



**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 20-22**. 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=17638>. 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, held before the first games are played.** 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](mailto:dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com) (612) 702-8183

The Host Representative is:  
**DUKE WEISBROD** [dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com](mailto:dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com) (612) 702-8183

The NSF Tournament Manager is:  
**DUKE WEISBROD** [dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com](mailto:dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com) (612) 702-8183

The Umpire-in-Chief is:  
**PAUL "NORM" GOEBEL** [norm0717@aol.com](mailto:norm0717@aol.com) (320) 333-2542

If any pre-tournament questions arise, please contact:  
**PERRY COONCE** [perry@msf1.org](mailto:perry@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.

# *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  
[perry@msf1.org](mailto:perry@msf1.org)  
ASAP, and no later than  
12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 17!!***



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

## Tournament

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

## Location

Cambridge, MN

## Dates

August 20-22, 2021

## Registration Contact

Perry Coonce  
NSF North Americans  
118 12th Ave N  
South St. Paul, MN 55075  
perry@msf1.org  
(651) 451-3140

## Tournament Host/Tournament Manager

Duke Weisbrod  
dweisbrod@carouselmotor.com  
(612) 702-8183

## Umpire-in-Chief

Paul "Norm" Goebel  
norm0717@aol.com  
(320) 333-2542

## Entry

Entry Fee Amount: \$250  
Entry Deadline: Monday, August 16, 2021  
Check Payable To: NSF/MSF

## Playing Fields

Sandquist Family Park  
34264 Naples St NE  
Cambridge, MN 55008

## Tournament Website

[www.msf1.org/?p=17638](http://www.msf1.org/?p=17638)



## 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 (5 minutes away)  
AmericInn North Branch Hotel & Suites - 38675 14th Ave, North Branch, MN 55056 (651) 674-8627 (15 minutes away)

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

## Meetings

## Location

## Date/Time

Tournament Draw	Tournament schedules will be posted at <a href="http://www.msf1.org">www.msf1.org</a>	5:00PM - August 18, 2021
Managers Meeting (1 or 2 reps from each team)	Cambridge Bar & Grill 216 Main St. S. #1611 Cambridge, MN 55008	Give-away includes: (1) New bat (1) Dozen new softballs & Other door prizes!!! 5:00PM - August 20, 2021
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

- a) Only one courtesy runner may be used per half-inning.
- b) The courtesy runner may be any individual listed on the scorecard, either in the starting lineup or as a substitute, as chosen by the team manager.
- c) 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.

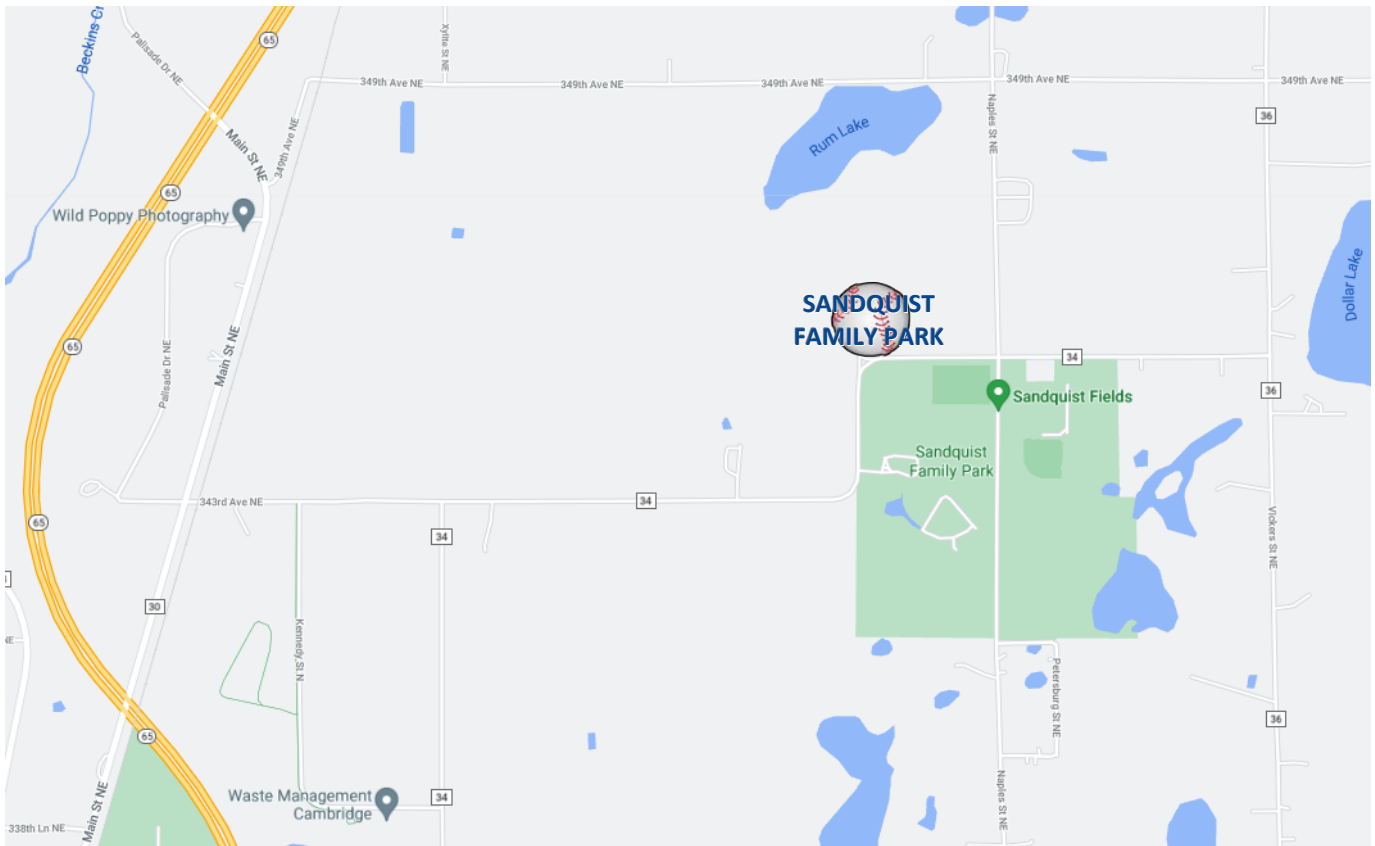
**PENALTY (for violating 1 through 3):** An out is declared and runner is removed from base.

4. 3/2 count: **A hit ball on the second strike** is called foul, ball is dead and runners may not advance.
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!**

## Playing Fields

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



## Lodging

The host hotels for the event are Grandstay Hotel & Suites and the new Best Western Plus, which are located five minutes away from the ballpark. Make reservations at least three weeks before the tournament please! Both hotels are catering to weddings that weekend too, so reserve early if you want to stay there!

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(5 minutes from complex)

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## Camping

While we unfortunately will not be able to hold the "Champions Village" again this year, camping options are still available near the park. For very reasonable rates, contact Sheriff (former) Ken Harder at (763) 689-2555. Ken is the caretaker of the Isanti County Fairgrounds, located 1 mile from the ballpark. This is a very nice campground which includes all the amenities.