

NSA Presents the 2018 North Eastern "B" Fastpitch World Series

Buffalo/Niagara Falls, New York

July 22 – July 28, 2018 for 10u-12u-14u-16u Divisions

July 25-28, 2018 for 18u and 23u Divisions



www.NSAFastPitchWorldSeries.com

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WORLD SERIES DATES: JULY 22 – 28, 2018 for the 10u - 12u - 14u - 16u Divisions
JULY 25 - 28, 2018 for the 18u and 23u Divisions

DIVISIONS OF PLAY: 10 & Under 12 & Under 14 & Under 16 & Under 18 & Under Adult: 23 & Under

No college player may play on a "B" Division team. Players who have officially signed to play college softball and have not yet played in an official college game are eligible to play in NSA Youth Fast Pitch Class "B". Note: This bylaw does NOT affect the 23u Division. State Director can reclassify a team at any time.

All teams must be registered with NSA and have properly qualified & validated their berth by playing in their State Championships or receive a berth from an NIT.

Contact your State Director for Information on "How to qualify for the World Series". If you do not know your State Director, visit www.PlayNSA.com and select STATE DIRECTORS under Contact Us or contact the NSA National Office at 859-887-4114

EVENTS: Please look for more details below for these events.

Team Check In: Sunday, July 22, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the HOST HOTEL
Adam's Mark Hotel & Event Center
120 Church Street Buffalo, NY 14202

Managers Meeting: Sunday, July 22, 2018 4:00 - 5:00 PM at the Adam's Mark Hotel & Event Center

Games Begin Play: 10u-12u-14u-16u Divisions: Monday, July 23, 2018 at 8:00 AM at all park locations
18u and 23u Divisions: Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 8:00 AM

WELCOME PARTY – COCA-COLA FIELD

Team Introductions/Costume: Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 5:00 PM Team Parade Check-In,
6:00 PM Parade Begins Coca Cola Field/Buffalo Bison's

Pin Trading : Wednesday, July 25, 2018 6:00 PM Coca Cola Field/Buffalo Bison's

Address: Coca Cola Field/ Buffalo Bison's - One James D. Griffin Plaza, Buffalo, NY, 14203

(NOTE: Some GPS will still recognize by old address as 275 Washington St.)

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 3, 2018 All Fees and paperwork must be received by the World Series tournament director by this date. JULY 3, 2018 All Forms are online at www.NSAFastpitchWorldSeries.com

ENTRY FEE: \$750.00 - The fee INCLUDES all GATE FEES for ALL attendees good at any of the field locations.

NEW EARLY ENTRY DISCOUNT: PAY IN FULL by April 15th and deduct \$50 OFF the entry fee.

ENTRY PROCEDURES: NEW ENTRY PROCEDURES for 2018! All Fees and Paperwork go to the World Series Director

DEPOSIT FORM: \$300 Deposit and Deposit Form is required to reserve a spot in the NSA World Series.
Form is available online at www.NSAFastpitchWorldSeries.com form includes mailing address.

ENTRY FORM: Entry Form and procedures are available online at www.NSAFastpitchWorldSeries.com
Entry Form includes the mailing address for this tournament.
Entry Form includes list of ALL PAPERWORK you are required to submit.

A team will not be allowed to compete if all information is not complete and correct or they fail to validate a berth.

It is the team's responsibility to ensure they meet the qualifying requirements, that the fees and all paperwork are complete with correct information, and that it is received by the World Series Director by the deadline listed in the packet.

Your "home" State Director will still verify your berth and final roster for the World Series.

If you do not know your State Director contact NSA @ 859-887-4114 or check PlayNSA.com to view the State Director list.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: David Butler 704-596-2270 Email: dbutler@playnsa.com

HOTELS: [HOTEL INFORMATION LINK](#) Hotel Booking Rewards!

Please support the NSA Girls Fast Pitch World Series in Buffalo by reserving your hotel accommodations with one of the preferred hotels via the button above. Book within the NSA Hotel Block and receive \$50 off your tournament registration and a chance to win an exclusive Buffalo Themed Package. The headquarters hotel is the Adam's Mark Hotel & Event Center. All coaches and umpire meetings will be held on Sunday, July 22 at the Adams Mark Hotel & Event Center.

Hotel Questions? Contact Karen Cox at cox@visitbuffaloniagara.com or 716-218-2925

FORMAT: The tournament will be a four (4) game format. The format will be a two (2) games pool play and then advance to a double elimination tournament bracket. Teams are required to participate in pool play.

PARK LOCATIONS and DIRECTIONS:

[NORTH TOWN CENTER at Amherst Audubon Recreation Complex:](#) 1615 Amherst Manor Drive Williamsville, NY
[SUNSHINE PARK:](#) 1750 East and West Road West Seneca, NY

TEAM CHECK IN: Sunday, July 22, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 PM

The Team Manager will register their team and pick up packets, which will include the pre-set Pool Play schedule. Seeding will be determined by Pool Play into the Official double elimination Tournament Bracket.

Adam's Mark Hotel & Event Center - Address: 120 Church Street Buffalo, NY 14202

MANAGERS MEETING: Sunday, July 22, 2018 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Only 2 managers/coaches from each team are requested to attend the managers meeting. We cannot emphasize the importance of attendance at the managers meeting. The tournament rules, format and any last minute and necessary changes will be covered. This will also be the only place that you can pick up your team packet.

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OPENING CEREMONIES: WEDNESDAY July 25, 2018 Begins at 4:30 PM at the Coca Cola Field

Join us for a night at the ballpark celebrating the 2018 NSA Girls Fast Pitch World Series in Buffalo, NY! The event will feature a team parade, live entertainment, vendors, food and beverage, interactive game show and more. Stay tuned for updated information!

Coca Cola Field/Buffalo Bisons - Address: One James D. Griffin Plaza, Buffalo, NY, 14203

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GAMES BEGIN PLAY: 10u-12u-14u-16u Divisions: Monday, July 23, 2018 at 8:00 AM at all park locations
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SWAPS: Each team is REQUESTED to bring individual swaps to exchange with the first team they play. A small token such as a souvenir from their area of the country. The swaps will be exchanged at the beginning of each team's first game. If a team has a bye for their first game the team manager can arrange to swap with another team that has a bye.

NSA APPROVED EQUIPMENT:

BATS: **As of JANUARY 1, 2015 - APPROVED BATS & APPROVED BAT COMPANY LIST**

Only companies that have signed the NSA contract are approved for use and listed on the Approved Bat Companies List at www.PlayNSA.com - Click on Equipment Bats & Balls.

1. The bat MUST be from a company on the Approved Bat Company List.
2. Only BATS from these companies with the 2012 NSA Logo or STAMP on them will be allowed. (Outline of United States & NSA 2012) The NSA bat logo has been put on bats since 2011.



Note: It is the coaches/players' responsibility to check their bats for the Approved Company and the stamp prior to bringing them into play.

SOFTBALLS: NSA black stitched optic yellow softballs are provided. Umpires will control the balls and umpire decisions are final on softballs.

INSURANCE - Q & A

Can my team play in the NSA World Series if their insurance is NOT an NSA/Westpoint Insurance Policy?

YES, just supply us with a copy of the current insurance for your team - no matter the company - when submitting your paperwork. We will make sure that your team meets the NSA/Westpoint Insurance requirement for the World Series tournament. Nothing else you need to do and no additional fees for your team.

PROOF OF AGE: All managers will be required to furnish proof of age to the tournament committee (copy of birth certificate, driver's license, or government issued photo ID) for any player on their team at any time during the tournament.

PROTEST: Umpire judgment calls are final. There will be a \$75.00 CASH ONLY protest fee for rules or per player protest. Bat Protest fee is \$200 cash only. If protest is ruled in your favor, your money will be returned.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION: **ALL TOURNAMENT ADMISSION IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE - This includes all spectators, family, and friends! No passes to keep track of or worry about losing!**

AWARDS: The awards will include but not limited to the following: First place through fifth place team trophy for each division of play. First place through third place will receive individual awards for each division of play. Additional awards may be presented at any time. World Series Championship patches for the champions in each age division.

SOUVENIRS: A variety of official NSA souvenirs (t-shirts, caps and miscellaneous items) will be on sale at designated sites throughout the tournament. Players Sporting Goods will be on site.

PLAYING RULES: NSA rules will govern all play in strict accordance with the NSA Rule Book.

It is the coach/managers responsibility to know the rules & bylaws of NSA. Ignorance of a rule or bylaw of NSA does NOT negate the penalty. NSA rule book and bylaws are available online 24/7 at www.PlayNSA.com

NOTE: ALL GAMES, including CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES will be run with a Time Limit and Mercy/Run Rules.

Reminder: Metal cleats are allowed in the 14U, 16U, 18 Under Division only in this NSA World Series unless turf fields are used.

CONDITIONS: The Tournament committee reserves the right to change game times, playing fields, dates or format including eliminating the loser's bracket to complete the tournament. There is an assumption of risk in competing in the Tournament and the Tournament Committee, City of Buffalo, Niagara, Williamsville, West Seneca and NSA, and any or all sponsors are not liable for any accidents or injuries. The Tournament Committee will rule on all matters as they occur, including protests. Entry into the tournament constitutes agreement to these conditions.

FUN THINGS TO DO: Thank you to Buffalo Niagara Sports Commission - [CLICK HERE for FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/sports-commission/nsa-world-series/) or <http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/sports-commission/nsa-world-series/>

Additional Information and Updates will be linked to: www.NSAFastPitchWorldSeries.com

Thank you for choosing to play NSA.