

# 2019 USA Softball 16U Class A Girls' Fast Pitch National Championship



City of Salem, City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Botetourt County Parks & Recreation  
Departments, Virginia's Blue Ridge CVB, and USA Softball of Piedmont VA



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# USA SOFTBALL™

## of Piedmont VA

Dear Manager,

Congratulations to you and your team for qualifying for the 2019 USA Softball 16U Class A Girls' Fast Pitch National Championship in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia July 21 – 28, 2019.

The Roanoke Valley has hosted 52 USA Softball National Championships and we believe that you will find our staff qualified and able to assist you. Our facilities are some of the best in the country with the Botetourt Sports Complex winning ASA Complex of the Year for 2012 and the Moyer Sports Complex winning ASA Complex of the Year for 2011.

Four Parks and Recreation Departments that include the City of Salem, City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, and Botetourt County along with USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia come together along with Virginia's Blue Ridge to bring you this prestigious event.

This information packet should answer the majority of your questions about the tournament. Please read the packet carefully and if you still have questions please give me a call or E-mail me.

Good luck and we look forward to meeting you and your team.



# Tournament Entry Paperwork

**DEADLINE is JULY 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

**Mail to: John McPhail / 5818 Fieldview Dr Roanoke, VA 24019**

**Scan and Email to: [jmcp hail4@gmail.com](mailto:jmcp hail4@gmail.com)**

- Completed Official Tournament Entry Form - Must be signed by USA Softball Commissioner
- USA Softball Official Championship Roster - Must be signed by USA Softball Commissioner on both sides
- Tournament Entry Fee \$550 - Made payable to USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia
- Pick-Up Player Form - Must be signed by USA Softball Commissioner  
(This form only can be turned in as late as check-in at the tournament)

**Email to: [jmcp hail4@gmail.com](mailto:jmcp hail4@gmail.com)**

- Digital picture for tournament program (must be in .jpg format)

## Tournament Schedule

**JULY 21, 2019**

**OPENING DAY**

8:00am – 1:30pm

Team Check-In / Bat Testing

Salem Football Stadium

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Manager Luncheon

Salem Civic Center

7:00pm – 7:45pm

Team Social / Meal / Pin Trading

Salem Football Stadium

7:45pm – 8:30pm

Opening Ceremonies / Fireworks

Salem Football Stadium

**JULY 22, 2019**

**POOL PLAY GAMES BEGIN** - Pool Play will begin at 9:00am and continue through Tuesday. Games will be played at all three locations (Botetourt Sports Complex, Moyer Sports Complex, Arnold R Burton Complex). Pool play games count toward seeding.

**GIFT EXCHANGE** - All teams will exchange a gift with the first team they play in pool play.

**JULY 23, 2019**

**POOL PLAY GAMES** - Pool Play games will continue until all teams have played two games. The draw for Double Elimination will occur at the Moyer Sports Complex as pools finish.

**JULY 24, 2019**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION GAMES BEGIN** - Double Elimination will begin on Wednesday and continue through Sunday. Games will be played at all three locations. Game location assignments are done randomly based on where you draw your position into bracket.

**JULY 25, 2019**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION GAMES** - Double Elimination continue.

**JULY 28, 2019**

**CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY** - Championship Sunday includes the final rounds of the tournament including the Semi-Final and Championship Game.

**ENTRY FORMS:**

**Mailed to – John McPhail / 5818 Fieldview Dr Roanoke, VA 24019**

**Emailed to – jmcphail4@gmail.com**

The Official Tournament Entry Form and the USA Softball Official Championship Roster must be completed and returned to the tournament director, along with the entry fee of \$550.00 (made payable to USA Softball of Piedmont VA). The forms MUST be signed by your State Commissioner or his/her designee. Your local USA Softball Commissioner or his/her designee will be the one to supply this form. The deadline for this form and entry fee to be received is July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. These documents can be mailed or submitted via Email attachment. The Pick-Up Player Form is only applicable to teams that have pick up players. The form MUST be signed by your State Commissioner or his/her designee and can be brought to the team check in.

**TEAM PICTURE:**

Team photos (color) need to be sent via Email to jmcphail4@gmail.com in JPEG format. The photo needs to be received no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>. Photos received after this date will not be included in the tournament program.

**TEAM CHECK IN:**

**Salem Football Stadium – 1008 Texas St Salem, VA 24153**

Teams should check in together accompanied by the manager(s). Player picture identification is required. All players will sign in on the Tournament Signature Form and all coaches will show proof of background check/ACE certification as required per USA Softball.

**BAT TESTING:**

**Salem Football Stadium – 1008 Texas St Salem, VA 24153**

Barrel Compression Testing Machine. A USA Softball approved barrel compression testing machine shall be used at all USA Softball National Championship Finals (USA Softball Code Article 310 C)

**TEAM CHECK IN PROCEDURES:**

All players must be present along with team manager(s)

- Picture identification is required (**one of the following 3**)
  - USA Softball Photo ID card
  - Government issued ID
  - Copy of a birth certificate stapled to a copy of their picture
- Players are to lineup in the order as they are listed on the team's Official USA Softball Championship Roster.
- Pick-up players will be processed after regular roster players. A player pick-up form is required and it must be signed by your local USA Softball Commissioner or his/her designee.
- All players will be required to complete the Official USA Softball Tournament Signature Form. This form is provided at check in.
- If a team has submitted a copy of their official roster, then they must produce the original USA Softball Official Championship Roster at team check in in order to be eligible for tournament pool play
- All pre-purchased tournament passes as well as players/coach passes will be distributed to the team manager at check in
- At least one coach must produce proof that they are ACE certified at team check in.
- ALL coaches and personnel on the field and/or in the dugout during play must produce proof that they have a background check cleared through USA Softball. This must be submitted at team check in.

- MANAGER'S LUNCH:** This is a mandatory meeting for at least one manager per team. One manager is admitted free per team. One other manager may attend the luncheon but must purchase a ticket at the door on a first come first serve basis.
- TEAM SOCIAL:** The team social and opening ceremonies will take place on Sunday, Jul 21 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM at the Salem Football Stadium located at 1008 Texas St Salem, VA 24153. Players and coaches will need their tournament pass to get onto the field and get their meal (given out at team check in). All parents and spectators will be seated in the stands. Following the team social and meal the opening ceremonies will take place. All teams are requested to participate and be dressed in matching or coordinated attire, but this does not have to be their uniforms. Please feel free to bring state, city, and team banners or flags. All teams will be called by name and parade across the field.
- MERCHANDISE:** Merchandise will be on sale for pre-tournament purchases, at team check-in, opening ceremonies, and throughout the tournament at each field location. Team IP is the merchandise vendor. Pretournament sales can be made using the pre-order flyer which will be posted on the website later.
- WEATHER:** In the event the tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled time frame, the procedures found in USA Softball Code Article 510 H. 02 will be used to determine the official order of finish. Games postponed in the event of inclement weather will be made up as determined by the tournament director.
- It is the responsibility of the team manager to obtain inclement weather information. USA Softball of Virginia staff use the "Virginia News" pod at the top of the webpage <http://gfp.tournamentusasoftball.com/17/>. We will also send out emails to the email address used on Tournament USA Softball when teams were registered.
- PRACTICE FIELDS:** Field reservations for team practices will be scheduled by emailing Jim Farmer at [jfarmer@botetourtva.gov](mailto:jfarmer@botetourtva.gov). Each scheduled practice will be for 90 minutes. There will be no practice time during the opening ceremonies. Please include USA Nationals in the subject line and be sure to include name of Team and Coach with cell number along with day and time of your request in the body of your e-mail.
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Two pool play games followed by double elimination. Pool play will be held on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> with each team playing one game per day. The pool play games will seed the teams into the double elimination bracket. Double elimination bracket play will begin on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> with the championship games taking place on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- TOURNAMENT DRAW:** Pool Play draw will be completed pre-tournament per Article 511 of the USA Softball Code. Pool Play drawing will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Salem Parks & Recreation 620 Florida St Salem, VA 24153 at 9:00am and will be made available online at [www.tournamentasa.com](http://www.tournamentasa.com) and [www.roanokevalleyasanationals.com](http://www.roanokevalleyasanationals.com) on July 17<sup>th</sup> and paper copies will be distributed at check in.

Bracket draw will be held on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Moyer Sports Complex as pool play games are completed. A team coach has 1 hour to come to the Moyer Sports Complex (2nd story of the tower) upon the completion of his/her 2nd pool play game. More information about this process will be given at the manager's meeting.

- LATE PLAYER CHECK IN:** Late player check will start 1.5 hours before 1st game start time every day in the Moyer Sports Complex tower (2nd story) and will remain open during all scheduled games until the final game of the tournament.
- GAME TIMES:** Follow the times listed on the official tournament bracket posted at each field. Teams should be prepared to play ½ hour prior to game time. Teams not present at game time may be considered a forfeit.
- RULES:** All playing rules and regulations will be governed by the 2019 USA Softball Official Guide and Rule Book.
- PROTESTS:** The Tournament Committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with the rules of the game, including proper protest procedures.
- UNIFORMS:** Players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim and style (USA Softball Official Playing Rules, Rule 3 Section 6 and 7). Coaches must be neatly attired, dressed alike or in a team uniform, and in accordance with the color code of the team.
- AWARDS:** Awards will be given in accordance with USA Softball Code Article 606 B. 02
- 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. If a team plays "back to back" games they can stay in the dugout.
- HOME TEAM:** A coin toss prior to the start of each game shall determine the home team.
- LINE UPS / COIN TOSS:** Tournament officials will provide the line-up cards for each team. The coin toss will take place 20 minutes prior to game start time. The coach will meet the umpires on the first base side behind the dugout. Coaches will provide a lineup card to the umpire. Coach is responsible for taking a copy of the lineup card to official scorekeeper/scoreboard worker.
- Botetourt Sports Complex - 3rd story of the tower
  - Moyer Sports Complex - 3rd story of the tower
  - Arnold R Burton Complex - behind home plate
- TRAINERS:** Athletic trainers will be provided on site throughout the tournament
- CONCESSIONS:** Concessions will be available at all complexes and will run from start to finish. We request that no outside food or coolers (other than team cooler) be brought into the complex. Team picnics and/or cookouts must be done outside the softball parks. Teams are requested to leave areas clean and free from trash

**FIELD LOCATIONS:**

Moyer Sports Complex	Botetourt Sports Complex	Arnold R Burton
1000 Union St	160 Preston Parkway	1760 Roanoke Blvd
Salem, VA 24153	Troutville, VA 24175	Salem, VA 24153

**GATE ADMISSIONS:**

All spectators, players, coaches, and managers must present passes in order to enter the complexes. Any person leaving must have the ticket or tournament pass to re-enter

Complementary passes will be provided to the following individuals:

- All players listed on the USA Softball Official Roster
- 3 Coaches/Managers – must show proof of background check at check-in
- Collegiate coaches with proper ID (please contact the tournament director)

**TICKET PRICES:**

Adult Tournament Pass (Mon – Sun)	\$ 40.00
Youth/Senior Tournament Pass (ages 6-17, 65+) (Mon – Sun)	\$ 20.00
Adult Daily Pass	\$ 10.00
Youth/Senior Daily Pass (ages 6-17, 65+)	\$ 5.00

Advance Tournament Pass Purchase - Teams may purchase tournament passes in advance by mail in only. Orders should be placed by team with one form and check for the entire order. The Tournament Pass Pre-Order Form is enclosed and must be received by July 12, 2019.

## HOUSING

Virginia's Blue Ridge, Roanoke Valley in association with Salem Parks and Recreation have teamed up with HBC Event Services to offer discounted hotel accommodations for this event. These special hotel rates are only available via this website.

<http://www.roanokevalleyasanationals.com/>

click on "Hotels"

### **Book Now and your team could win a \$500 Visa Card!**

2 teams will be awarded a \$500 Visa card at the opening ceremony. To enter for the drawing book your team rooms by July 1 from the HBC room blocks (ready for booking below)

These special hotel rates are only available via this website.

ALL HOTELS ARE IN ROANOKE, SALEM, OR BOTETOURT COUNTY AND ARE PART OF VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE ROANOKE VALLEY.

Many choices and factors that go into making a decision on where to stay for your tournament experience. The hotels listed by USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia have been chosen for a number of reasons. This chart is designed to help you in your decision making process.

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Located close to selected ball fields.	Your choice may cause you unexpected delays in driving distances to and from the ball fields and may run into commute traffic which is heavy in the area.
Varying price ranges with many selected amenities that teams enjoy such as laundry facilities, breakfast options, and willingness to work with youth groups.	No laundry facilities, no food options, unsure of the quality, unwillingness to work with youth groups. May be in unusual or undesirable locations.
Nearby shopping, restaurants and other youth related attractions.	May be inconvenient to attractions that we know our youth groups enjoy
Adds to your Tournament Experience as you are in the middle of the action including opening ceremonies, other games and closing ceremonies.	Far from the action causing the players and families to be separate from the tournament activities.
Selected hotels and properties make it possible for USA Softball of Piedmont Virginia to bring events to the local community.	Have no connection with softball or the local community that brings events to the Region.
Prices are VERY reasonable.	You may pay less, but you get far less.



# Tournament Pass Pre-Order

*This form is due Jul 12, 2019*

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:      Check         Money Order

Checks Payable to: USA Softball of Piedmont VA

Weekly Tournament Passes	#Ordered	Sub-Total Cost
Adult (Ages 18-64)	\$40.00 _____	\$ _____
Children/Seniors (6-17 or 65+)	\$20.00 _____	\$ _____
*Children 5 and under FREE		
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR PASSES</b>		\$ _____

Mail to:                    Salem Parks & Recreation  
                                 ATTN: USA Softball 16U Nationals  
                                 620 Florida St  
                                 Salem, VA 24153