



Dear Managers:

The Bismarck Parks and Recreation District is proud to host the **2023 USA Softball Men's Class E/Rec Northern Slow Pitch National Championship** in Bismarck, North Dakota, on Sept. 1-4. We look forward to hosting your players and spectators as distinguished guests in our community.

Attached you will find a packet of information regarding the 2023 USA Softball Men's Class E/Rec Northern Slow Pitch National Championship. In addition, you will find a schedule of events for the tournament. If you have not yet sent in your completed entry blank, tournament entry fee and your USA Softball Official Championship Roster, please do so as soon as possible.

Games will be played at Clem Kelley Athletic Complex. The 42-acre complex has 10 ball diamonds, one soccer field, six scoreboards, three tournament shacks, concessions stand, two restroom buildings, a playground and three shade structures. Ample parking surrounds the complex, which is adjacent to Sertoma Park. There is a recreational trail on the edge of the complex, connecting to the entire trail system along the Missouri River.

For more information, including registration details, visit the tournament webpage at www.bisparks.org/mens-national-softball-2023/.

Once again, we look forward to hosting this prestigious event and promise to make our tournament a rewarding experience for your team and fans. If you should have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ethan Eberle
Tournament Director
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USA Softball
Men's Class E/Rec Northern Slow Pitch National
Championship
September 1-4, 2023
Bismarck, ND

FACT SHEET

TOURNAMENT:

- USA Softball Men's Class E/Rec Northern Slow Pitch National Championship
- Sept. 1-4, 2023

LOCATION:

- Clem Kelley Athletic Complex
517 W. Arbor Ave
Bismarck, North Dakota

TICKET PRICES:

- Adult Tournament Pass \$15 Youth / Seniors Pass \$10
- Adult Daily Pass \$6 Youth / Seniors Daily Pass \$4

GATE ENTRANCES:

- Main Entrance
- East Entrance by Elks

PARKING:

- There is no charge for parking and adequate parking is available.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

- Posted Aug. 25

FIRST GAMES:

- Friday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

- Ethan Eberle
400 E. Front Ave
Bismarck, ND 58504

ENTRY FEES:

- \$ 450

HOTEL:

- [Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center](#)
- Phone: (701) 660-8063

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TEAM MANAGER MEETING:

- Will take place at the Hotel Headquarters: Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center (800 S. 3rd St., Bismarck, ND 58504) on Friday, Sept. 1, at 1-2 p.m.

OPENING GAMES:

- Will take place on Friday, Sept. 1, beginning at 6 p.m.

PLAYER IDENTIFICATION CHECK-IN:

- All players participating in the tournament must provide a current valid picture identification prior to participation (State Driver's License). Player ID check-in will be held at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center and Clem Kelly Athletic Complex at the following times:
 - Thursday, Aug. 31 6-8 p.m. (Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center)
 - Friday, Sept. 1 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center)
 - Friday, Sept. 1 3:30-8 p.m. (Clem Kelley Athletic Complex)

ENTRY DEADLINE / ROSTER DEADLINE / ENTRY FEE DEADLINE:

- The entry deadline is Aug. 23. The tournament entry fee is \$450 (Checks should be made out to the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District).
 - Completed USA National Championship Entry Form (signed by your state commissioner)
 - Completed USA National Championship Roster (signed by your state commissioner)
 - Completed USA Pickup Player Form (if using one, signed by your state commissioner)

FORMAT:

- The tournament will be played under a three-game guarantee bracket.

UNIFORMS:

- All players must compete in accordance with Rule 3, Section 6. UNIFORM of the USA Softball Official Rules of Softball.

LINE-UP CARDS:

- Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team.
- An official line-up card must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

GAME TIMES:

- Please follow the times listed on the official tournament bracket.
- Game time is forfeit time.
- Teams should be prepared to start a game immediately after the preceding game is completed. There are no **time limits** on any scheduled game.

INFIELD PRACTICE:

- No infield practice will be permitted.
- Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only.
- Teams may warm up in the outfield grass if time permits.

BENCH AREAS:

- Players, coaches, sponsors, and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area.

PROTESTS:

- The tournament committee will decide all protests.
- As manager, please be familiar with the rules of the game, including proper protest procedures.
- See **Rule 9, PROTESTS** of the **USA Softball Official Rules of Softball**.

HOME RUN RULE:

- Refer to **Rule 5, THE GAME, Section 8, RUN AHEAD RULE** of the **USA Softball Official Rules of Softball**.

RUN AHEAD RULE:

- Refer to **Rule 5, THE GAME, Section 9, RUN AHEAD RULE** of the **USA Softball Official Rules of Softball**.

HOME TEAM:

- The Home Team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of each game.

GAME RULES:

- All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the **USA Official Rules of Softball**.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Please see the **USA Softball Official Rules of Softball** for clarifications and interpretation

PLAYER PASSES:

- Player passes will be distributed to rostered players and Managers (a maximum of 22 per team).
- All participants must have a pass to gain entrance to the softball complexes. Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price.
- Passes will be distributed at the team check-in.

OFFICIAL RULEBOOK:

- <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Umpires/Official-Rulebook>

SOUVENIRS:

- Souvenirs will be available throughout the weekend at the complex.