



January 30, 2026

Dear Tournament Director,

Nor Cal USA Softball realizes that many of you are unable to secure field permits at this time. Nor Cal is in the same situation. In order to facilitate the scheduling of these events as quickly as possible once fields do become available, we are sending the Invitational Tournament Request Form at this time so we can at least begin the process. Please submit them by **March 30, 2026** or as soon as you have at least tentative dates for your fields. We will be looking at the 2026 schedule and give those who held successful events on a given weekend the same weekend again if at all possible.

Know that Teams that have the opportunity to play in a Pre-Qualifier will be given first priority when it comes to entering Nor Cals. Please indicate on your form if you wish to have your tournament designated as a Pre-Qualifier.

The Nor Cal USA Softball Junior Olympic "A" Championship Tournament schedule is yet to be determined. The USA Softball Junior Olympics "NorCal's" 8/10/12/14's unders B/C Championships are scheduled for the weekend of June 26-28, location: Hayward/San Lorenzo/Tracy. Sacramento will host any 10A, 16B and 18B teams in a combined Association Championship as we have done prior. All locations and dates are subject to change.

Pre-Qualifying tournaments can be scheduled until the June 26th weekend. "C" Pre-Qualifying Tournaments can be scheduled beginning Memorial Day weekend to the June 26th weekend. **TEAMS ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS "C" TEAMS UNTIL NORCAL APPROVES THEM AT THAT CLASSIFICATION.** DO NOT ACCEPT "C" TEAM REGISTRATIONS UNLESS YOU HAVE VERIFIED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED TO "C". **SEE NEW 2025 RULE GUIDELINES.** We will have more information on how the "C" program will work for 2026 at the Road Shows.

Tournament sites and dates will be reviewed by your District Commissioner, Umpire-in-Chief and approved by the Nor Cal JO Commissioner & Commissioner or their designee. We will sanction tournaments only on these weekends if umpires are available in the area. Father's Day weekend has been especially difficult, so we will be looking carefully at events being requested for that weekend and only sanctioning events that we feel can be covered adequately. We may also limit the number of teams those tournaments will be able to accept. We want everyone to have success, but we also want to be sure we can provide officials.

The following are "blackout" dates for Girl's events. Nor Cal USA Softball will **NOT** sanction any Girls Junior Olympic Invitational Tournaments on the following dates:

**June 26-28**      **Girl's Class "C" Nor Cal Championship Weekend – All "C" classification divisions - 8C/10C/12C will play (no other "C" tournaments this weekend)**

**June 26 -28**      **Girl's Class "B" Nor Cal Championship Weekend**  
**No "B" events – 10B/12B/14B will be sanctioned this weekend.**

Please make sure that you complete one Request Form for each Tournament that you want to host. **Once the Tournament Request Form is completed, you will need to submit it to Junior Olympic Commissioner – Nick Schapiro, who will review the request along with your District Commissioner and UIC.** Please be sure to offer a second choice of dates whenever possible. **Please submit your requests by March, 30<sup>st</sup> 2026.** Upon approval by Nor Cal you will be sent the Tournament Sanctioning Form. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Nor Cal Office. Then we will post tournaments as "listing only" on <https://norcalusasoftball.com> and will use **our tournament site**, which means the event will be advertised but teams will not yet be able to sign up. We will enable registrations as soon as it's been confirmed that a field permit has been issued and the tournament is being allowed to proceed per local guidelines.

If you have any questions, you can email me at 650.222.8503 or email at [VDefriese@norcalusasoftball.org](mailto:VDefriese@norcalusasoftball.org) or you can contact either JO Commissioner Nick Schapiro at 925.487.3773 or email at [nschapiro@norcalusasoftball.org](mailto:nschapiro@norcalusasoftball.org) or Office Admin Diane Hafoka at 650.222.5609 or email at [dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org](mailto:dhafoka@norcalusasoftball.org).

Look forward to seeing you on the field,

**Vince DeFriese, Commissioner**

# 2026 NOR-CAL USA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REQUEST

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Representative \_\_\_\_\_

## Tournament Contact Information for Tournament USA Softball Web Site:

Tournament Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Director \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Mailed to (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info You Wish Published: Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SANCTION REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_ INVITATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ PRE-QUALIFIER

Division of Play: \_\_\_\_\_ Men \_\_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_\_ Co-ed \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_ Boys \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tournament: Fastpitch \_\_\_\_\_ Slowpitch \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT CLASSIFICATION: OPEN \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH CLASSIFICATION:

18 Gold \_\_\_\_\_ 16 Gold \_\_\_\_\_ 18A \_\_\_\_\_ 16A \_\_\_\_\_ 14A \_\_\_\_\_ 12A \_\_\_\_\_ 10A \_\_\_\_\_

18B \_\_\_\_\_ 16B \_\_\_\_\_ 14B/C \_\_\_\_\_ 12B \_\_\_\_\_ 12C \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Open \_\_\_\_\_

10B \_\_\_\_\_ 10C \_\_\_\_\_ 10 Open \_\_\_\_\_ 8C \_\_\_\_\_ 8C "REC" Coach Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ 8 Open \_\_\_\_\_

How many teams per division? \_\_\_\_\_

Wait list? How many teams? \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REQUESTED:

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE: \_\_\_\_\_ GAME GUARANTEE: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY DEADLINE: \_\_\_\_\_

UMPIRE ASSOCIATION that you will be contracting with: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Fields to be used:

Facility/field name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Field Owner contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/field name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Field Owner contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/field name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Field Owner contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**In order for your event to be sanctioned the following conditions must be adhered to:**

- All Nor Cal USA Softball approved tournaments will be required to use USA Softball [www.norcalusasoftball.com](http://www.norcalusasoftball.com) to list their event, register teams and post Pool Play and/or Bracket Play schedules. Please note that there is a \$25 per team charge for this service. This serves as your Sanctioning fee as Nor Cal USA Softball does not charge any other type of tournament fee.
- All participating teams must be registered with USA Softball for the current year. It is your job as Tournament Director to verify that all teams are registered with USA Softball and are in the proper classification.
- All umpires must be registered with USA Softball for the current year, be in proper uniform and follow all USA Softball guidelines.
- The event may not be affiliated with any other softball organization (other than 8U, we will allow Junior umpires).
- If you are requesting that your event serve as a Pre-Qualifier, then you must agree to use USA Softball Championship Play Rules and the softball type and size specified by Nor Cal USA Softball.
- All fields will meet all Bollinger Insurance requirements and will be inspected prior to use.
- All facilities used will have adequate restroom facilities.
- The fields will receive full field prep at a minimum after every third game scheduled for the day. No more than eight (8) fastpitch games and eleven (11) slowpitch games shall be scheduled on a field on any given day.
- Each team shall submit a Standard Roster, which includes the USA Softball Official Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnification Form or an equivalent form. Any equivalent form must be in the same style and contain the same language as the official USA Softball Form. Championship rosters should not be used (until after NorCals).
- Tournament organizer agrees to provide Tournament Liability insurance or purchase coverage through Bollinger naming the Field Owner as additional insured.
- All State and Local health and safety rules with regard to COVID-19 will be followed.

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the above organization, upon approval of this application, understand the conditions set forth herein and shall assume full responsibility for assuring that all conditions are met. Further, I understand that all USA Softball tournaments are subject to site visits and review by representatives of USA Softball. I also understand that if the tournament and/or facilities are found to be in noncompliance in any of the above areas the sanctioning can be revoked immediately and all future tournament sanctioning may also be revoked.

Signature of Organization Representative \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit this request form to your District Commissioner for approval.**

**TYPE OR PRINT SO IT IS CLEAR TO THE READER**

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Commissioner District Umpire-in-Chief

**Nor Cal JO Commissioner Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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