



Class 'A': 16U & 18U
Class 'B': 10U, 12U & 14U

Pre-Tournament Packet
Worcester County, MD
July 26 – July 30, 2023



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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Team Manager,

Congratulations on being one of the top fast pitch softball teams in the country! We're excited for your participation in the 2023 USA Softball 10U-14U 'B' and 2023 USA Softball 16-18U 'An' Eastern Nationals Championship Tournament. Worcester County is excited to host this prestigious tournament and extends a warm Eastern Shore welcome to all players, coaches, families and fans of USA Softball! We anticipate an exciting week of gameplay packed full of memories that will last a lifetime.

Worcester County is proud to offer 4 outstanding facilities that feature top notch fields and amenities including playgrounds, restrooms and concessions. Make a "playcation" out of your trip and enjoy all the fun activities, shops and dining opportunities located in Ocean City, MD. Depending on where your team is scheduled to play, you'll be conveniently placed to explore some of our smaller towns including Berlin (voted America's coolest small town), historic Snow Hill, MD and charming Pocomoke, MD.

The information in this packet should answer most of your questions regarding this tournament. Please read everything carefully and, if you still have questions, do not hesitate to give us a call or send an email.

We look forward to this July and all of the exciting, competitive softball that will be played. Please accept our wishes for safe travels and we will see you on Maryland's Coast!

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET

Tournament Name: 2023 – USA Softball 10U-14U ‘B’ & 16U-18U‘A’ Eastern Nationals Championship

Location: Worcester County, MD
Eastern Shore of Maryland
4 Facilities located near Ocean City, MD 21842

Dates: July 26 – July 29, 2023 (July 30th will be the rain date.)

Website: **Registration and Tournament Info:**
10B- <https://tourneymachine.com/R117003>
12B- <https://tourneymachine.com/R117002>
14B- <https://tourneymachine.com/R117000>
16A- <https://tourneymachine.com/R116999>
18A- <https://tourneymachine.com/R115166>

Worcester County, MD Info:
<https://hostmarylandscoast.com/>

Tournament Format: 5 Game Guarantee – Pool games will seed into bracket.

Entry Fee: \$1,200 per team – Checks payable and sent to ‘Worcester County’
6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill MD, 21863

Dates/Deadlines

DUE Monday, July 17:

____ **Entry Fee \$1,200** (no gate or parking fees): **Checks payable and sent to ‘Worcester County’**
6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill MD, 21863

____ **Roster Mail Required Items: USA Softball of MD-DC-DE**
102 Pond View Drive, Centerville MD, 21617

____ Completed USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form – Signed by USA **local** Softball Commissioner

____ USA Softball Official Championship Roster – Signed by USA **local** Softball Commissioner



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Tuesday, July 25:

Check-In: Location: Ocean City Convention Center (4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842)

Start Times: 10U, 12U and 14U at 11:00 am, 16U at 12:00 pm, 18U at 1:00pm

- Player Check-in: Each teams' players must check-in before they participate in the tournament. Please have your team line up in the exact order as they are listed on the championship roster. Pick-up players will be at the end of your line. Each player must be present with a photo ID and sign the official sign-in sheet.
- Bat Testing: Every bat intended for play must be tested and have a USA sticker. Players must drop off their bats for testing upon arrival and pick them up following the check-in process.

Coaches Meeting:

This year's coaches meeting will be held from **5:30-6:30pm** on Tuesday, July 25, at the **Ocean City Convention Center** located at 4001 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842.

Tournament Gift:

Thanks to the generosity of Jolly Roger Amusements, every player will receive a complimentary one day pass for unlimited access to Splash Mountain, Mini Golf, and Rides at the Pier and 30th St! The pass can be used only one time, but can be used any day of the tournament. Family members may purchase the same wristband for only \$25. Click [here](#) for more Jolly Roger Amusements information



There will be a designated area for **pin exchange** after check-in at the Ocean City Convention Center. If you choose to not do the exchange at this time, you can exchange pins at the conclusion of your first game.

Wednesday, July 26:

Pool Play:

Each team will play three (3) pool play games. Play will begin Wednesday morning. Your team must participate in the pool games or will be eliminated from bracket play. **Pool games will seed into bracket.**

Thursday & Friday, July 27-28:

Elimination Round:

Based on the number of teams, pool play may continue in the morning. After pool games are complete, bracket draw will happen and eliminations rounds will begin.

Saturday, July 29:

Championship Round:

Championship Day! Elimination bracket play continues.

Sunday, July 30:

Rain day for weather delays and travel day for teams.



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TOURNAMENT/PARK RULES

- Playing Rules:** All playing rules and regulations shall be governed by the USA Softball Official Rules of Softball, 2023 Edition.
- Conduct:** Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field.
- 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 contact a Tournament Director for rainout information.
- Warm-up Areas:** Teams may warm-up in the designated areas. We will have a list of available spaces at the Manager’s meeting. No hitting into any fence. **No infield practice is permitted during tournament play or while staff is preparing fields.**
- Medical:** Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) will be at each facility near the USA Softball tent.
- Parking/Gate:** There is no charge for parking or admissions. Some facilities may have limited parking so we ask that you carpool when possible.
- Concessions:** Concessions will be open and operating each day. Please stay hydrated! **Alcoholic beverages are NOT PERMITTED!**
- No Smoking:** Smoking and tobacco products are not permitted inside the complex. Designated smoking areas are provided outside the complex. This includes E-cigarettes.
- Animals/Pets:** Animals and pets are permitted, but must be leashed and supervised at all times.
- Souvenirs:** Tournament gear is available for purchase at all game sites and during check-in. **Skip the line and order ahead. Check back soon for the link!**



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WHERE TO STAY

Worcester County is proud to partner with D3 Corp's housing bureau to make it easy to find a hotel that:

- Meets your team's specific needs
- Is in your team's price range by utilizing block room booking
- Near playing fields and amenities.

This service is FREE to our teams.

We are not a Stay-to-Play tournament, but we encourage your team to utilize our housing service. When you book with us, it directly contributes to our bottom line that allows us to keep entry fees low and parking/admission charges free.

To find the best deals and book today, please contact our Housing Coordinator:

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FIELD LOCATIONS

Showell Park

11281 Racetrack Rd.
Showell, MD 21862

Amenities: Basketball courts, 2 Playgrounds, Tennis courts, Volleyball Pit and more.

John Walter Smith Park

6030 Public Landing Rd.
Snow Hill, MD 21863

Amenities: 18 holes Disk Golf Course, Playground, Recreation Center and more.

Newtown Park

2001 Groton Rd.
Pocomoke, MD 21851

Amenities: Mountain Bike Trail, Playground, Walking Trails, Fishing Pond

Northern Worcester Athletic Complex

9906 Buckingham Ln.
Berlin, MD 21811

Amenities: Walking Trail, Playground

Note: All facilities have concessions, a pavilion, restrooms and free parking available.

For complete details on each facility and things to do and eat nearby, please visit

**<https://hostmarylandscoast.com/>
<https://visitmarylandscoast.org>**

Medical:

Atlantic General Hospital

9733 Heathway Drive.
Berlin, MD 21811
410-641-1100

West OC Injury and Illness Center

12547 Ocean Gateway
Ocean City, MD 21842
410-213-0119

Your Doc's In

1511 Ocean Highway
Pocomoke City, MD 21851
877-222-4934

Laundry:

8th Street Laundry

708 Philadelphia Avenue
Ocean City, MD 21842
240-882-4631

Pocomoke Laundry LLC

509 C Linden Avenue
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Sporting Equipment:

Dick's Sporting Goods

2300 North Salisbury Blvd
Salisbury, MD 21801
410-219-1136

Walmart- Berlin

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Berlin, MD 21811
410-629-0502

Walmart- Pocomoke

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Pocomoke City, MD 21851
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