arrow, OK July 22 - 27, 2024



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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Players, Coaches, and Families,

Congratulations! Your team is one of the top fast pitch softball teams in the country and you have earned the right to play in the 2024 - USA Softball 'A' West National Championship Tournament. We look forward to welcoming your team to our beautiful city, Broken Arrow, July 22-27, 2024. We anticipate an exciting week for the players, coaches, and families to enjoy the best fast pitch softball in the country. We hope you will also take-home memories that will last a lifetime.

We are incredibly pleased to have such talented teams from all over the country come to Broken Arrow. All your games will be played in the same complex, Arrowhead Park. The citizens of Broken Arrow built this park solely for girls' fast pitch softball. We have 12 fields with lights and 200' permanent fences. This beautiful park is owned by the city but is maintained by very hard-working volunteers that will work tirelessly to ensure your time playing in Broken Arrow is a pleasant experience.

Within this packet are valuable team information, registration submissions, deadlines, hotel accommodations, rules and regulations governing the tournament and use of the park, plus maps of the city and Arrowhead Park. We ask that you read over the information completely and understand the tournament procedures, especially the deadlines. This will certainly help the tournament run more smoothly and efficiently.

You can find additional forms and updates on our website at www.bagsl.org. Look under the 'Tournaments' drop down and click on the '2024-USA Softball National Championship'.

We look forward to this July and all the exciting and competitive softball that will be played. Once again, congratulations on attending the 2024 - USA Softball 'A' West National Championship Tournament! Please accept our wishes for safe travel and we will see you in Broken Arrow!

Sincerely,

Penny Jervis
Tournament Director

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Tournament Name: 2024 - USA Softball 10U / 12U / 14U / 18U 'A' West
National Championship Tournament
Location: Arrowhead Park
300 E Washington St
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012
Dates: July 22-27, 2024
Website: www.bagsl.org - Look under the 'Tournaments' tab.
Entry Fee: $\quad \$ 650$ per team
Entry Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2024
Tournament Format:
5 Game Guarantee - 3 Pool Play Games with Double Elimination Bracket.
Pool games will be seeded into brackets.
Tournament Director:
Penny Jervis
PO Box 2112
Broken Arrow, Ok 74013
918-251-0868
softball@bagsl.org
Lodging Director: Carolyn Shafer
1017 S. 75 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74014
918-361-4970 cell
Carolynshafer2@yahoo.com

NOTE: This is NOT a stay and play event.

## DATES / DEADLINES

Monday, July 1:
Team Photo / Program
Team photos can be emailed to the Tournament Director at softball@bagsl.org. Please be sure to include team name, city and state, coaches \& players names. Required Items:
__ Digital team picture for tournament program.
(Late entries in the tournament will not be guaranteed inclusion in the program)
Monday, July 1:
Entry/Roster Deadline
All required items are due by July $1^{\text {st }}$.
Please mail to: Carolyn Shafer
1017 S. $75^{\text {th }}$ Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74014
Required Items:
$\qquad$ Completed USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form - Signed by USA Softball Commissioner (or designee).
$\qquad$ Entry Fee \$650
$\qquad$ USA Softball Official Championship Roster - Signed by Commissioner Team Contact / Hotel Information Sheet
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# DATES / DEADLINES (continued) 

Monday, July 22:
Check-in, Bat testing, Coaches Meeting, Opening Ceremony and Player Party will be at The Property Event Center, 11500 S 129 th East Ave, Broken Arrow OK <MAP>
Team/Player Check-In

- Team Check-In: The manager of each team must check their team in and pick up their teams' packet. USA Softball Pick-Up Player Form - Signed by Commissioner - is also due at this time. Set times will be available to check-in your team. Click HERE for the Express Team Check-in \& Bat Testing online form.
- Player Check-In: Each teams' players must check in before they participate in the tournament. Please have your team line up in the exact order as they are listed on the championship roster. Pick-up players will be at the end of your line. Each player will present their photo ID and sign the official sign-in sheet.
- Bat Testing: During your team check-in, all bats that will be used during the tournament will be checked on the barrel compression machine. The bats that pass the compression machine test will have a hologram placed on them. All bats will also be subject to bat inspection by the umpires prior to all games. Only the bats with holograms and that pass umpire inspection prior to each game will be allowed.

Coaches / Managers Mtg. The Coach/Manager meeting will be held on this date. The meeting will be at The Property Event Center, 11500 S 129 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ East Ave at TBD time. The draw for pool game positions will occur at this meeting. Maximum of 2 coaches per team. One representative from each team must be present. Lunch will be served.

Opening Ceremony / Player Party 6:30-8:00 PM at The Property Event Center, 11500 S 129 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ East Ave

Tuesday, July 23:
Gift Exchange
There will be a gift exchange at the end of your first pool game. Cost is recommended not to exceed $\$ 20$ per gift.

Pool Play
Each team will play three (3) pool play games. Play will begin Tuesday morning at 8 AM. You must participate in your pool games, or you will be eliminated from bracket play. Pool games will be seeded into brackets.

Wednesday, July 24:
Thursday, July 25:
Friday, July 26:

Saturday, July 27:

Sunday, July 28:
Pool Play Pool play continues at 8 AM .
Bracket Play Bracket play begins at 8 AM.
Bracket Play Bracket play continues starting at 8 AM.

Bracket Play Championship Day, bracket play concludes.
Reserved for weather delays. Travel day for the teams.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION ${ }_{(A, t o z)}$

Admission / Gate Passes: There will be a gate fee each day. A weekly pass will be available. Each team will receive 3 passes for the coaches.

Badges/Wrist Bands:

Boom Boxes/Music:
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.

Boom boxes/portable music systems are not allowed so please do not bring them into the park. By USA Softball Rules, they are considered artificial noisemakers.

Concessions:
Concessions will be operating from the start of the tournament until the end of the last game.

- NO outside food or drinks will be allowed.
- NO ice chests allowed. Small personal coolers for medical reasons or for infants will be allowed. Small rag containers can be brought in, but all coolers will be checked at the front gate.
- There will be water and Gatorade stations available throughout the park for everyone to use. Please stay hydrated!
- Alcoholic beverages are NOT PERMITTED!!!

Note that this destination can reach temperatures well over 90 degrees this time of year. Please plan accordingly and make sure everyone stays properly hydrated.

Conduct:

Dugouts:

Equipment Confiscation:

Format:

Any piece of equipment found during a game to be unsafe, or not meeting USA Softball standards, will be confiscated by the umpire to tournament official and held safely until the team is eliminated from the tournament. The owner will receive a ticket to be used for collection of the equipment at the end of the tournament.
Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field in accordance with Article 310 Section $N$ of the USA Softball Code.

First/Top team listed on the schedule will be in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ base dugout. Second/Bottom team listed will be in the $1^{\text {st }}$ base dugout unless dugouts are already occupied from a previous game.

3 Pool games then double-elimination bracket per USA Softball Code.
Pool play will seed into bracket.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION ${ }_{(a t o z)}$

Game Changer:

Game Schedule:

Game Times:

Inclement Weather:
In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager's responsibility to contact the Tournament Director for rainout information.

If the lightning detector sounds, everyone in the park should take their belongings and go to their cars until all clear sounds ( 3 short blasts). BA Girls Softball has incorporated a 3-flag system to inform people in the parking lot of the status of games. The red flag at the front gate indicates games will not continue and to go home. The yellow flag indicates games might continue; wait in the car/parking lot for other instructions. The green flag indicates that games can resume, and the park will be reopened.

For more information, GO HERE.

Infield Practices:
Infield practices will not be allowed. Teams may warm-up behind the baseline after the field crew has completed their work on the field.

Line-Up Forms/Coin Toss:
Line-up forms should be turned into the official scorekeeper at the backstop of your field no less than 30 minutes prior to your game time. The coin toss will be done at Home plate by the official umpire to determine Home/Visitor of the game.

This is NOT a stay and play event. However, room blocks, and group rates have been secured through our Hotel Partnerships. <LEARN MORE>
If you have any lodging questions, please contact Carolyn Shafer
Carolynshafer2@yahoo.com or 918-361-4970. Please let each hotel know you are with this tournament. This helps with determining the economic impact of this tournament.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION ${ }_{(A+0) 7}$

Medical:

Parking:

Playing Rules:

Protests:

Refund Policy:

Souvenirs:

Team Practices:

Time Limit:

We will have medical staff at the complex. Off-site Urgent Care facilities are on a map located on page 14 of the packet.

There is no charge for parking. Overflow parking is available at the Broken Arrow Senior Center on Main St. (1800 S. Main St.) just west of Arrowhead Park.

All playing rules and regulations will be in accordance with the USA Softball Official Rules of Softball. <LEARN MORE>

Protest is not a dirty word. If at any time during the tournament, you feel that a rule was misapplied, you should tell the umpire you are placing the game under protest. The scorekeeper should contact the Umpire in Chief (UIC) to come to the field. Protests cannot be made on judgement calls.

Upon request for a refund, you will be issued a $50 \%$ refund prior to July $1^{\text {st }}$. After this date, there will be no refunds provided.

Souvenirs will be available at Arrowhead Park including Tournament shirts.

Team practice times will be available prior to the start of the tournament. Teams may warm-up in designated areas. For pre-tournament practice time, please contact Robert Shafer at rcshafer@cox.net or 918-808-4643.

Pool play games are one hour and forty minutes (1:40) and finish the inning. If the score is tied after the time limit has been met, the tiebreaker will go in effect.

Bracket play time limits are one hour and forty minutes (1:40) and finish the inning. If the score is tied after the time limit has been met, the tiebreaker will go in effect.

EXCEPTIONS: (10U) The Championship and 'If' games will have a two-hour (2:00) time limit. (12U / 14U / 18U) Championship games, beginning with the Winner's bracket final, will have no time limits and all seven innings will be played.

The run ahead rule applies for all games: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5 .

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION ${ }_{(A+0) 7}$

Tobacco Products:

Visit Broken Arrow:
Smoking and tobacco products are not allowed inside the Arrowhead Softball Park. Designated smoking areas are provided outside the complex. This includes E -cigarettes.

Find attractions and more:


Warm-Up Areas:

Teams may use fields at Arrowhead Park for warm-up if they are not scheduled for games during the tournament. Check with the Tournament Director for field availability. No hitting into any fence.


## LODGING INFORMATION

This is NOT a stay and play event. However, room blocks, and group rates have been secured through our Hotel Partnerships. <LEARN MORE

## Hotel Locations

Clarion Hotel / EconoLodge
2600 N. Aspen Ave 918-258-7085

Hampton Inn
2300 W. Albany St. 918-251-6060

Homewood Suites
4900 W. Madison St.
918-392-7700
Hilton Garden Inn
420 W. Albany St. 918-940-8444

LaQuinta Inn
451 W. Albany St. 918-615-3400

Townplace Suites
2251 N. Stone Wood Circle 918-355-9600

Holiday Inn Express 2201 N. Stone Wood Circle 918-355-3200

Stoney Creek Hotel \& Conference Center 200 W. Albany St. 918-416-8100


## Hotel Report Form

Directions: Each team should turn in one (1) hotel report form on behalf of the entire team. The numbers should be based on what your team booked. To ensure accuracy, please check with all members of your team if you are staying in separate hotels.

Must be submitted by July 1st.
Email to carolynshafer2@yahoo.com or click HERE for the online version.
Team Name: $\qquad$ Age Group $\qquad$
Team's Housing Coordinator Name: $\qquad$
Team's Housing Coordinator Email: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$

Team Manager: $\qquad$ Email: $\qquad$

## Hotel Information:

Hotel Name: $\qquad$
Hotel Location: $\qquad$
\# of Rooms Reserved: $\qquad$ Anticipated Date of Arrival: $\qquad$
Names on Reservations: (Must be received by July 1st - carolynshafer2@yahoo.com)
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Check here $\qquad$ IF you are a local team and NONE of your team members are staying in a hotel.

## PARK RULES \& REGULATIONS

<LEARN MORE> about our park.

- No person shall bring, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverages, all tobacco products (including vapes), drugs, illegal substances, or any paraphernalia associated with drug use in the park or parking lot.
- Weapons of any type are NOT allowed in the complex. These include firearms. (The City of Broken Arrow prohibits firearms in ALL city parks.) Other weapons include, but are not limited to chains, knives, and spiked jewelry.
- The Arrowhead parking lot is day use only! No overnight parking is allowed.
- Other prohibited items: drones, fireworks, blow microphones or alarming noisemakers such as air horns, laser pointers/pens, pepper spray/mace, frisbees, toys, footballs, soccer balls, or other items that are deemed unacceptable by the Arrowhead Park event staff.
- The use of 4-wheel footwear, skateboards, hoverboards, and 2 wheeled scooters are NOT allowed.
- No hitting or soft toss into fences.
- No person shall destroy, damage, or deface any complex property.
- All users are expected to leave the complex clean and orderly. Please help us by putting your trash in receptacles.
- Animals are NOT allowed in the complex. We welcome service dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship is not the type of "work or tasks" considered in the ADA's definition of a service animal. (28 C.F.R./35.104; 28 C.F.R./35.136)
- Park rules forbid ice chests, however, due to safety issues, small containers containing rags or for medical reasons will be permitted but will be subject to search at anytime.


## Express Team Check-In \& Bat Testing

An online form is also available to fill out. CLICK HERE
Team Name: $\qquad$

Manager: $\qquad$

Email: $\qquad$
Please indicate your $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ time choice. An email will be sent to confirm your appointment time.

Sunday, July 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$
$\qquad$ 6:00pm $\qquad$ 6:30pm $\qquad$ 7:00pm

Monday, July $\mathbf{2 2}^{\text {nd }}$
$\qquad$ 8:30 am $\qquad$ 9:00 am $\qquad$ 9:30 am $\qquad$ 10:00 am $\qquad$ 10:30 am $\qquad$ 11:00 am

Special Request: $\qquad$ Please contact our team to set up a time other than the ones listed.

Return this form to Carolyn Shafer. Carolynshafer2@yahoo.com
Player Check-In: Each teams' players must check in before they participate in the tournament. Please have your team line up in the exact order as they are listed on the championship roster. Pick-up players will be at the end of your line. Each player will present their signed photo ID and sign the official tournament sign-in sheet.

## Medical Locations in Broken Arrow



## Arrowhead Park



## THINGS TO DO IN BROKEN ARROW



BIG CITY AMMENITIES, SMALL TOWN FEEL! With literally countless dining options to choose from, sometimes it's tough to know where to start! And the best place to start is in the ROSE DISTRICT and it's only 2 miles from Arrowhead Park. Our award-winning downtown features over 75 businesses including restaurants, retail, artists, and entertainment destinations that foster the growth of start-up businesses. As the third largest city in Oklahoma and the largest suburb of Tulsa, the Rose District is the coolest neighborhood in the region.


## THINGS TO DO IN BROKEN ARROW

OUR HISTORY IS OKLAHOMA HISTORY! Once you are done browsing the many shops, it's time to wander around our different museums including MUSEUM BROKEN ARROW or our MILITARY MUSEUM.


KID-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT IS UNLIMITED! Just a few minutes from the ballpark is the RAY HARRAL NATURE PARK, the 40 -acre park includes a Nature Center, jogging trail, park benches, two picnic shelters with tables, flowering gardens, an arboretum and a suspension bridge.


And just 20 minutes away from the fields is the world-famous GATHERING PLACE in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As one of the most talked about parks anywhere in the U.S. If you have the time, then you will definitely want to add this stop to your list of places to see when you are here in Broken Arrow.

For more ideas for places to go in Broken Arrow, please visit visitbrokenarrowok.com/

