



Dear Tournament Director:

December 21, 2020

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 then by **January 15, 2021** or as soon as you have at least tentative dates for your fields. We will be looking at the 2019 schedule and give those who held successful events on a given weekend the same weekend again if at all possible.

Normally there is a requirement that 10UA, 12UA and 8UC, 10U B/C & 12U B/C Junior Olympic (JO) teams play in at least one (1) Nor Cal USA Softball Pre-Qualifier Tournament to be eligible to advance to the Nor Cal USA Softball Championship Tournaments. Due to the current situation we are waiving that requirement in 2021. However, should teams have the opportunity to play in a Pre-Qualifier they will be given first priority when it comes to entering Nor Cals. With so much uncertainty surrounding the 2021 schedule we are not sure the opportunity will even exist but wanted to give support to those who may be able to host events without necessarily requiring teams to play in them. 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 Tournaments plus the 8C are scheduled for the weekend of June 18 - 20 and the Nor Cal USA Softball Junior Olympic "B" & "C" Championship Tournaments the weekend of June 25 - 27, in either Hayward or Sunnyvale. Sacramento will host any 10A, 16B and 18B teams in a combined Association Championship as we did in 2019. All locations and dates are subject to change.

Pre-Qualifying tournaments can be scheduled until the June 19th weekend. "C" Pre-Qualifying Tournaments (except 8C) can be scheduled beginning Memorial Day weekend to the June 19th weekend. **TEAMS ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS "C" TEAMS UNTIL NOR CAL APPROVES THEM AT THAT CLASSIFICATION. DO NOT ACCEPT C TEAM REGISTRATIONS UNLESS YOU HAVE VERIFIED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED TO C.** We will have more information on how the "C" program will work for 2021 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 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:

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| June 18 - 20 | Girl's Class "A" Nor Cal Championship Weekend
No "A" or "8C" events will be sanctioned this weekend. |
| June 25 - 27 | Girl's Class "B" and "C" Nor Cal Championship Weekend
No "B" or "C" events (except 8C) 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 Manuel Gomez, 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 January 15, 2021.** 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 Tournament USA Softball, 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 jgouveia@norcalusasoftball.org or you can contact either JO Commissioner Manuel Gomez at 831-869-8521 or email at mgomez@norcalusasoftball.org or Office Manager Sandy Scott at 916-962-1631 or email at sscott@norcalusasoftball.org.

Thank you for your understanding during these unusual circumstances.

John Gouveia, Commissioner

2021 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 ___ 12B ___ 10B ___

12C ___ 10C ___ 8C ___ 8C Coach Pitch ___

DATE REQUESTED:

1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND 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 Tournament USA Softball to list their event, register teams and post Pool Play and/or Bracket Play schedules. Please note that there is a \$10 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.
- 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 least 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.
- 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 Manuel Gomez for approval.

TYPE OR PRINT SO IT IS CLEAR TO THE READER. RETURN BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

APPROVED BY: _____ **APPROVED BY:** _____
District Commissioner District Umpire-in-Chief

Nor Cal JO Commissioner Approval: _____

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