



All-American Games

2018 Coaches Handout

Tournament Packet:

Please make sure you review the *UPDATED* 2018 Tournament Packet thoroughly. It has been revised since originally published. It has the full weekend schedule including player camp, team meetings, practices, meet and greet, opening ceremonies and the game schedule. This has been revised since originally published, so please be sure to look online for the most up-to-date version.

Team Practices:

Your team has been scheduled for a team practice on Friday at an assigned time. If you would like to practice Thursday, you must find a local park as the stadium fields will be closed in preparation of the weekend events. You can sign up for Saturday practices on Field 4. If you are interested in a Saturday practice time, please email cassi@usasoftballsacramento.org. This is a first-come, first-serve basis.

Practice/Game Equipment:

USA Softball and Bownet are happy to partner to help provide team packages available to rent for the duration of the weekend. This will allow you to not have to check any team equipment on your flight. The complete rental package is \$150 and includes (1) Bownet Big Mouth Net, (1) Utilitee with Mesh Top, (1) BP Caddy, (2) Dozen Softballs in a Bownet Bucket. Please contact cathy@bownet.net to reserve your equipment. If you wish to bring your own equipment, that is fine too.

Softball Factory Player Camp:

This is an optional opportunity for athletes to get extra instruction in basic fundamental skills. It is FREE to all athletes and provided to you by Softball Factory, an Official Partner of USA Softball. Please check the Tournament Packet for your assigned times. All athletes in attendance will get a free Softball Factory shirt.

Pool Play Games in Stadium:

Every team is scheduled for one game in the stadium on Friday/Saturday so that all participants will be guaranteed to play on the Stadium Field. This game does NOT count toward seeding and ALL players MUST BAT and be put in for defense in this game. Please do not deprive a child of their opportunity to play in the stadium due to trying to “win” this game.

Play Time:

When determining play time, remember that EVERY athlete was named an All-American from your Region. Please be mindful of that when determining who plays where and when.

Metal Cleats:

This is a 12u age division bracket and per USA Softball Rules, NO METAL CLEATS are allowed. If your players typically play up in 14u and are used to wearing metal, please remind them they must wear rubber for this event.

Facebook Contests:

In the couple weeks leading up to the All-American Games our Facebook will be active with special contests and promotions. Please encourage your team parents to LIKE the page so they can receive all the updates and contests. <https://www.facebook.com/usasoftballallamericangames/?ref=bookmarks>

Opening Ceremonies:

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 1:30pm on the stadium field. Teams should assemble on Field 4 beginning at 1:10pm. Girls should be in white pants and the Opening Ceremonies shirt given to them at check-in.

Coaching Staff:

Only approved coaches (2 per team) and the extra coaches who were turned in on the rosters are allowed on the field or in the dugout during games. Coaches should be in khacki shorts/pants and an official tournament shirt (provided by the tournament staff).

Players:

Only approved rostered players are eligible to participate with the team for official tournament activities (check-in, meet & greet, practice, softball camp, opening ceremonies, games, etc). There are NO alternates allowed and NO participants allowed in the dugout other than the athletes and approved coaches.