



CORPORATE PARTNERS



Dear Team Manager:

Congratulations on qualifying for the **NSF-MSF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/STATE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS** to be held in the city of **CAMBRIDGE, MN** on **AUGUST 14-16, 2026**. 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=23521>. 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. Bats will be checked by the field umpire.

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-MSF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/STATE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL INCLUDE:

The Housing Coordinator is:

DUKE WEISBROD dukeweisbrod@gmail.com (612) 702-8183

The Host Representative is:

DUKE WEISBROD dukeweisbrod@gmail.com (612) 702-8183

The NSF Tournament Manager is:

DUKE WEISBROD dukeweisbrod@gmail.com (612) 702-8183

The Umpire-in-Chief is:

PAUL "NORM" GOEBEL norm0717@aol.com (320) 333-2542

If any pre-tournament questions arise, please contact:

PERRY COONCE perry@msf1.org (651) 451-3140 (2pm-6pm CT)

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-MSF desire that your team performs to the best of their ability and enjoys the opportunity to participate against teams of their own caliber.

NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION
118 12th Ave. N. • South St. Paul, MN 55075
staff@nsfsoftball.org • www.nsfsoftball.org

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

ASAP, and no later than

12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 5!!



2026 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 14-16, 2026

Registration Contact

Perry Coonce
NSF North Americans
118 12th Ave N
South St. Paul, MN 55075
perry@msf1.org
(651) 451-3140 (2pm-6pm)

Tournament Host/Tournament Manager

Duke Weisbrod
dukeweisbrod@gmail.com
(612) 702-8183

Umpire-in-Chief

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

Entry

Entry Fee Amount: \$325
Entry Deadline: Friday, August 7, 2026
Check Payable To: NSF/MSF

Playing Fields

Sandquist Family Park
34264 Naples St NE
Cambridge, MN 55008
612-702-8183

Tournament Website

www.ms1.org/?p=23521



Pickup Players

Teams are allowed a total of five pickup players from a team in the same or lower class.

Area Hotels

Grandstay Hotel & Suites - 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)
Best Western Plus - 409 Main St. E., Isanti, MN 55040 (763) 452-0520 (10 minutes away)

Meetings

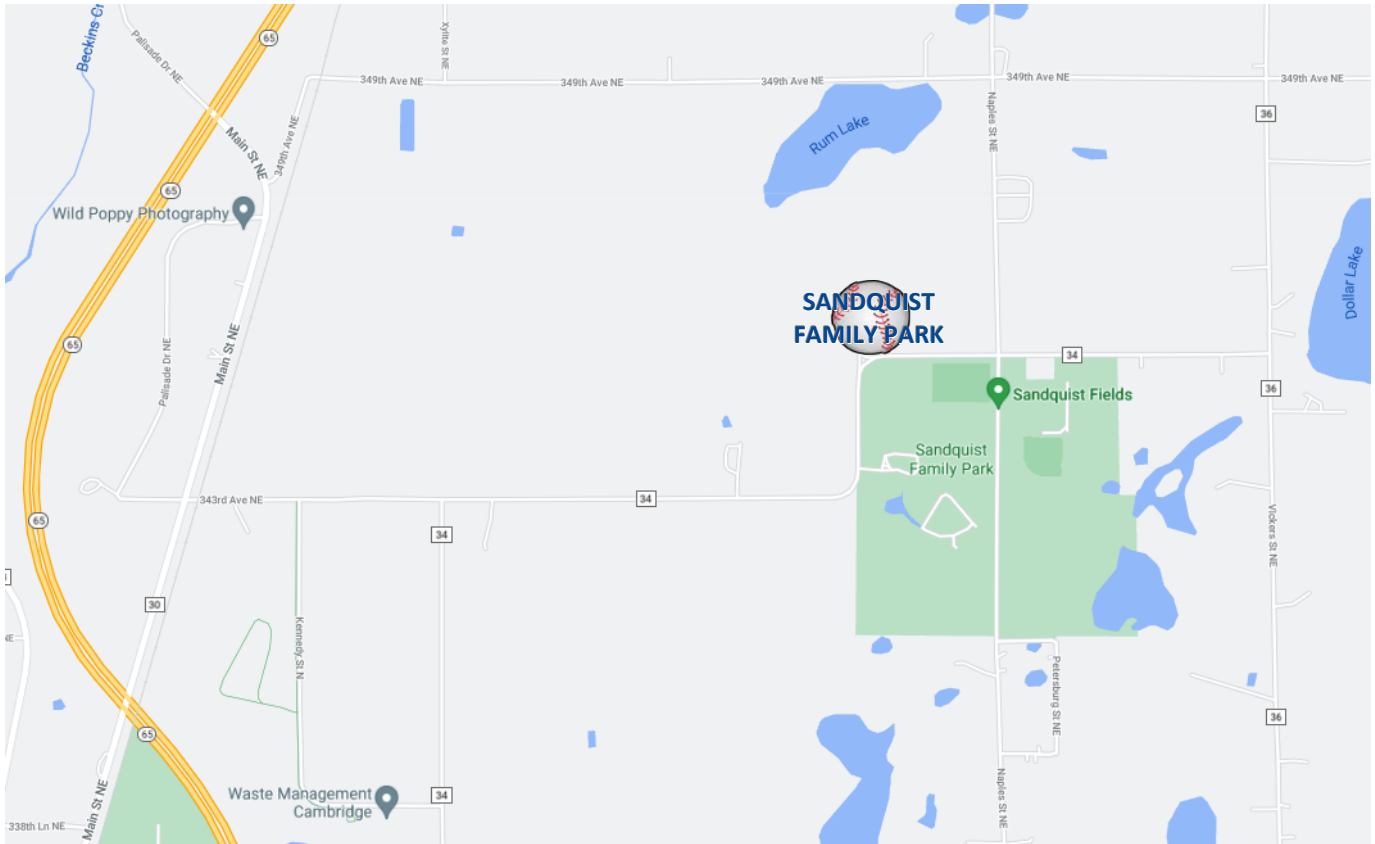
Location

Date/Time

Tournament Draw	Tournament schedules will be posted at www.ms1.org	12 Midnight - August 12, 2026
Managers Meeting (1 or 4 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 14, 2026
Opening Ceremonies	Sandquist Family Park	45 minutes before first game

Playing Fields

Sandquist Family Park
34264 Naples St NE • Cambridge, MN 55008
612-702-8183



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 30 days before the tournament please! All hotels are catering to weddings that weekend too, so reserve early if you want to stay there!

Grand Stay Hotel & Suites - 300 Garfield St S, Cambridge, MN 55008 (763) 689-0542
(5 minutes from complex)

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

Best Western Plus - 409 Main St. E., Isanti, MN 550040 (763) 452-0520
(10 minutes from complex)

Camping

Camping options are available near the park. A nice campground with very reasonable rates, contact Heidi at (763) 689-2555. Heidi 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.



NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS/STATE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT RULES 2026

All play shall be governed by the National Softball Federation/MSF rules (found on pages 22-26 of the current softball guidebook and in current rulebook) 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 NOTE: If the same batter who had a courtesy runner bats multiple times in the same half-inning, they are allowed a courtesy runner each time. It does not need to be the same runner each time.
- 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.

NOTE: Due to the protective equipment slowpitch pitchers wear, they are granted an optional courtesy runner each time they reach base (not counted toward the one allocated per team per half-inning and need not be the same runner).

4. 3/2 count: **If a hit ball on the second strike** is ruled foul, ball is dead and runners may not advance.
5. Coin toss determines home team.
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. Managers/players ejected from a game are ineligible for the following game and may be disqualified from the remainder of the event with additional penalties possible. **DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.** On-site hearing will be conducted to determine penalties beyond the 1+1 suspension (if any). Players guilty of using an illegal bat will be declared out and disqualified from tournament play. Spot checks will be performed.
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. Batting the bench (slowpitch). Slowpitch teams may bat the bench, but if a batter is disqualified or voluntarily leaves that spot in the batting order, it will be an automatic out.
12. 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.
13. All teams must supply and wear jerseys which have at least four inch legible non-duplicate 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!



NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION PLAYER WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER

Year _____

Sports Community (City/State) _____ Division _____

Team Name _____ Class: Open/Major A B C DD D EE E
(see division code box)

Team Manager _____ Phone H () _____ W () _____
(to be eligible as a player, team manager must also be listed under players section)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

PLAYER STATEMENT *Each player shall read the following statements before signing the roster.* I am a member in good standing of the above team and I am eligible under local sports community and NSF eligibility rules to compete with this team in local sports community and NSF tournament play. I understand that I may participate in only one NSF post-season tournament in the same division of play and my signature may appear on only one post-season tournament roster in the same division of play. For the definition of "divisions of play" please see the applicable NSF Guidebook. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations established for local sports community and NSF play.

HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER OF LIABILITY: I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of amateur sports team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in playing softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players, including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants. 3. I understand that the very nature of sports participation is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, hitting or catching a ball, blocking, checking, swinging a broom, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. Further, I, the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the courts, rinks or fields arranged for by the team or league: 1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by both players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the facilities arranged for by my team or league for practice or play. 2. I release, discharge and agree not to sue the team and league designated above, the fieldowner or other entity designated above, the National Softball Federation of America, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or National Softball Federation of America for any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released.

* TEAM COACH CHECKLIST FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY *

- Signatures of all players must be on this official tournament roster.
- All players must have a driver's license I.D., military picture I.D., or company picture I.D.

All of the above requirements must be met at team check-in and throughout tournament play.

DIVISION CODE BOX

MSP	-	Men's Slowpitch	MS55	-	Men's (55 + Over) Slowpitch
WSP	-	Women's Slowpitch	MS60	-	Men's (35 + Over) Slowpitch
MISP	-	Men's Industrial Slowpitch	WS30	-	Women's (30 + Over) Slowpitch
MCSP	-	Men's Church Slowpitch	MFP	-	Men's Fastpitch
CRSP	-	Co-Rec Slowpitch 11"/12"	WFP	-	Women's Fastpitch
CR14	-	Co-Rec Slowpitch 12"/14"	MF40	-	Men's (40 + Over) Fastpitch
MS35	-	Men's (35 + Over) Slowpitch	MF23	-	Men's (23 + Under) Fastpitch
MS40	-	Men's (40 + Over) Slowpitch	MMP	-	Men's Modified Pitch
MS45	-	Men's (45 + Over) Slowpitch	WMP	-	Women's Modified Pitch
MS50	-	Men's (50 + Over) Slowpitch	MM35	-	Men's (35 + Over) Modified Pitch

PRINT OR TYPE NAME	PLAYER'S SIGNATURE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	TELEPHONE	PARENT'S SIGNATURE (MINORS ONLY)	BIRTHDATE		
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Statement of Team Manager and League Director: We hereby verify that each player appearing on this NSF tournament roster qualifies under the eligibility rules outlined in the NSF program guide. We understand that a violation of NSF eligibility rules even if inadvertent, will result in the automatic disqualification of the team and may result in the probation and/or suspension of our sports community from future NSF participation.

Team Manager's Signature

League Director's Signature