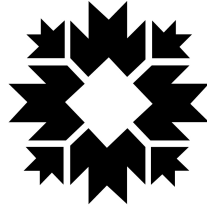


2017 Girls' Class A 12-Under Fastpitch Northern Nationals  
2017 Girls' Class B 10-Under Fastpitch Northern Nationals



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**A. Entry Deadline/Rosters/Entry Fee**

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Mail items 1-4 to the address listed below.

1. Official tournament entry form—This is an ASA form signed by your state commissioner and confirms you have qualified.
2. We Declare We Are Coming form—Comes from the team, and provides the team's correct name and hometown. This form can be found at [bloomingtonnationals.com](http://bloomingtonnationals.com).
3. Entry fee of \$450 (We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover; make checks payable to "Bloomington Parks and Recreation")
4. Championship roster

Send to:

Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Attn: John Turnbull

401 N. Morton, Suite 250

Bloomington, IN 47404

Day Phone: (812) 349-3712

FAX (812) 349-3705

E-mail [turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov)

**B. Pre-Tournament Team Manager Check-in**

Thursday, Aug. 3 from 5-6 p.m. at the Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave. *This check-in is for managers only.* Players check in prior to their first game. Bat testing will take place here from 5-6 p.m. We recommend you take advantage of this opportunity have your bats tested here.

**C. Manager's Meeting**

Thursday, Aug. 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave. Tournament draw and rules will be discussed at this mandatory meeting for managers. Food is provided for one team manager. An additional 20 total people may be admitted to the meal for \$20 each with a prior reservation. Call or e-mail the tournament

director for a reservation (812-349-3712 or turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov).

**D. Opening Ceremonies**

Prior to 8 a.m. pool games on Friday, Aug. 4.

**E. Opening Play**

The tournament starts with pool play Friday, Aug. 4 at 8 a.m.

**F. Tournament Program**

Team managers should send a digital, color photo of the competing team for inclusion in the official souvenir program. Deadline to receive photos for the program is 5 p.m. Friday, July 21.

Please send color team photos to rameyj@bloomington.in.gov and follow these instructions. Photos should be horizontal or square.

1. Be sure the photo is high resolution, and send it as a jpg or tif. Photos taken with newer model cell phones and digital cameras are fine, but don't downsize the image.
2. In the e-mail subject line, put the team name followed by "Northern Nationals team photo" (e.g. Indiana Elite – Northern Nationals team photo). Indicate the division, i.e. 10U or 12U.
3. In the e-mail message, use the following template for photo ID:  
Team Name:  
Front row (left to right):  
Middle row:  
Back Row:
4. For space reasons, don't include player numbers, only names.

**G. Player Identification**

Each member of a Junior Olympic team competing at all ASA Championships must provide proper identification to the tournament director before the start of competition. This may be done onsite prior to the first game. Proper identification includes a current photo, player's signature, and proof of age. Acceptable age verification includes: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, driver's license, photo ID card issued by a local ASA Commissioner and/or their designate, or a valid passport. See ASA Code 2017, Article 301 for any further explanation.

**H. Bat Testing**

Every bat that enters either playing complex must be tested with an ASA-approved barrel compression testing machine, and must have an approval sticker presented by this tournament staff. Bats will be tested, and approval stickers presented, at the team manager check-in from 5 until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Bloomington Convention Center; and at the Tournament Director's tent at Twin Lakes Sports Park or Winslow Sports Complex prior to the team's first pool play game, and throughout the day. All bats must have a certification sticker from this tournament to enter a game.

I. **Gift Exchange**

It is customary to have a gift exchange between teams. Each player and three managers will exchange with the first team they play in pool play. Please plan for 18 players and three managers. Suggested gifts are usually under \$10 and are unique to your area. Suggestions include pins, food items, and/or T-shirts.

J. **Lodging**

Bloomington Parks and Recreation and Visit Bloomington have negotiated guaranteed quality and price with select properties. These select properties will honor committed availability, have been screened for quality, and have locked-in prices. You may go outside the select properties, but rooms will likely be more expensive and the quality varies greatly.

A list of host properties is attached at the end of this packet, and may also be found online at [bloomingtonnationals.com](http://bloomingtonnationals.com).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. **Awards**

ASA Code 306 dictates the awards based on the number of teams entered.

B. **Format**

Two pool play games and double elimination is the standard format specified for the USA Softball Northern Nationals in 2017. Pool play begins Friday, Aug. 4. Double elimination immediately follows pool play and is estimated to start Friday evening.

C. **Playing Fields**

Two complexes will be used during this event.

Twin Lakes Sports Park, 2350 W. Bloomfield Rd., Bloomington, Ind. 47403

Winslow Sports Complex, 2301 S. Highland Ave., Bloomington, Ind. 47401.

Both facilities have four diamonds specified for girl's fast pitch fence and base distances.

Lower Cascades Park, 3031 Old State Road 37 N, will be used for pool play and practice if needed.

D. **Draw Procedure**

Article 511 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving and posted on [bloomingtonnationals.com](http://bloomingtonnationals.com) no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The national ASA office strongly suggests pool draws be done in advance to give teams advanced notice. Double elimination brackets are determined immediately after a team finishes their second pool play game. The order of finish in pool play dictates seeding on the double elimination bracket.

E. **Uniforms**

All players competing at the ASA Northern Nationals shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim, and style. Short or long pants may be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or

dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the ASA official playing rules - Rule 3, Section 6 for complete information.

F. **Line-Ups**

Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

G. **Game Times**

Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the preceding games are completed. In the pool and elimination play, there is a 1 hour and 40 minute time limit. No inning shall start after the 1 hour 40 minutes has expired.

H. **Infield Practice/Pre-Tournament Practice:**

No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass if time permits. Warm-up is allowed in the area between 200' temporary fences and 300' permanent fences. Teams wishing to practice prior to Aug. 4 may reserve a practice field by calling the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at (812) 349-3700 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

I. **Bench Area**

Players, coaches, sponsors, and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area.

J. **Protests**

The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedures. See ASA playing rule 9.

K. **Run Rule**

Run Rule is 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; and 8 runs after five innings.

L. **Weather Delay**

In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager's responsibility to call the sports information hotline (812.349.3610), check the Web site or Facebook page, or visit the information tent for re-scheduled game information. Bloomington has completed every national tournament we have hosted in the past and we intend to complete this one.

M. **Team Seating**

The team at the top of the bracket will use the first base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the third base dugout.

- N. **Official Game Balls**  
 12 inch yellow optic, 47 Cor, 375 Worth Dream Seam for 12-Under  
 11 inch yellow optic, 47 Cor, 375 Worth Dream Seam for 10-Under
- O. **Game Rules**  
 All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2017 ASA Official Guide and Rulebook.
- P. **Conduct**  
 Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents, and supporting spectators both on and off the field. The tournament committee will deal with any report of damage by hotel management. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players, or fans will be handled in a three-step process. First, notification to the manager at a breaking point in the game. Second, direct warning to the violators. Third, suspension of the game; ejection of the individual from the facility within a two minute time period.
- Q. **Eligibility**  
 Please see the 2017 ASA Code Article 301 for clarifications and interpretations.
- R. **Player Passes**  
 Player admission passes will be distributed to rostered players and **two** coaches/managers. **All participants must have a pass to gain entrance to the softball complexes.** Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price. The player passes and two coaches/manager passes will be distributed at the team check-in. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers, or more than two coaches/managers free admittance. Additional coach passes can be purchased at check-in.
- S. **Souvenirs**  
 Souvenirs will be available for purchase throughout the weekend at the Twin Lakes Sports Park.
- T. **Admission**  
 Daily gate admission is \$5 Adults, \$3 Youth (17 and under), 5 years and under free  
 Tournament passes are \$10 Adults and \$6 Youth (17 and under)  
 We do not offer discount admission to senior citizens or members of the military.
- U. **Pets/Scooters/Rollerblades/Alcoholic Beverages/Coolers**  
 None of the above are allowed in our fenced ballfield area. Team coolers are permitted.

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 20 parks which feature tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas and playgrounds. In addition, the Department has a 27-hole golf course, a lake, two outdoor pools, and the Twin Lakes Recreation Center. You and your guests are invited to explore and use these facilities while in Bloomington.

A complete packet of tourist information will be available at team check-in.

**For additional information contact:**

John Turnbull, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, (812) 349-3712 between  
8 a.m. -5 p.m. or via e-mail at [turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:turnbulj@bloomington.in.gov).  
Our fax number is (812) 349-3705.

Visit the National Tournament Web page at [bloomingtonnationals.com](http://bloomingtonnationals.com).

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