

NOR-CAL USA MEMORANDUM

To: Nor-Cal "A" J O Championships Team Managers
From: Manuel Gomez, Nor-Cal Junior Olympic Commissioner / Tournament Director
Subject: 2018 Nor Cal J. O. "A" Association Championship Tournament
Date: December 14, 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your team to the 2018 Nor-Cal "A" Junior Olympic Championship Tournaments being hosted this year in Sunnyvale & Hayward, California. **We ask for only teams, which are serious in advancing onto the National Championships,** enter the Nor Cal Association Tournaments in their specific age classification.

All 8U, 10U & 12U teams must have played in one Approved Nor Cal Pre-Qualifier or are planning on playing in an Approved Nor Cal Pre-Qualifier prior to the tournament date. (14U, 16U & 18U are exempt from this requirement).

[NOTE:]

The 10U & 18U will be playing in Hayward. Dates are Saturday, June 16 – Sunday, June 17.

The 12U, 14U & 16U will be playing in Sunnyvale at Twin Creeks. Dates are Friday, June 15 – Sunday June 17.

ENTRY FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, MAY 28.

The tournament dates are Friday June 15th through Sunday June 17th. The number of entries will determine the starting time for Tournament play on Friday. This decision will be made after the May 28th, deadline. .

First games could begin as early as 1:00 P.M. on Friday

NOTE: TWIN CREEKS HAS CONVERTED ALL FIELDS TO ARTIFICIAL ALL-PURPOSE TURF. TURF SHOES AND RUBBER MOLDED SHOES WOULD BE OK. NO METAL CLEATS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED.

Thank you for registering for the USA Softball NORCAL Championships. As you may be aware, hotels in the Silicon Valley are often expensive and hard to come by. For your convenience, we have reserved a discounted rate especially for NORCAL participants at the following hotels:

Santa Clara Marriott

\$109 a night

Aloft 510 America Center Court, San Jose

\$109 a night

These rooms are based on a first come first serve basis. This is our first year attempting to secure a block and we definitely want to error on the side of caution. If you would like the room block pass phrase, please reach out to Sabrina Werthman directly at swerthman@norcalusasoftball.org

It is MANDATORY that All Travel Team Manager/Coaches (**any adult in the dugout**) have completed their ACE Coaching Certification with Background Check and submit along with the tournament entry form and tournament fee a copy of their ACE Certification Card, which would have been issued through the USA National Office. Also Mandatory is the Concussion Certificate.

Coaches must wear lanyards with ACE Card (visible) during this tournament.

It is MANDATORY that each player has a Photo Identification Card for Championship Play (Hall of Fame Qualifier, National Qualifier, Nor Cal Championships). Photo I.D. Cards, which are acceptable: DMV License or Identification Card, Photo Passports within two (2) years or the Photo ID Card through RegisterUSA. You can purchase colored credit card like photo identification cards through www.registerusasoftball.com. If you purchased an I.D. Card last year through registerusasoftball.com and the player is playing in the same age classification, you can use the same card for AGE Identification only. **(Example: Susie was 9yrs old in 2017 and played on a 10U team. Susie is 10yrs old in 2018 and again playing on a 10U team. Her 2017 ID card is still good for Identification purposes only. You would still need to register her individually as an USA Member for the 2018 Season).**

All teams that advance to the next level of play will do so at their own expense. Berth breakdown:

Number of Berths to USA National Championship: 4 in each age group

Everyone else can advance to the USA "A" Western National Championships.

Any team that forfeits a game during the tournament will not be eligible to advance in Championship Play.

Any team that forfeits a game during championship play may be suspended per USA Code.

The Entry Form and Fact Sheet are available on the Nor-Cal website @ www.norcalusasoftbasll.org. This information will be very useful to you, as your team gets ready for the tournament. The entry fee is **\$550.00**, and the deadline to submit your fees is Monday, May 28, 2018.

NOTE: This will be a THREE GAME GUARANTEE

You must log onto www.tournamentasa.com to sign-up for this tournament then mail in the Nor Cal USA Entry Form with Payment to the following address:

NOR-CAL USA, P. O. Box 2829, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

If sending by overnight mail, please send to: Sandy Scott 7435 Fairway Two #16, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

You can reach Office Manager Sandy Scott by email at sscott@norcalusasoftball.org or by phone at 916-962-1631. To help expedite your time at registration check-in you can submit the required paperwork along with your entry form.

NOTE: Please inform your parents that Nor Cal USA may have an approved professional photographer at the tournament on the field.

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact Junior Olympic Commissioner/Tournament Director Manuel Gomez (831) 869-8521 or by email at mgomez@norcalusasoftball.org