



Dear Tournament Director:

November 6, 2017

USA Softball of Northern California, better known as Nor Cal USA Softball, is in the process of setting its tournament schedule for the 2018 season. In order to facilitate the scheduling of these events we require that the attached Invitational Tournament Request Form be completed for all tournament requests.

Nor Cal USA Softball will require 10UA, 12UA and 8UC, 10UB and C & 12UB & C Junior Olympic (JO) teams play in at least one (1) Nor Cal USA Softball Pre-Qualifier Tournament to be eligible to advance to the Nor Cal USA Softball Championship Tournament. 14U, 16U & 18U team are exempt from this requirement. Please indicate on your form if you wish to have your tournament designated as a Pre-Qualifier.

The Nor Cal USA Softball Junior Olympic "A" Championship Tournament plus the 16UB and 18UB will be held the weekend of June 15 – 17th and the Nor Cal USA Softball Junior Olympic "B" & "C" Championship Tournaments (except 16B and 18B) the weekend of June 22 – 24th, in either Hayward or Sunnyvale.

"A" Pre-Qualifying tournaments can be scheduled from January 1st to the June 9th weekend. **Nor Cal USA Softball will sanction early "B" events on one weekend each in February, March, April and early May, but they must be Pre-Qualifying Tournaments. There will still be tournaments sanctioned during the usual timeframe of Memorial Day until the June 16th weekend. The dates for the early "B" Pre-Qualifying Tournaments will be February 17-18th, March 17-18th, April 14-15th and May 5-6th.** "C" Pre-Qualifying Tournaments can be scheduled beginning Memorial Day weekend to the June 16th weekend.

Tournament sites and dates will be reviewed by your District Commissioner, Umpire-in-Chief and approved by the Nor Cal JO Commissioner or their designee. We will sanction tournaments only on these weekends if umpires are available in the area. Father's Day weekend was especially difficult in 2017 as over 250 teams were competing, so we will be looking carefully at events being requested for that weekend and only sanctioning events that we feel can be covered adequately. We may also limit the number of teams those tournaments will be able to accept. We want everyone to have success, but we also want to be sure we can provide officials.

The following are "blackout" dates for Girl's events. Nor Cal USA Softball will **NOT** sanction any Girls Junior Olympic Invitational Tournaments on the following dates:

June 15-16th **Girl's Class "A" Nor Cal Championship Weekend**
No "A" events will be sanctioned this weekend.

June 22-23rd **Girl's Class "B" and "C" Nor Cal Championship Weekend**
No "B" events will be sanctioned this weekend.

Please make sure that you complete one Request Form for each Tournament that you want to host. Once completing the Tournament Request Form you will need to submit it to your **District Commissioner for approval**. (See last page for a listing of District Commissioners). Your District Commissioner and District UIC will review the Request Form and if approved will submit your request to the Nor Cal JO Commissioner for final approval. Upon approval you will be mailed the Tournament Sanctioning Form. This form needs to be completed and returned to the Nor Cal Office. These Tournaments will be listed on the Tournament USA Softball website with a link on the Nor Cal USA Softball site. We hope to have tournaments posted at the beginning of the new year.

The deadline to submit your request is **Friday, December 15, 2017**. If you have any questions, you can email me at jgouveia@norcalasa.org or you can contact either JO Commissioner Manuel Gomez at 831-869-8521 or email at mgomez@norcalasa.org or Office Manager Sandy Scott at 916-962-1631 or email at sscott@norcalasa.org. We are all looking forward to working with you this year. Best wishes for a successful 2018 season.

Sincerely,

John Gouveia, Commissioner

2018 NOR-CAL USA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REQUEST

Organization _____ Representative _____

Tournament Contact Information for Web Site:

Tournament Name (if applicable) _____

Tournament Director _____

Contact Info You Wish Published: Phone () _____ Email _____

Web Site _____

TYPE OF SANCTION REQUESTED: _____ INVITATIONAL _____ **PRE-QUALIFIER**

Division of Play: Men _____ Women _____ Co-ed _____ Girls _____ Boys _____

Type of Tournament: Fastpitch _____ Slowpitch _____

ADULT CLASSIFICATION: OPEN _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ OTHER _____

YOUTH CLASSIFICATION:

18 Gold _____ 16 Gold _____ 18A _____ 16A _____ 14A _____ 12A _____ 10A _____

18B _____ 16B _____ 14B _____ 12B _____ 10B _____

12C _____ 10C _____ 8C _____ 8C Coach Pitch _____

DATE REQUESTED:

1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

ENTRY FEE: _____ **GAME GUARANTEE:** _____ **ENTRY DEADLINE:** _____

UMPIRE ASSOCIATION that you will be contracting with _____

Facility/Fields to be used

Facility/field name _____ field owner _____

Field owner contact _____ phone () _____

Facility/field name _____ field owner _____

Field owner contact _____ phone () _____

Facility/field name _____ field owner _____

Field owner contact _____ phone () _____

In order for your event to be sanctioned the following conditions must be adhered to:

- All Nor Cal USA Softball approved tournaments will be required to use Tournament USA Softball to list their event, register teams and post Pool Play and/or Bracket Play schedules. Please note that there is a \$10 per team charge for this service. This serves as your Sanctioning fee as Nor Cal USA Softball does not charge any other type of tournament fee.
- All participating teams must be registered with USA Softball for the current year.
- All umpires must be registered with USA Softball for the current year, be in proper uniform and follow all USA Softball guidelines.
- The event may not be affiliated with any other softball organization.
- If you are requesting that your event serve as a Pre-Qualifier then you must agree to use USA Softball Championship Play rules and the softball type and size specified by Nor Cal USA Softball.
- All fields will meet all Bollinger Insurance requirements and will be inspected prior to use.
- All facilities used will have adequate restroom facilities.
- The fields will receive full field prep at least after every third game scheduled for the day. No more than eight (8) fastpitch games and eleven (11) slowpitch games shall be scheduled on a field on any given day.
- Each team shall submit a Standard Roster, which includes the USA Softball Official Waiver, Release of Liability and Indemnification Form or an equivalent form. Any equivalent form must be in the same style and contain the same language as the official USA Softball Form. Championship rosters should not be used.
- Tournament organizer agrees to provide Tournament Liability insurance or purchase coverage through Bollinger naming the Field Owner as additional insured.

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the above organization, upon approval of this application, understand the conditions set forth herein and shall assume full responsibility for assuring that all conditions are met. Further, I understand that all USA Softball tournaments are subject to site visits and review by representatives of USA Softball. I also understand that if the tournament and/or facilities are found to be in noncompliance in any of the above areas the sanctioning can be revoked immediately and all future tournament sanctioning may also be revoked.

Signature of Organization Representative _____

Submit this request form to your District Commissioner for approval.

TYPE OR PRINT SO IT IS CLEAR TO THE READER. RETURN BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

APPROVED BY: _____ **APPROVED BY:** _____
District Commissioner District Umpire-in-Chief

Nor Cal JO Commissioner Approval: _____

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