



# 2023

## INFORMATION PACKET



# 2023 USA SOFTBALL / ALLIANCE FASTPITCH 12A/16A WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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**Congratulations to teams who have qualified as one of the top fast pitch softball teams in the country!**

You have earned the right to play in the 2023 USA Softball / Alliance Fastpitch 12A/16A Western National Championships, and we look forward to welcoming your players, coaches, and families to our beautiful city, **Salem, Oregon, July 24-30, 2023.**

We anticipate an incredible week for you to enjoy some of the best fast pitch softball in the country. We hope you will also take home memories that you can treasure for many years to come.

We are excited to have such talented teams from all over the country come to Salem, Oregon. Tournament games will be played at **Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex**, which has five natural, lit fields. This breathtaking riverfront park is owned by the City of Salem and is maintained by Parks Operations staff.

Inside this tournament packet, you will find important information for your teams about registration submissions, deadlines, the tournament schedule, accommodations while you're here, and rules and regulations governing the tournament and use of the park. We ask that you read over all of the information carefully in order to understand tournament procedures.

You can find additional forms and updates on our website at **[www.softballcityusa.com](http://www.softballcityusa.com)**. Please note the deadline for entry submissions, **5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.**

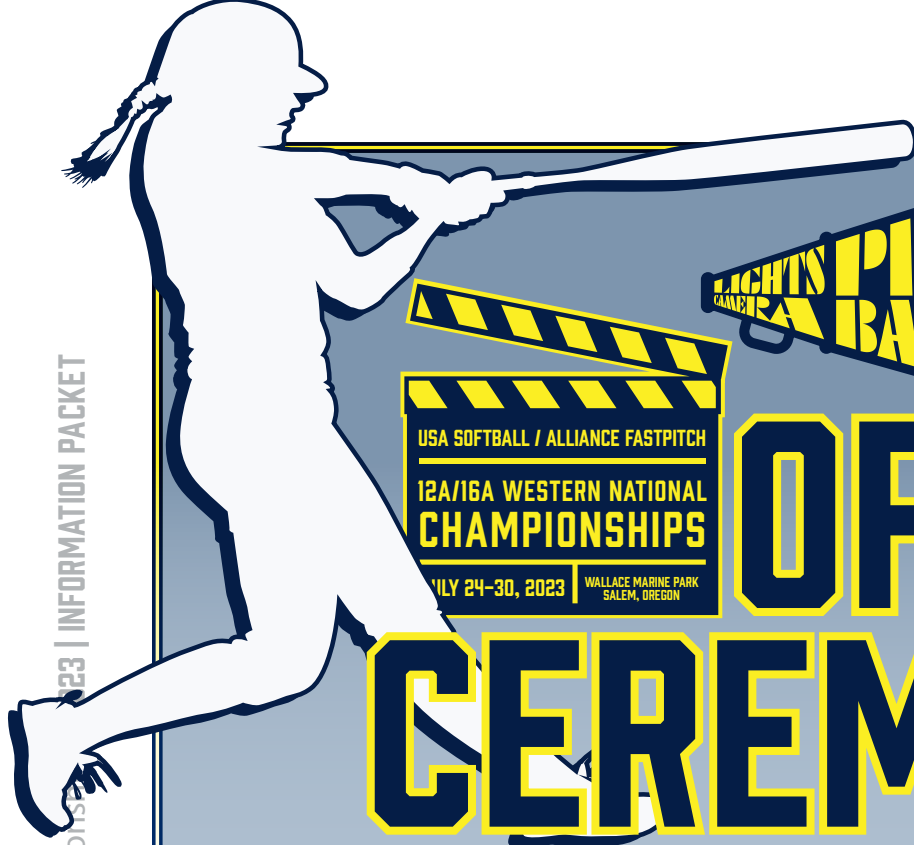
We look forward to this summer and all of the exciting and competitive softball that will be played. Please accept our wishes for safe travels and our sincere congratulations upon qualifying for the 2023 USA Softball / Alliance Fastpitch 12A/16A Western National Championships.

We will see you in Salem, Oregon.

**BILLY POWERS**

Tournament Director





# OPENING CEREMONIES

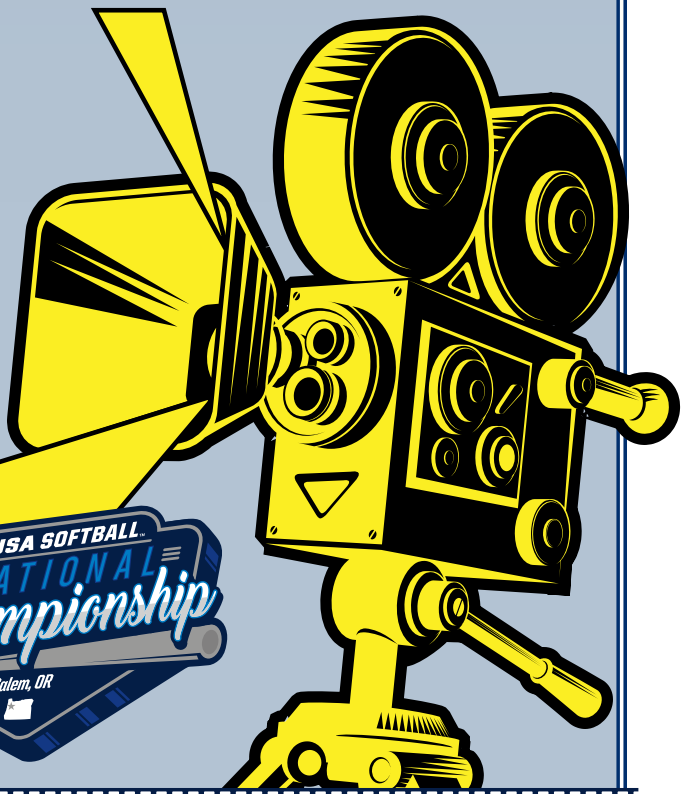
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## SKILLS EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 | 4:30 P.M.  
Wallace Marine Park

**BASE RUNNING, THROWING,  
AND HOME RUN!**

Opening Ceremonies and a Team Party  
will start after Skill Events conclude.  
(Time TBA)



# 2023 | 12A/16A GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>2023 USA Softball / Alliance Fastpitch 12A/16A Western National Championships</b>
<b>DATES</b>	<b>July 24-30, 2023</b>
<b>WEBSITES</b>	<b><a href="http://www.tournamentusasoftball.com">www.tournamentusasoftball.com</a>   <a href="http://www.softballcityusa.com">www.softballcityusa.com</a></b> Visit our website for an electronic copy of this packet, additional forms, sponsor information, and tournament schedule updates.
<b>LOCATIONS</b>	Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex 200 Glen Creek Road NW, Salem, Oregon Practice and overflow location: Orchard Heights Park   1165 Orchard Heights Rd NW, Salem, Oregon
<b>ENTRY DEADLINE</b>	<b>5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023</b>
<b>TEAM ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>\$1,350</b> (payable to City of Salem).  Please note, entry fee is \$800 and the gate entry fee is \$550. Payment for gate fee is due up front. Spectators are free to come and go throughout the tournament at no cost.  <b>\$1,200 paid by April 17, 2023 (\$150 SAVINGS)</b>
<b>POOL PLAY DRAW</b>	Pool Play draw will take place during the manager’s breakfast on July 24, 2023.
<b>TYPES OF PAYMENT</b>	Payments may be made by <b>Visa, MasterCard, cash, or check</b> (payable to City of Salem). Cash payments must be made in person . Credit cards must be used in person with photo identification or online. (See below)
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS</b>	Online payments available after entry approval, and once all forms are received. Contact us for more information.
<b>ENTRY SUBMISSIONS</b>	Send fees and all required registration forms (see checklist) to the tournament director. Forms may be mailed or emailed:  <b>Attention: Softball</b> <b>City of Salem Public Works Department</b> <b>555 Liberty Street SE, RM 325</b> <b>Salem, OR 97301-3513</b> <b><a href="mailto:softball@cityofsalem.net">softball@cityofsalem.net</a></b>



## TEAM PHOTOS

Qualifying teams are also required to submit a digital, color **team photo** and a **team roster** (including names, positions, and uniform numbers) before the deadline for inclusion in the official tournament program and other promotional materials.

Use the appropriate submission form and send all submissions electronically. Images may be submitted on CD or via email attachment or download link. Do not send color copies or printouts of photos.

Teams that do not have a team photo may send a team logo or a clear photo of their team's uniform jersey instead. The picture must be at least 3.5 inches (tall) by 5 inches (wide) at a minimum resolution of 300 ppi in JPEG format.

Photos and information received after the submission deadline may not be included in the program.

Direct questions regarding the official tournament program to **Lindsey Huston** at 503-588-6211 or [softball@cityofsalem.net](mailto:softball@cityofsalem.net).

## PROGRAM ADS

Parents, teams, and others who wish to purchase ad space for a personal message in the tournament program should submit a Tournament Program Personal Ad Order Form, fees, and any text or artwork no later than **5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023**.

Ads for which order form, fees, text, or artwork are received after the submission deadline will not be included in the program.

Ads are available in four sizes:

Full-Spread Ad (8 in. x 10.5 in., 225-word max) **\$300**

Full-Page Ad (5 in. x 8 in., 150-word maximum) **\$100**

Half-Page Ad (5 in. x 4 in., 75-word maximum) **\$75**

Quarter-Page Ad (2.5 in. x 4 in., 50-word maximum) **\$50**

Full-spread ads should not have any text or important information in the middle inch of the spread, where the booklets will be bound. Ads may be submitted as text, a picture, or both. Submit photos or ad artwork at **actual size** in **JPEG** format at a minimum resolution of **300 ppi**. Artwork may be submitted on CD or via email attachment (25 MB limit) or download link (such as to a Google Drive document).

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**LODGING AND DINING**

For tournament sponsor hotels, motels, and restaurants, see the listings at [www.softballcityusa.com](http://www.softballcityusa.com) or [www.travelsalem.com](http://www.travelsalem.com).

**TEAM PICTURES**

Photos will be taken during the week of the tournament at Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex.

**TEAM GIFT EXCHANGE**

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, teams will exchange gifts with each team member of the opposing team after the end of their first pool play game (approximately 18 gifts).

Gifts should be inexpensive, thoughtful, and based on the kind of gifts the girls themselves would like to receive. The following are a few possible gift ideas: items representing the team’s home state, team pins, magnets, key chains, beads, jewelry, disposable cameras, autograph or photo albums, lip balm, headbands, shirts, and bubbles.

**PIN EXCHANGE**

Team members are encouraged to have pins of their team’s logo or state to trade with players from other teams during the week.

**TEAM PRACTICE**

Team practice fees are **\$35 per hour** with a 2-hour per day maximum. Practice games are also available; fees are **\$80 per team** and include two umpires. Contact Billy Powers or Lindsey Huston at 503-588-6211 or [softball@cityofsalem.net](mailto:softball@cityofsalem.net) to schedule. Requests must be made by July 12, 2023.

**SKILLS CONTEST**

**Monday, July 24, 2023, 4:30 p.m. After Pool Play concludes**  
Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex.

**MANAGER’S MEETING**

A mandatory virtual manager’s meeting will be held Monday, **July 17, 2023**. More information to follow.

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023**

**Manager’s Meeting (virtual)**  
More information to come

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023**

**Team Practice and Practice Games**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Location: Satellite fields

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

**Team Practice and Practice Games**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Location: Satellite fields



**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

**Manager's Breakfast - Tournament Draw**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Location: Salem Convention Center

Pool play draw will take place during breakfast.

**Team Check-In**

Time: 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Salem Convention Center

Teams will be assigned a specific registration time when payment is received. Players and coaches must be present with ID at check-in. All bats will be tested at Team Check-in as well.

**Skills Events/Opening Ceremonies/Team Party**

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Wallace Marine Park

All teams and families may participate in the Opening Ceremonies. Players are encouraged to be in uniform or matching outfits.

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

**Tournament Pool Play Begins**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

**Tournament Pool Play Continues**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex

**Bracket draw will be done after each pool is completed.**

**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023**

**Tournament Bracket Play Begins**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023**

**Tournament Bracket Play Continues (16A) and Concludes (12A)**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023**

**Tournament Bracket Play Continues (16A)**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

**Tournament Bracket Play Concludes (16A)**

Time: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location: Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex





# July 2023

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09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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■ Submissions Deadline  
 ■ Tournament Dates

## CONTACTS AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

## OFFICIAL RULES

All playing rules and regulations shall be governed by the **USA Official Rules of Softball, 2023 Edition**.

## FORMAT

Three pool-play games followed by double-elimination bracket play.

## GAME TIMES

The game times will be listed on the official tournament bracket. Teams need to be prepared to play at the assigned time. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit.

## DUGOUTS

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

## LINE-UP CARDS

Tournament officials will provide official line-up cards for each team. An official line-up card must be submitted to the Official Scorekeeper at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game, at the coin toss, to determine the home team. The coin toss shall be completed by the Tournament Directors or site coordinator at each playing site.

## INFIELD PRACTICE

No infield practice is permitted during tournament play, and warm-up is allowed only in designated areas. **Hitting or pitching on the grass is strictly prohibited at any time.**

## RUN RULE

A "run rule" of 15 after three innings, 12 after four innings, or 8 after five innings shall be in effect (USA Rule 5, Section 9).

## DRESS CODE

Players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim, and style (USA Rule 3, Section 6, A–G).

Coaches must be neatly attired and dressed alike or in a team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team.

## CONDUCT

Managers and coaches are expected to have complete control of their players both on and off the playing field in accordance with the **USA Official Rules of Softball, 2023 Edition**.

## PROTESTS

The tournament committee will rule on all protests. Proper protest procedures are included in USA Rule 9.

## AWARDS

Awards shall be in accordance with Article 606 of the **USA Procedural Code**.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager’s responsibility to report to the Tournament Director for rescheduling information.

In the event the tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled time frame, the official order of finish will be determined in accordance with Article 310 of the **USA Procedural Code**.

**SOUVENIRS**

Souvenirs will be available at the Wallace Marine Softball Complex throughout the week and weekend.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS**

The following are prohibited in the softball complex, and an entry gate monitor will be stationed to ensure compliance.

- **No outside food, beverages, or energy drinks.** Exception: One unopened water bottle or sports drink.
- **No coolers, ice chests, or boxes.** Exception: One team cooler with unopened water bottles, sports drinks, and fresh fruit.
- **No cans, glass bottles, or fireworks.**
- **No animals or pets.** Exception: Certified service animals.
- **No heelies, large riding toys, or distracting, noise-making toys.**
- **No sunflower seeds**

**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

**No bicycling, skateboarding, or rollerblading.**

**NO TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL USE**

**Alcohol, smoking, vaping, or use of tobacco products are not allowed** in the Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex, Wallace Marine Park and parking lots, or any City of Salem park at any time.

