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Dear Manager,

Congratulations to you and your team.

You've qualified for the 2018 USA 12U Class "A" Girls' Fast Pitch National Championship, held in Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 22 – July 29, 2018.

This prestigious event will be hosted at Spartanburg's National award-winning facility, Tyger River Park. The 13-field facility is the premier youth sports park in the Southeast. Everyone involved from our County Council to our Park Assistants, congratulate you and welcome you to Spartanburg. We believe that you will find our team hospitable and able to assist you as needed. This will be the second, Junior Olympic National Championship hosted by Spartanburg County Parks Department and partners.

Spartanburg County Parks Department will partner with the Spartanburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, City of Spartanburg, South Carolina USA and others to bring you this prestigious event. We are committed to doing a stupendous job and ensuring that you and your team will have a pleasurable experience while in Spartanburg.

Inside this tournament packet you will find important information regarding team registration, submission deadlines, schedule of events, accommodations while you're here, and rules and regulations governing the tournament and use of the park. This information packet should answer the majority of your questions about the tournament. Please read the packet thoroughly in order to understand the tournament procedures, and if you should have any questions following your review, please email or call at your earliest convenience.

Good luck to you and your team, as we look forward to greeting you in Spartanburg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Glover", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Glover
Tournament Director
Park Operations Manager
tglover@spartanburgcounty.org
864-804-5818



Greetings!

On behalf of the City and the County of Spartanburg, and our tourism industry, I am pleased to welcome the 2018 USA Softball Class "A" 12U National Championship to South Carolina.

We invite you to experience all that makes our area a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. We hope your players and their families have a chance to experience our attractions, shops, restaurants and entertainment venues while here in Spartanburg County, and give you a sense of all that our region has to offer.

Spartanburg has a remarkable mix of tourism destination offerings. The 13 municipalities that make up Spartanburg County each provide distinctive experiences and fantastic offerings, such as:

- Experience the **NFL Carolina Panthers Training Camp** at Wofford College
- Enjoy our **Downtown Cultural District** with a show, concert or exhibit
- Take a self-guided tour to learn about our rich **history** from agriculture to textiles to automotive manufacturing.
- Get outdoors and explore a wide variety of **soft adventure and recreational** options
- Discover unique **Made in Spartanburg** products and take some home

Our entire community hopes that you enjoy your stay. Play hard and explore the Upstate, and we look forward to welcoming your group back in the future. Best wishes for an exciting tournament, and thank you for making us part of your summer schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Jennings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher A. Jennings
Executive VP

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Housing Coordinator

HBC Event Services or contact Kristyn Hawkins
Please visit www.spartanburgusanationals.com and click on “Hotels” for a
complete list of Tournament Hotels.

Traveling to Spartanburg?

Air Travel:

Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is conveniently located near Spartanburg, SC and is
only minutes away from Tyger River Park and hotels.
Visit www.gspairport.com for more information.

Tournament Website

www.spartanburgusanationals.com

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Important Deadlines

Managers’ Meeting and Luncheon Additional Ticket Purchase Form	Friday July 13, 2018 5:00 PM EST	Mail to: Tyger River Park ATTN: 2018 12U National 179 Dillard Rd. Duncan, SC 29334 or Call 864.804.5814 to pay via credit
USA Tournament Entry Form	Friday July 13, 2018 5:00 PM EST	Mail to: Tyger River Park ATTN: 2018 12U National 179 Dillard Rd. Duncan, SC 29334 or Email: tglover@spartanburgcounty.org
Official USA Championship Roster	Friday July 13, 2018 5:00 PM EST	Mail to: Tyger River Park ATTN: 2018 12U National 179 Dillard Rd. Duncan, SC 29334 or Email: tglover@spartanburgcounty.org
USA Tournament Entry Fee	Friday July 13, 2018 5:00 PM EST	Mail to: Tyger River Park ATTN: 2018 12U National 179 Dillard Rd. Duncan, SC 29334 or Call 864.804.5814 to pay via credit
Team Information Sheet & Team Picture	Friday July 13, 2018 5:00 PM EST	Complete online: Fill out online, here.

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Tournament Events Timeline

- Friday, July 13 **Documents Deadline:** 5:00 PM, EST
DEADLINE to turn-in: USA Tournament Entry Form Official, USA Championship Roster, and USA Tournament Entry Fee
- Monday, July 16 **Pool Play Draw:** 5:00 PM, EST
Tyger River Park, 179 Dillard Rd., Duncan, SC 29334
- Saturday, July 21 **Early Bird Bat Testing:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tyger River Park’s Clubhouse, 179 Dillard Rd., Duncan, SC 29334
- Sunday, July 22 **Team Check-In / Bat Testing:** 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Spartanburg Marriott, 299 N. Church St. Spartanburg, SC 29306
- Special Note: Free Parking will be available for all tournament events on Sunday, July 26 at the St. John St. Garage 130 E. St. John St. Spartanburg, SC 29306.
- Sunday, July 22 **Managers’ Lunch:** 1:00 PM
Spartanburg Marriott 299 N. Church St. Spartanburg, SC 29306
- Sunday, July 22 **Team Social:** 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Area will be blocked off at Liberty St. Spartanburg, SC 29303.
(Players and Coaches will need their tournament lanyards to enter and receive their meal.) These will be given out at check-in.
- Sunday, July 22 **Opening Ceremonies:** 6:00 PM – 10 PM
Barnet Park, 248 E. St. John St., Spartanburg, SC 29302
- Monday, July 23 **Pool Play:** Games begin at 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 24 **Bracket Draw:** At the completion of pool play for each bracket, the draw will take place at Tyger River Park (in the upstairs area of clubhouse).
- Wednesday, July 25 **Bracket Play**
- Thursday, July 26
- Friday, July 27
- Saturday, July 28
- Sunday, July 29 **Championship Games** (weather permitting)

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Tournament Entry Form

This form must be completed and returned to the assistant tournament director, along with the entry fee of \$1050.00 (made payable to SCPD). This form MUST be signed by your State Commissioner or his/her designee. The deadline for this form and entry fee to be received is Friday, July 13 at 5:00pm.

Official USA Championship Roster

Please complete and, email or mail this form to the tournament director. This form MUST be signed by your state Commissioner or his/her designee. The deadline for this form to be received is July 13 at 5:00pm. If you cannot mail or email the original roster in the necessary time for it to arrive before the deadline, please hand carry the original roster and submit a copy via email attachment to tglover@spartanburgcounty.org and copy each assistant tournament director by July 13 at 5:00pm. The original MUST be received at check-in prior to playing pool play.

Team Information Sheet and Team Picture

We will be acknowledging all teams in the tournament program. Please complete the Team Contact Information Sheet which can be found online [here](#). Once the Team Information Sheet (including team photo in JPEG format) is completed and submitted online, please confirm your team information and picture has been received by reaching the assistant tournament directors, Robby Anders, randers@spartanburgcounty.org and Karli Taylor, ktaylor@spartanburgcounty.org immediately. Each of the two items must be received no later than Friday, July 13. Photos and Team Info Sheets received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be included in program.

Team Check-In / Bat Testing

Saturday, July 21st (Early Bird)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location

Tyger River Park (Clubhouse)

179 Dillard Rd

Duncan, SC 29334

Sunday, July 22th

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location

Spartanburg Marriot

299 N. Church St.

Spartanburg, SC 29606

All teams should check in together and should be 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 by USA. **There will be NO check-in on Monday, July 23. The only late individual player check-in will be at Tyger River Park before you play your first game.**

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Team Check-In Procedures

- All players must be present along with team manager(s).
(Individual late player check-in will begin July 23rd at Tyger River Park, prior to your first game.)
- Picture Identification is required.
- Players are to line up in the order they are listed on the team’s Official USA 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 Commissioner.
- All players will be required to complete the Official USA Tournament Signature Form. If you choose to pre-print or type the players’ names in and bring a copy with you, **DO NOT HAVE PLAYERS PRE-SIGN** the form. Forms signed in advance cannot be accepted and you will have to start over.
- If a team has submitted a copy of their official roster, then they must produce the original USA Official Championship Roster at team check-in in order to be eligible for tournament pool play.
- All pre-purchased items will be distributed to the team manager at check-in. Managers’ meeting lunch tickets will be available at the door of the managers’ meeting.
- 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. This must be submitted at team check-in.

Bat Testing

- An USA barrel compression testing machine shall be used at all USA National Championship Finals (USA Code Article 310 C). This testing will take place during Team Check-In on Sunday, July 22nd between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm at the Spartanburg Marriott Hotel. Early bird team bat testing is available on Saturday, July 21st between 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Tyger River Park.

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Managers’ Lunch

Sunday, July 22 @ 1:00 PM
Spartanburg Marriott
299 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29306

This is a mandatory meeting that requires the attendance of one manager per team. One manager is admitted free per team. One other manager may attend the luncheon but must purchase a ticket in advance (order form enclosed). The charge for an additional lunch ticket is \$15.00 per person and advance order form must be received by July 13th. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door, all must be preordered. Free parking will be available in the St. John St. Garage located at E. St. John St. Spartanburg, SC 29306.

Team Social and Opening Ceremonies

The team social will take place on Sunday, July 22nd from 4:00 – 5:30 PM in designated area (behind the Spartanburg Marriott), located at Liberty St. Spartanburg, SC 29303. Coaches and players will need their tournament pass (lanyard) to retrieve their meal (given out at check-in). Free parking will be available in the St. John St. Garage located at E. St. John St. Spartanburg, SC 29306. Sparks restaurant and patio (located in the Spartanburg Marriott) is nearby and welcoming as an eatery during the team social for parents and guardians.

Following the team social and meal, the opening ceremonies will take place on Sunday, July 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Barnet Park Amphitheater located at 298 E. St. John St. Spartanburg, SC 29302. All teams are requested to participate and be dressed in matching or coordinated attire; however, the attire does not have to be the team uniform. Please feel free to bring state, city, and team banners or flags. All teams will be called by name and parade across the stage. Be prepared for an evening of enjoyment in the heart of Spartanburg.

Merchandise

Merchandise will be on sale for pretournament purchases, at team check-in, opening ceremonies, and throughout the tournament at each field location. Team IP is the official merchandise vendor. Pretournament sales can be made by visiting the event website, [here](#).

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Gift Exchanges

The traditional gift exchange for teams will take place after the first pool play game of the tournament for each team. In the event that there are 3 team pools, the exchange will take place between all 3 teams in “said” pool, immediately following the first game of pool play (the third team in the pool will play on the same field immediately following the first game). While participation in gift exchanging is encouraged, it’s not mandatory however, so please be courteous by providing advance notice to the opposing team if your team chooses not to participate in the exchange.

Weather

In the event the tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled timeframe, the procedures found in USA 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 in accordance with Article 310 Q of the USA Code by the Tournament Director, USA Rep and National Tournament UIC.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to obtain inclement weather information. This information will be shared via TournamentUSA messaging service to each manager’s supplied contact information.

Practice Fields

Field reservations for team practices will be scheduled by calling Robby Anders, Asst. Tournament Director at 804-5557 beginning on July 9th. Each scheduled practice will be for 1 hour and 30 minutes. There will be NO practice times scheduled during the opening ceremonies on Sunday, July 22.

Tournament Format

Format is two pool play games followed by double elimination. Pool play will be held on Monday, July 23rd and Tuesday, July 24th with each team playing one game per day. Double elimination bracket play will begin on Wednesday, July 25th with the championship games taking place on Sunday, July 29th.

Tournament Draw

Pool play draw will be completed pretournament per Article 511 of the USA Code. Pool play drawing will be held on Monday, July 16th at Tyger River Park, 179 Dillard Rd. Duncan, SC 29334 by 5:00 PM and will be made available online at www.spartanburgUSAnationals.com and TournamentUSA on July 17th.

Bracket draw will be held on Tuesday, July 24th at Tyger River Park (in the upstairs area of clubhouse) following each team’s last pool play game, or as determined by the tournament director. More information regarding the bracket draw will be distributed at the Managers’ Meeting.

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Game Times

Follow the times listed on the official tournament bracket posted on TournamentUSA or at each pod (Red, Green, etc.). Teams should be prepared to play ½ hour prior to their game time. Teams not present at game time may be considered a forfeit.

USA Rules and Regulations

All playing rules and regulations will be governed by the 2018 USA Official Guide and Rule Book.

Run Ahead Rule

A run rule of 15 after three innings, 12 after four innings, or eight after five innings will apply (USA Rule 5, Section 9). In pool play and bracket play, no inning shall start after 1 hour and 40 minutes (USA Rule 5, Section 10).

Protests

The Tournament Protest Committee will decide on 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 Official Playing Rules, Rule 3 Sections 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.

Eligible / Ineligible Teams

Eligible Teams: All teams within a USA Softball Territorial Championship Finals Territory that have not qualified for a USA Softball Junior Olympic Girls' Class "A" Fast Pitch National Championship are eligible to qualify for the USA Softball Territorial Championship Finals Tournament throughout their local association. Teams may play in the National Championship of their choice.

Ineligible Teams: Any team that has qualified for a USA Softball Junior Olympic Girls' Fast Pitch National Championship is not eligible to participate in a USA Softball Territorial Championship Finals Tournament.

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Berths

The first and second place team in each National Tournament shall receive a berth to the Junior Olympic Girls’ USA Softball National Championship Finals in the team’s current or succeeding year’s age classification, provided the team has five (5) participating players from the previous year’s roster on the current year’s roster and physically present at the current championship tournament site, prior to the start of their first game.

Awards

Awards will be given in accordance with USA 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 same dugout.

Home Team

A coin toss prior to the start of each game shall determine the home team. This will be handled by the scorekeeper in the press box one hour prior to game time.

Trainers

Athletic trainers will be provided on site throughout the tournament.

Concessions

Concessions will be available at the park and will run from start to finish. Team picnics are permitted in certain areas of the parks. Charcoal grills are not allowed due to safety concerns related to potential fire hazards. Teams are requested to leave these areas of the park clean and free of debris.

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Field Locations

Tyger River Park*
179 Dillard Rd.
Duncan, SC 29334
864-804-5814

Practice Fields

North Spartanburg Park
1160 Old Furnace Rd.
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Practice Fields

295 Park
2100 Southport Rd.
Spartanburg, SC 29306

No Admission Fee

All spectators, players, coaches and managers will have unlimited access to games throughout the tournament.

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Park Rules

General Park Rules - additional rules may apply

Water in creeks, ponds, and rivers is not safe for consumption. Swimming and wading are discouraged; enter at your own risk.

Picnic pavilions require a valid permit; contact 864-562-4150 for Cleveland Park, 864-804-5814 for all other parks, or visit www.spartanburgparks.org for online rental.

Prohibited activities in all park areas:

- Overnight camping (unless as part of a Parks Department program)
- Unleashed pets
- Personal grills or camp fires (grills are provided at approved locations)
- Driving faster than 10 mph
- Glass containers
- Fireworks (unless as part of a Parks Department program)
- Weapons
- Soliciting
- Drugs and alcohol

Prohibited activities in playgrounds and athletic pods:

- Smoking
- Pets other than service animals
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hover boards, skates, etc.
- Motorized equipment, drones, and metal detectors
- Tents and other portable structures (may be used in designated areas only) Illegal activities:
- Defacing or damaging park structures or equipment
- Destroying or removing park turf or landscaping
- Littering
- Parking in unauthorized areas
- Intoxication, profanity, or disorderly conduct
- Posting or distributing advertising

If you observe unsafe conditions or unsafe behavior at the park, please call the Spartanburg County Parks Department at 864-595-5356.

**Do you have questions?
Here's our FAQ**

<http://tygerriverpark.com/faqs/>

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**MANAGERS' MEETING AND LUNCHEON
ADDITIONAL TICKET PURCHASE FORM**

Managers' meeting will be Sunday, July 22, 2018, 1:00pm at the

Spartanburg Marriott,
299 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29306

One coach or manager per team is FREE, second manager's meeting ticket is \$15.00

TEAM NAME:

MANAGER NAME:

PHONE:

Name of Additional Attendee (\$15.00 each)

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NUMBER OF TICKETS (1 MAXIMUM):

x \$15.00 = \$

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 13, 2018 BY 5 PM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Spartanburg County Parks

MAIL TO:
**Tyger River Park
ATTN: 2015 USA NATIONALS
179 Dillard Rd.
Duncan, SC 29334**

Or call 864.804.5558 to pay via credit card

All tickets are pre-sale and final. Tickets available at Manager's Meeting.