NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION OF AMERICA MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION

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Summer 2021

TO: Softball Team Managers

FR: National Softball Federation

RE: 2021 NSF Men's & Women's North American Championships

Dear Team Manager:

We hope this note finds you enjoying the summer softball season.

We enjoyed hosting many teams in national tournament play last year and look forward to hosting you again this summer in the **NSF North American Championships on August 20-22 in Cambridge, Minnesota**.

All men's teams and women's from Minnesota or from out of state may enter direct. Teams will receive at least three games with many receiving four, five, six or more. Dependent on the number of teams entered, teams may be broken into tiers from pool or bracket play. Note: some classes may initially be combined and then re-split for championship flight play. The National Tournament entry fee is just \$250, which is about half the cost of other national events.

We will endeavor to use all info available to avoid very high caliber teams playing very low caliber teams, especially once brackets separate.

Teams must play as an intact team during the summer of 2021, but need not play in an NSF-MSF member league. Other organizations' teams will be accepted in their correct class. Teams that participate in NSF-MSF state tournament play will receive a \$25 discount on their national tournament entry fee redeemable in concessions stand items (not memorabilia). Some teams that qualify through state tournament play or a qualifier may receive a fully or partially paid berth.

This year, in an effort to increase the tournament's geographical reach, teams from Minnesota will receive a \$75 referral rebate on their own entry fee for recruiting a team from outside the state of Minnesota to participate. Rebates will be received upon tournament participation. Additionally, cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams. See flyer on reverse for details.

Cambridge, Minnesota is located just one hour north of the Twin Cities with easy freeway access. Sandquist Family Park has some of the finest fields in the state and the area has many of the amenities of a big city while maintaining its small town friendly atmosphere.

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! 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.

Should questions arise please email perry@msf1.org.

We look forward to hosting your team this year!

Perry Coonce MN State Commissioner Duke Weisbrod Tournament Manager

- SEE FLYER ON REVERSE SIDE -





NSF Slowpitch

Tournament of Champions/ North American Championships

August 20 - 22, 2021 • Cambridge, MN

3 Game Guarantee • \$250

Visit www.msf1.org for all tournament details

Tournament Host

Cambridge is located one hour north of the Twin Cities. It features some of the finest fields in the state of Minnesota and boasts all the food choices normally found in a larger city while maintaining its small town atmosphere!

Registration and Eligibility

- Registration deadline is August 16, 2021
- Registration on first come/first served basis for all MN teams and teams outside Minnesota, including Canada and other foreign countries. Teams need not play in an NSF-MSF member league or the NSF-MSF State Tournament to enter
- No team membership fee required
- Roster limit of 20. Three pick-ups from same class or lower are allowed. Teams must play as an intact team during the regular season.
- NOTE: 2021 Tournament of Champions/North American Championships will once again be combined with NSF Women's State Tournament and Class C/DD Men's State Tournament.



Rules and Details

- Three games guaranteed with many getting four, five or six games
- Classes of Play: A, B, C, DD, D, E. NOTE: Classes may be combined for initial pool or bracket play and then re-split in tiers for championship flight.
- Tournament management reserves the right to move a team up.
- NSF rules utilized. All teams receive NSF rulebook upon entry.
- NSF rules similar to others except 12' arc, 65' bases, courtesy runner and 6' pitcher step back rule
- Official ball is 52/300 for men and 52/300 for women. Balls and ball shaggers provided.
- Umpires NSF certified

Awards

- Team/individual plaques to first place team in all divisions.
 Second and third place teams receive team plaque.
- Championship Team Banner.
- Tier I Men's*: Champion \$750, Runner-Up \$550, 3rd Place \$450
- Tier II Men's*: Champion \$450, Runner-Up \$350
- Tier I Women's*: Champion \$750, Runner-Up \$550, 3rd Place \$450
- Tier II Women's*: Champion \$450, Runner-Up \$350
- Tier III Women's (If held)*: Champion \$300

*Cash payouts based on minimum 32 total teams

2021 NSF Slowpitch Tournament of Champions/North American Championships Registration Form									
Team Name			Softball Community						
Team Manager_		Address							
City/State/Country Zip Code									
Phone (Cell) Alternate Phone (H/W)							(H/W)		
Email Address_									
Circle Division:	Men's	Circle Class:	Α	В	С	D	Ε		
Circle Division:	Women's	Circle Class:	Α	В	С	DD	D	Е	

Send entry form and \$250 to:

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Enter online with credit card at www.msf1.org