NSA Presents the 2021 Eastern "OPEN" and "B" Fastpitch World Series



Salem – Roanoke Valley Area - Virginia
New Date July 8-10, 2021

www.NSAFastPitchWorldSeries.com

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Thank you to our sponsorship partners as without them we would not be able to hold this great event. Salem Parks and Rec, Dudley Softballs, and Players Sporting Goods, Thank You!

WORLD SERIES DATES: JULY 8-10, 2021 AVAILABILITY is LIMITED for this World Series. Teams will be accepted in the order that the DEPOSIT or FULL PAYMENT is received.

DIVISIONS OF PLAY: 10 & Under – OPEN 12 & Under - OPEN & B 14 & Under – OPEN & B 16 & Under- OPEN & B 18 & Under – OPEN & B

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". State Director can reclassify a team at any time.

All teams must be registered with NSA and have <u>properly qualified</u> & 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 <u>www.PlayNSA.com</u> and select STATE DIRECTORS under Contact Us or contact the NSA National Office at 859-887-4114 OR David Butler, Tournament Director, 704-596-2270. If there is not a Director in your state contact David Butler, 704-596-2270.

EVENTS:

Team Check In: 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday, July 8, 2021 Salem Civic Center - 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153

Managers Meeting: 12:30pm-1:00pm, Thursday, July 8, 2021 Salem Civic Center - 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153

Opening Events: Thursday July 8, 2021 – Moyer Sports Complex 2:00pm - 3:00pm – Introduction and Parade of Teams 1000 Union Street, Salem, VA

<u>Games Begin Play</u>: Thursday July 8, 2021 @ 4:30pm @ Moyer Sports Complex And @ 5:45pm @ Botetourt Sports Complex

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 22, 2021 All Fees and paperwork must be received by the World Series tournament director by this date. JUNE 22, 2021 All Forms are online at www.NSAFastpitchWorldSeries.com

TOTAL TOURNAMENT FEE: \$750.00 – (The entry fee is \$450; the gate fee is \$300 – All Spectators are included in the gate fee.) (Bring the whole family.)

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

ENTRY PROCEDURES: NEW ENTRY PROCEDURES - 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 <u>www.NSAFastpitchWorldSeries.com</u> 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.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Frank Rachubka (NSA Virginia State Director) – 757-593-04716 - nsawmbg@gmail.com David Butler (NSA East Zone V.P.) – 704-596-2270 – coda4@playersls.com Mike Snyder (NSA National UIC) – 803-629-9590 – msnyder@playnsa.com

HOTELS: HOTEL INFORMATION LINK Please support the NSA Girls Fast Pitch World Series in the Roanoke Valley by reserving your hotel accommodations with one of the preferred hotels via the button above.

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:

Moyer Sports Complex – 1000 Union Street, Salem, VA 24153 – 4 Fields Botetourt Sports Complex – 160 Preston Way, Troutville, VA 24175 - 4 Fields Arnold R. Burton Fields – 1760 Blvd, Salem, VA 24153 – 3 Fields LBHS Softball Field – 1435 Roanoke Blvd, Daleville, VA 24083 – 1 Field

TEAM CHECK IN: Salem Civic Center – 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153 July 8, 2021 TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

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.

MANAGERS MEETING: Salem Civic Center – 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153 July 8, 2021 TIME: 12:30pm – 1:00pm

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.

<u>OPENING</u> <u>CEREMONIES</u>: Moyer Sports Complex – 1000 Union Street, Salem, VA 24153 July 8, 2021 TIME: 2:00pm – 3:00pm Introductions – Parade of Teams – Apparel Vendors – Equipment Vendors

<u>SWAPS</u>: 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: <u>As of JANUARY 1, 2015</u> - 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.
- 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 Dudley softballs are provided. Umpires will control the balls and umpire decisions are final on softballs.

INSURANCE - Q & A

Nothing else you need to do and no additional fees for your team.

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.

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!

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 also be on site selling fastpitch equipment.

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 <u>www.PlayNSA.com</u> NOTE: ALL GAMES, including CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES will be run with a Time Limit and Mercy/Run Rules. Reminder: <u>Metal cleats</u> are allowed in the <u>14U</u>, <u>16U</u>, <u>18 Under Division only</u> in this NSA World Series unless turf fields are used.

<u>CONDITIONS</u>: 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, tournament parks, city, town, county, parks and rec dept., 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.

Additional Information, Tournament Brackets and Updates will be linked to: <u>www.NSAEAST.info</u> Thank you for choosing to play NSA.