



CORPORATE PARTNERS



Dear Team Manager:

Congratulations on qualifying for the **NSF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS** to be held in the city of **CAMBRIDGE, MN** on **AUGUST 23-25**. Enclosed please find the field map, hotel information, tournament rules and other pertinent information. The tournament draw will be posted at <https://msf1.org/?p=15220>. Please carefully review this information to avoid any misfortune which may disqualify your team from competition.

Leagues or teams receiving telephone notice of a forfeit in NSF postseason tournaments should verify the authenticity of the forfeit with the NSF offices.

All team managers or their designee must attend the team managers' meeting **AT SIDELINES SPORTS BAR & GRILL**. Those not in attendance will not receive a briefing on any special tournament rules and opening ceremonies. Stay tuned for information on the timing.

The opening ceremonies will be held **one half hour prior to the first scheduled game**. Please arrive 45 minutes early so the event is organized. Only team managers or their designee participates in the opening ceremonies, though the entire team is welcome to attend.

All team managers must report to the tournament headquarters located at **SANDQUIST FAMILY PARK** one hour prior to their first scheduled contest. At this time all bats you intend to use during tournament play will be checked. Only bats which pass inspection by the tournament staff will be legal for use during the tournament.

Additionally, all team managers must report to the tournament headquarters at least forty-five minutes before each game throughout the tournament to complete the lineup card and call the coin toss. If a manager is more than 10 minutes late for pre-game coin toss at Tournament Headquarters, they automatically lose the toss.

Games shall not start early unless agreed to by both team managers/coaches, host and tournament site manager.

Teams are asked to support the tournament host by purchasing their food and beverages at the concessions stand(s). Coolers or picnic lunches may not be brought into the complex.

NSF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL INCLUDE:

- The Housing Coordinator is:
DUKE WEISBROD dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com (612) 702-8183
- The Host Representative is:
DUKE WEISBROD dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com (612) 702-8183
- The NSF Tournament Manager is:
DUKE WEISBROD dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com (612) 702-8183
- The Umpire-in-Chief is:
JACK BREITKREUTZ jbre@izoom.net (763) 260-0413
- If any pre-tournament questions arise, please contact:
DAN BRADLEY dan@msf1.org (651) 451-3140

As a guest of the community, it is asked that your team conduct itself in a responsible manner during their entire stay in the host city. Your observance of any special rules that the host has established will assure the tournament's success. As you know, without willing hosts we would have no postseason competition for the sports enthusiasts in North America. With your assistance, we can be assured that our softball program will continue to grow and benefit thousands of participants each year.

In closing, it is the NSF desire that your team performs to the best of their ability and enjoys the opportunity to participate against teams of their own caliber.



Men's & Women's Slow Pitch Tournament of Champions/ North American Championships

Tournament	Location	Dates
Men's & Women's Slow Pitch Tournament of Champions/North American Championships	Cambridge, MN	August 23-25, 2019

Registration Contact	Tournament Host/Tournament Manager	Umpire-in-Chief
Dan Bradley NSF North Americans 118 12th Ave N South St. Paul, MN 55075 dan@msf1.org (651) 451-3140	Duke Weisbrod dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com (612) 702-8183	Jack Breitzkreutz jabre@izoom.net (763) 260-0413

Entry
Entry Fee Amount: \$250
Entry Deadline: Friday, August 16, 2019
Check Payable To: NSF

Playing Fields
Sandquist Family Park
34264 Naples St NE
Cambridge, MN 55008

Tournament Website
www.ms1.org/?p=15220



Pickup Players

Teams are allowed a total of three pickup players. If your team picked up three players for state, you may not pick up three more players (unless the state pickups are not attending TOC/North Americans). If using same pickups submitted at state, form will be forwarded to TOC/North Americans site along with roster. If using new pickups, submit completed form at tournament check-in.

Area Hotels

Crossings by Grandstay - 300 Garfield St S, Cambridge, MN 55008 (763) 689-0542
AmericInn North Branch Hotel & Suites - 38675 14th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056 (651) 674-8627

When booking a reservation, mention "National Softball Tournament" for special rate

Meetings	Location	Date/Time
Tournament Draw	Tournament schedules will be posted at www.ms1.org	5:00PM - August 21, 2019
Managers Meeting (1 or 2 reps from each team)	Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill 138 2nd Ave SE Cambridge, MN 55008	TBA
Opening Ceremonies	Sandquist Family Park	One Half-Hour Before First Game



NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/ NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT RULES

All play shall be governed by the National Softball Federation/MSF rules with the following points of emphasis:

1. Pitching arc is 6-12'.
2. Pitcher 6' step back rule is in effect.
3. Courtesy runner rule is in effect.

COURTESY RUNNERS

LTR A... Only one courtesy runner may be used per half inning.

LTR B... The courtesy runner shall be the last person of the same gender to make an out **OR** the person of the same gender farthest from being due up to bat that is not currently on base (**team's choice**).

LTR C... When announced by a team rep, the courtesy runner is officially in the game.

LTR D... If a courtesy runner's time at bat comes while they are on base they will be called out as a base runner, be removed from base and allowed to take their turn at bat.

PENALTY (for violating A through D): An out is declared and runner is removed from base.

4. 3/2 count with courtesy foul in effect.
5. Coin toss determines home team and dugout. Home team uses first base dugout (Note: teams playing back-to-back games on same field remain in same dugout).
6. Forty-five minutes prior to each game the team manager must check in at the Tournament Headquarters for the coin toss and to complete the lineup card (Note: if a team is playing a back-to-back game, UIC will meet them at field for coin flip/lineup). If a player's name appears on the lineup card, but is not listed on the official roster or completed pickup form, the team shall be disqualified from tournament play. Any time a team is found to have an ineligible player, they shall be disqualified from tournament play. **Spot checks will be performed!**
7. Game time is forfeit time except on a team's first scheduled contest where a 10 minute grace period is allowed. Nine or more players must be present to start.
8. Casual Profanity Rule will be in effect.
9. Players ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct or use of a non approved bat will be disqualified from tournament play with likely additional penalties. **Do not allow this to happen!**
10. In case of inclement weather which delays play, check with the tournament manager before departing to the tournament site and make sure to exchange cell #'s.
11. Use of alcohol or tobacco products during game is not permitted. Alcohol or tobacco products are not permitted on or near the bench area. Players may not be intoxicated while playing. The use of tobacco and alcohol products may be prohibited at some city and county parks entirely.
12. All teams must supply and wear jerseys which have at least four inch legible nonduplicate numbers from 0-99 in which the shirt bodies are the same color. Matching pants/shorts are not required. Pickup players may wear either a jersey of the team picking them up or their jersey of the team they were picked up from.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS!

Tournament Program

To complete the Tournament Program,
we need the following from each team:

- 1) List of players on team including uniform # and position(s) for all players competing in the tournament.**
- 2) Team picture and team name/community.**

***Please email both items to
dan@msf1.org
ASAP, and no later than
12:00 noon on Monday, August 19!!***

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