

USA SOFTBALL™

of Michigan

Slow Pitch, Fast Pitch, Modified Pitch, Junior Olympic, Umpire, & Hall of Fame Updates as of June 12, 2020

Good day, everyone. With each day we feel closer to getting back on to the ball field! When we do, it may look much different than what we have been used to, but, at least, we will be playing. What we appreciate about our program and our participants is their willingness and professionalism in the sharing of ideas, concerns, and issues. Trust me, we do our best to listen and in the case of certain programs, we took that to heart in a big way. We would love to host multiple events and keep you busy every weekend, but that's not realistic. Between host site availability, delays in team startup, and the desire to play in other associations, too, there are a lot of things things we took into consideration. Thank you for your input. A lot of what was shared is featured in the schedules we are proposing.

Listed below are updates to all of the options we offer. Please be mindful that though these events are scheduled for now, any changes/guidelines from the state, county and/or local level may deter these events from taking place. Also, be prepared for a variety of new and/or different on-site parameters that will need to be followed including bat testing procedures, spectator requirements, additional check-in procedures, and more. Those details will be shared the closer we get to the tournament dates. For now, here are the updated tournament schedules...

Men's, Women's, & Coed Slow Pitch Qualifiers & State Finals

- Men's Class D
 - Qualifier #1 (State Games) on June 27 & 28 (if needed) in Muskegon
 - Qualifier #2 on July 11 & 12 (if needed) in Davison
 - State Championship on July 25 & 26 (if needed) in Muskegon
- Men's Class E
 - Qualifier #1 (State Games) on June 27 & 28 (if needed) in Grand Rapids
 - Qualifier #2 on July 18 & 19 (if needed) in Potterville
 - State Championship on August 1 & 2 (if needed) in Davison
- Men's Class F
 - Qualifier #1 (State Games) on June 27 & 28 (if needed) in Muskegon
 - Qualifier #2 on July 25 & 26 (if needed) in Sturgis
 - State Championship on August 8 & 9 (if needed) in Grand Rapids
- Women's
 - Qualifier #1 on July 11 & 12 (if needed) in Davison
 - Qualifier #2 on July 25 & 26 (if needed) in Muskegon
 - State Championship on August 15 & 16 (if needed) in Muskegon
- Men's 35 & Over/Men's 50 & Over
 - August 15 & 15 (if needed) in Muskegon
- Coed
 - East State Championship on August 22 & 23 (if needed) in Davison
 - West State Championship on August 22 & 23 (if needed) in Muskegon
- Men's Slow Pitch Roster Deadlines
 - Any roster changes need to be done through the state office (darrin@usasoftballmi.org) by the following dates...

- Class D (July 7), Class E (July 14), Class F (July 21)
- Requirements/Awards for Men's & Power Series
 - Teams that want to participate in their respective state final must play in one of the qualifiers that is offered or consult with their respective district commissioner on available district berths
 - Teams that play in one qualifier earn an unpaid berth to their respective state final
 - Each qualifier & state tournament winner will receive a team and individual awards. After each respective state tournament concludes, each respective Points Leader will receive a team and individual awards, also. Specific prizes to be determined
- Coed & Women's Rosters
 - We are in the midst of considering changes for the roster process for Coed & Women's teams. We will make some decisions on that by the end of next week
- Miscellaneous
 - The State Games options for Men's play are already listed on www.tournamentusasoftball.com and be signed up for. The rest will be ready by the end of next week. All fees remain the same

USA Softball National Tournaments

- Class D in Grand Rapids, September 4-6 - On as scheduled
- Class E in Evansville (IN), September 4-7 - On as scheduled

Adult Team Registrations

- All late fees are waived for 2020

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Men's Fast Pitch

With the pandemic forcing all teams and players to be delayed in the organization of teams and tournament play, it has been requested of USA Softball of Michigan to push back our state final in Classes B/C and D/E. Here are the latest updates...

- State Tournaments
 - **August 21-23**
 - These will be the new dates for the 2020 USA Softball of Michigan's Men's Fast Pitch Tournaments
 - Classes B/C will be in Midland and Classes D/E will be in Holland Township
 - Format will be double elimination with a \$360.00 entry fee
 - **All pitcher classification appeals for 2020 will need to be completed before July 1.** To make an appeal, emails need to be sent to scott@masad21.org and they will be reviewed by the 15 member committee.
 - All team registrations and state roster fee submissions will be due by July 15th. These will not be refundable. For help with this, teams can click the "Help Sheet" tab listed below
 - Final team classification meeting will be held on July 21
 - Entry deadline for these tournaments will be Monday, August 10
- National Tournaments
 - Men's Open East National in Grand Rapids for August 28-30 is still going to happen. Entry fees and due dates are available at www.tournamentusasoftball.com
 - The Men's Majors will not take place in South Bend the weekend of July 31-August 2. New sites and dates are being considered, including options in Michigan. More details, forthcoming

Adult Team Registrations

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Help Sheet

Men's Modified Pitch

We are moving forward as planned, for now, with our tournaments in the Modified Pitch games. As we get closer to each respective date we will make sure to communicate with all of you as to whether or not they will take place.

- State Tournaments
 - Men's 10-Man Class A & B
 - August 15 in Port Huron
 - Men's 9-Man
 - August 29 in Port Huron
- National Tournament
 - Men's 10-Man Modified National tournament was slated for Wausau, Wisconsin, on Labor Day weekend. That tournament has been put on hold for now. Look for a possible decision on that by July 1

Adult Team Registrations

- All late fees are waived for 2020

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Junior Olympic Girls' Fast Pitch

- State Tournament
 - The state tournaments are now scheduled for August 13-16 in Mt. Pleasant. All teams have been contacted on the details. The registration deadline is now July 17. For more information go to this link...
 - 2020 USA Softball of MI - JO
 - As of May 1, it has been decided that the Class B portion of the state tournament will also be in Mt. Pleasant as Independence Township is now not available
- All American Games
 - G12UFP tryouts for both tryout sites (IL & MI) were cancelled. We moved forward with a Video tryout scenario. A single team has been chosen to represent Region 6 which includes Michigan, Detroit, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, & Kentucky. Once all details are finalized the team roster will be released. A special thank you to Coaches Mike Egenes, Greg Jones, & Dawn Jones for making this happen
- Player Survey
 - Also featured on the JO Page at the link listed below is a request from Julia Fink, who is an Orthopedic Surgery resident in Georgia. She is doing a research project on softball pitchers, ages 8-18. She is a former player and pitcher. Any input you would be willing to provide would be appreciated

Junior Olympic Page

USA Softball of Michigan Umpire Clinics and Registration Information

- For 2020, we are waiving all registration late fees

Hall of Fame Nominations

- Our old deadline date is April 15. We are going to push that back to June 15 to give people more time to submit. Depending on the world situation, that, too, could change. For now, as of May 1, the new deadline for Hall of Fame submission is June 15.

Hall of Fame Page

Office Hours

- The office (located at 3316 Isabella Street in Midland, MI) is open on a limited basis but will continue to operate during this time, as needed. We will fill umpire equipment orders and softball orders that are completed online, and get those out as soon as possible.

We will continue to monitor all information that is coming to us from local, state, and federal officials regarding COVID-19. Again, the safety and well-being of our athletes, umpires, and staff, is our priority. We will update as needed.

Sincerely,

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