

2018 USA Northern National
Fastpitch Championship
Girls 10A and 12B



Yankton, SD

July 25 – 29, 2018

Sertoma Park Fields, Summit Fields, Riverside Field

Dear Coaches, Players and Families:

The Yankton Girls Softball Association is honored to host the 2018 USA Northern National Girl's U10A and U12B Fastpitch Championships. We hope you have a wonderful time and feel welcomed in Yankton.

Attached you will find a packet of information regarding the 2018 USA Northern National Girl's U10A and U12B Championships to be held on July 25 – 29, 2018. A schedule of events for the tournament is included in the packet. Registration deadline is July 16, 2018.

The games will be played at Sertoma Park, Summit Center Fields and Riverside Field. Riverside Field has one lighted field located by the scenic Missouri River. We have 2 fields located at the Summit Center by the Yankton High School. Sertoma Park has 6 fields, all with lights and two of the fields are turf infields. The bulk of the games will be played at Sertoma Park.

We look forward to hosting this prestigious event. We will do our best to be great host and in making this tournament a rewarding experience for your team and fans. For visitor information: Yankton Chamber - <https://yanktonsd.com/> and City of Yankton - <http://www.cityofyankton.org/> .

Yankton Girls Softball Association

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Tournament Staff

Tournament Director	Dave Kokesh & Robin Wirth 605 660-1544 / 605-661-7280
SD USA Commissioner	Gary Young
Umpire in Chief	TBD
USA Representative	TBD

Pre-Tournament Deadlines

Registration Deadline is July 16, 2018 which includes all required forms & Payment.

1. Tournament Fee - \$400.00 – payable to: YGSA – PO Box 103, Yankton, SD 57078.
2. Completed USA National Championship Entry Form – signed by your State Commissioner
3. Completed USA National Championship Roster – signed by your State Commissioner
4. Completed USA Pick-Up Player Form – if using and signed by your State Commissioner
5. Email digital Team Photo, with names, for the program by July 16 – ygsa@ymail.com
6. Coaches must show their ACE Certification card at check in. Teams must have a least one coach that is ACE Certified on the field or in the dugout with you at ALL times.
7. All dugout personnel must be USA Background checked and must have proof of the completed background check to get a coaches pass at check in.
8. Proof of team insurance – Bollinger or other insurance provider.
9. Coach must check in and provide a photo and birth certificate of each girl.
10. Bat Testing – all bats that wish to be used during play need to be brought to check in or to tournament headquarters before first game and get tested. All bats that are being used will need to have a sticker.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday July 25

Team Check-in	12pm – 4pm	TBD
Umpire Meeting	3pm	TBD
Coaches Meeting	4pm	TBD
Opening Ceremonies	6pm	Riverside Park

The ceremony will start at 6pm. Teams should be lined up by 5:45 in the staging area. We encourage teams to wear their team jerseys or team created shirts. You may exchange pins if you chose to do that. After opening ceremonies there will be a free meal provided for the players and coaches and a small fee will be charged to all others.

Thursday July 26

Pool Play Games begin	8am	Sertoma/Summit/Riverside
Gift Bag Exchange after your first pool play game		

Friday July 27

Pool Play Games continue if needed		Sertoma/Summit/Riverside
Double Elimination Draw - after pool play games (Thursday or Friday)		

Draw Process into Brackets – teams will turn in their tournament evaluations form at the draw. Pool play games do count for seeding purposes. Teams out of the same region will not be seeded in the same bracket in the first round, if possible. The bracket is already labeled with a number. Each team will draw a game number according to how they placed within their pool.

Friday July 27

Bracket Play	TBD	Sertoma/Summit/Riverside
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Saturday July 28

Bracket Play	8am	Sertoma/Summit/Riverside
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Sunday July 29

Bracket Play	8am	Sertoma/Summit/Riverside
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Admission

Tournament passes will be provided for all rostered players and three coaches. (max of 20). All participants must have a pass to gain admission to the complex. Uniforms alone is not acceptable. Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers or more than three coaches/managers free admittance.

Tournament Pass – Adult - \$20.00; Child (13-17) - \$10.00

(Available at Check-in or at the gate)

Daily Admission – Adult - \$7.00; Child (13-17) - \$3.00

There is no fee for parking.

Children under 12 are free.

Coaches Passes

Tournament coaches passes must be worn by any bench coaching personnel during games. All coaches in the dugout will need to have a coaching pass.

As stated above, tournament passes will be provided for all rostered players and three coaches at check-in (max of 20). Additional coaches passes can be purchased at check in.

Gift Bag Exchange

As a tradition at many National sporting events there will be a gift exchange at the conclusion of each team's first pool game. Please be prepared with a small gift to exchange with each member of the opposing team (approx. 18 gifts). See attached flyer on the gift exchange.

General Information

Draw / Tournament Format – Article 511 of the USA Softball Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving and posted on the tournament website/Facebook/Twitter no later than July 19. Pool Play begins on Thursday July 26. Double Elimination will begin on Friday July 27. Teams are guaranteed four (4) games.

Uniforms – All players competing at the USA Northern National shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim and style. Shorts or long pants can be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the USA Softball official playing rules – Rule 3, Section 6 for complete uniform requirements.

Awards – USA Softball code 607 dictates the awards based on the number of teams entered. The minimum awards are team awards to the top three teams; individual awards to the first and second place teams.

Game Balls – AD Starr Spirit Yellow Optic Softballs.

Line-ups – Tournament staff will be the official scorekeeper for games. You will need to provide them a line-up card for each game. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game, scheduled time. Line-up cards will be supplied for you and in your welcome bag, which you will receive at check-in.

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 fields are prepared. In all Junior Olympic Class A and B, 10U and 12U pool play and elimination play, games are 1 hour 20 minute, finish that inning, then one additional inning will be played. If game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tiebreaker shall be in effect at the start of the next inning.

Infield Practice – no infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only, this includes green space around the complex. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass and beyond the portable fencing.

Pre-Tournament Practice – Teams wishing to have a practice prior to the tournament, call Chad at 605-661-1520 to schedule an 80 minute practice.

Bench Area – Players, coaches and a bat person only are allowed in the bench area. All bench personnel must have either an ACE certification or a background check. Such personnel will be required to wear their coaching pass where it can be seen, for verification. Water will be available in each dugout. Please clean out your dugout at the conclusion of your game.

Protests – If at any time during the tournament, you feel that a rule was mis-applied, you should tell the umpire you are placing the game under protest. The scorekeeper should then contact the UIC to come to the field, UIC decisions are final. Be familiar with the rules of the game and proper protests procedures. Protests can't be made on judgement calls.

Run Ahead – the run ahead rule is 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings and 8 runs after five innings.

Rain Delay / Inclement Weather Policy – 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 coaches responsibility to report to tournament headquarters for rescheduled game information. Games postponed will be made up as determined by the Tournament Director and staff. Games time limit may be shortened, depending on when a rainout occurs – in order to get all games played. Rainout information will be available via twitter and Facebook and posted on the tournament website – yanktongirlssoftball.com.

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. Unless a team is playing back to back games.

Coin Toss – will take place on the field before each game.

Conduct – coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents and supporting spectators both on and off the field. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players or fans will be handled in a three step process: 1. Notification to the coach at a breaking point in the game; 2. Direct warning to the violators; 3. Suspension of the game, ejection of the individual from the facility within a two minute time period.

Souvenirs – a variety of souvenirs will be on pre-sale on our website and throughout the tournament.

Team Photos – Expressions Photography will be doing all team photos before and after opening ceremonies. Contact Info: Jamie at www.expressionsbyjamie.photo.

Concessions – A variety of concessions will be available.

Team Housing – Hotel blocks are being held for teams. For added convenience, mention the word “USA Northern National” when making the reservation.

Hospitality – we are very pleased to have you in Yankton, SD and will be happy to help you in anyway. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Park Rules – No outside food or coolers allowed. Team coolers will be allowed. Concession stand will be available.