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## Hall of Fame adds five new members

### **DON SIVERSON**

Don Siverson of Fargo had a number of athletic achievements on his resume before he ever began playing fast pitch softball. He quarterbacked his high school team to 29 consecutive wins, was a three year starter on the basketball team, a pole vaulter and played baseball on three state Junior Legion tournaments. He also quarterbacked the NDSU Bison football teams which won four conference and two National titles.

After all of that, he decided to try his hand at fast pitch softball starting in 1968 and retiring in 1992. During that 24 year period, he played in 22 state tournaments, four regionals and three National Tournaments. His teams won state championships in 1975 and 1981 and advanced to Regional play in 1975, 1984, 1985 and 1986. He played in National tournaments in 1986, 1988 and 1991. Siverson was regarded as one of the best defensive players on any team on which he played. He played third base and sometimes at first base but was actually a catcher who could and did play all positions when called on to do so. His career batting average was near .300 and he was an excellent teammate who was liked and respected by teammates

and opponents alike.

### **JACK PETERSON**

Jack Peterson of Moorhead played fast pitch softball in Fargo/Moorhead for 23 years retiring in 1993 with a lifetime batting average approximately in the range of .290 to .295. He was a gifted outfielder blessed with good speed and a strong, accurate arm. At the plate, Peterson had power but excelled at hitting the ball in the holes between fielders. Primarily an outfielder, he could and often did play any infield position and continued to produce as a clutch hitter. He played in 24 State Tournaments, playing on five championship teams as a player and one as a sponsor. His teams also went to six Class A Regional Tournaments and four Class B Nationals. In addition to his playing career, Peterson also sponsored several teams in the Tri-River League and he served on the Board of Directors for the Fargo Fast Pitch league for three years.

### **LYLE RADER**

Lyle Rader has been a registered softball umpire for 44 years and currently serves on the state umpire staff as the Deputy UIC for Southeastern North Dakota. While he umpires both slow pitch and fast pitch, his first love remains

fast pitch which he started working in Minot. He has umpired in 24 National Tournaments and also umpired in approximately 50 state tournaments. He also serves as the Umpire in Chief for the Wahpeton Softball League and has been in that capacity for 20 years. He has obtained the Elite level of umpiring excellence and is regarded as the expert in fast pitch softball mechanics and rules knowledge. He has attended a number of National Umpire Clinics and is a member of the McQuade Tournament Hall of Fame. His mechanics have been described as "textbook" and his knowledge of the rules is second to none. He has also mentored a number of young umpires and continues to conduct Rules Clinics both locally and around the state.

### **MIKE SWANSON**

Mike Swanson of Bismarck was nominated by a Hall of Fame member and endorsed by two other Hall Of Fame members and Scott Brahos, the current Vice President of USA Softball North Dakota. Swanson has played slow pitch softball for 22 years and is still active in the game. He has played with a number of Elite teams including Coaches Choice, Tharaldsons and Sperle Masonry. His stats at the

Elite level include an approximate batting average of .650. He has played in 27 state tournaments including 15 state titles at the highest level of softball. His teams also did well at the National Level finishing in second place in Class B Nationals in 2003. His personal stats include being named National Homerun Champ in Class B National in 2003, 1st team All American in 2002 and again in 2004. Almost as impressive as his playing ability is the kind of person Mike is on and off the field. He is well liked and respected by both teammates and opponents. The word "Ambassadors" of Softball is used often in referring to Swanson.

### **ROYAL CARLSON**

Royal Carlson, who spent his career playing in the Tri-River League and the Fargo/Moorhead league was one of the three fast pitch veterans elected to the softball Hall of Fame at the Selection Committee's Meeting on January 19, 2019 in Jamestown. Eleven members of the committee were present and voting and seven votes were required to be elected.

Royal Carlson lived in Wolverton, Minnesota but played softball in both the Tri-River League and

the Fargo/Moorhead league. His career spanned 26 years and resulted in 490 wins as a pitcher against 190 losses. He played in Wolverton for 14 years and served as manager and general manager as well as league officer and state representative for the Tri-River league. Royal was lured into Fargo to pitch for Schmidt Beer in the Twin City League where he pitched for 12 years. One of the teams for which he pitched was Western Products which won the 1991 state tournament as well as the Regional in their division and went on to play in the National Tournament in Reno, Nevada.

In addition to Royal's talent on the diamond, he was very active in the softball community helping host four National Tournaments in Fargo and one ISF World Tournament. Royal was a tireless worker devoting a remarkable amount of time to his work in promoting National Tournaments in Fargo. He also held the position of Secretary for Men's Fast pitch for the state organization for 15 years and was the league Representative to NDASA for eleven years.

## Annual spring meeting set for April 6

Hall of Fame Banquet will be at same place and date

State Softball Commissioner Dick Gulmon of Valley City has scheduled the Annual Spring Meeting of the USA North Dakota Softball Association for Saturday, April 6, along with the Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony. Both events will be held at the Gladstone Hotel and Suites

in downtown Jamestown. The Spring meeting will begin with rolls and coffee at 8:30 a.m. followed by a general meeting at 9:00 a.m. Separate meetings of the various divisions will follow before the group meets again to hear reports from the Men's Slow Pitch Division, the Women's Slow

Pitch Division, the JO Fast Pitch Division and the umpires.

The Hall of Fame Banquet and induction ceremony for five new Hall of Fame members is scheduled that evening with the buffet dinner beginning at 5:30 so attendees at the state meeting can stay for the Hall of Fame ceremonies and still get

home that evening. A cash bar will open at 4:30. All current Hall of Fame members are invited and will be individually introduced prior to the induction ceremony for the five new members. Anyone interested in attending is also invited.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Amy Anderson, Secretary

of the Hall of Fame Committee at 1226 4th Avenue E, West Fargo 58078. Her telephone number is 701-799-0772 or fax 701-893-2638. Please get your tickets early so that a head count for the banquet may be obtained. Tickets are \$25 per person. This year's inductees will receive two free tickets.

# President's Report

Anyone out there ready for Winter to be over?? Well Spring should be here shortly as we have received the girls High School Fastpitch schedule. So get your softball gear dug out from your basement or garage. The season will be here before you know it. The 2019 move-ups are printed in this paper and can also be seen on the Web. This list comes from the top 10% of each State and National tournaments and a few from the McQuade tourney. The teams moved up from the 2018 McQuades do not have to play in their moved-up class until the 2019 season.

North Dakota will again be hosting the Men's Masters 35 and 45 and the Women's 35 Masters National Championships in Mandan. So start thinking about getting these Master's teams put together. Dates for this tournament is Aug

23-25. Mandan also has been awarded this same tournament for 2020. The Men's B National is Aug 23-25 and the Men's C National will be Aug 30-Sept 2. Both of these tournaments will be held in Prairie Island, MN. The D National will be in Cape Girardeau, MO. Aug 30-Sept 2. And the E/Rec will be held in Topeka, KS. on Aug 30-Sept 2. Fargo has been awarded the E/Rec National for 2020.

Other important dates to keep in mind are the Spring Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet will be April 6th at the Gladstone in Jamestown. This is a reminder that everyone is welcome to come to the Hall of Fame Banquet the evening of April 6th. Just let me know if you are interested in attending, the cost is \$25 per person. League Registration deadline is June 3rd. Roster deadline (due in State Office) is

June 10th- after that a \$25 late fee will be charged. The final roster change deadline is June 18th. The final Classification meeting will be held on Friday July 12th.

Congrats to RC Courtright as the USA Softball of North Dakota Website was voted the Best in the Land for 2018. RC has done a fantastic job in both our State Office and the Website

Both Fargo and Mandan received James Ferrell Award in 2018 for hosting outstanding National Championships. Great job from both cities.

I would like to give Brian Neuhardt a big thank you for all his hard work he does with the Girl's JO program. Girls Fastpitch continues to grow in North Dakota and a lot of that success is due to Brian.

The Tournament Series had another successful year. We will be

running it again this year. For the scheduled cities please go to the ND Website. This is a great Series for teams that want to participate in a lot of tournaments. And there are some great prizes at the end of the year for the winners.

We will be running a State Tournament again this year for the 5 on 5 on 5. This got a jump start last Fall was very well accepted. So get you teams together for this Fall Classic. The teams I visited with said this was a great time.

On the Masters front there will be some changes for 2019. There are several changes that can be seen in this paper or on the Web. So get you teams together with Nationals again in Mandan for the next 2 years. A reminder that all Masters rosters are due by July 1st. Make-up rosters are accepted.

I would like to congratulate the 5



Jack Lukes

new members to the USA Softball of North Dakota Hall of Fame. Royal Carlson, Jack Peterson, Don Siverson, Mike Swanson, and Lyle Rader. Welcome to this great Fraternity, this is a great honor.

Hope to see you on the diamonds this Summer. And don't be a stranger. I welcome any questions you may have during the year. Call or email- jack4lukes@gmail.com 701-680-0408

# From the Sidelines

I have struggled with this column several times already. Since I can no longer umpire actively and have no other role except for this paper I thought I might not have much to say. I had my 86th birthday in January and probably should just retire from softball but I still enjoy doing this newspaper and being around the diamonds.

As many of you know, I had surgery last August for a blockage in my lower intestine. I don't know what happened but when I came out of that I had lost my motor skills and some of my intellectual abilities as well. I have no recollection of any of that but my wife, Donna, assures me that I was unable to talk, walk, swallow and

think. After 25 days in the hospital I went to a re-hab facility. All told I spent 89 days in Medical facilities. When I came home two days before Thanksgiving, I weighed 133 pounds which probably was close to my weight when I was in seventh grade. Since then, Donna has been feeding me most of the foods I enjoy plus supplements and I am back to 165 pounds.

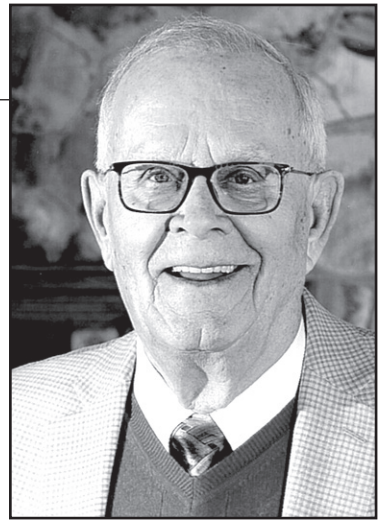
All of the above is to explain that I was unable to put out the Fall issue of this newspaper but RC Courtright, our Director of Operations, State Commissioner Dick Gulmon and my wife Donna put the paper together and got it out just about the same as if I had done it. I had about half of the paper ready to

lay out when I fell ill but the three mentioned above and anyone else who helped have my gratitude for continuing publication of this paper. While I am at it, I also have to acknowledge my wife's efforts to get me well and back home again. She visited me every day in the Nursing Home with the exception of one day when it was snowing and blowing around. She also took my laundry home every day and brought it back the next day. She was also responsible for the day to day maintenance of our home, including all the things she had never dealt with including shoveling snow, filling the water softener with salt, keeping the bills paid promptly and filling the car with gas. There must have been

dozens of other things she got stuck doing which I won't list. Suffice it to say, she just did everything which had to get done every day.

I am making great progress and I am looking forward to personally thanking my many friends in softball who were concerned about me, visited me and kept me in their thoughts and prayers, especially Hall of Fame Vice President Sharon Morgan, who called every week and along with her husband and their dog drove from Fargo to visit me one afternoon.

I am so looking forward to the softball season this year and hope to see many of you at the Hall of Fame banquet and around the diamonds.



Walt Stack

# J.O. Fastpitch Update

JO Column for Spring 2019

Looks like it will be another full Season of Softball starting this Spring.

High School softball practice starts this year on March 18th, with the first games to be played on March 29th. According to the NDHSAA web site, 53 teams are listed to compete this spring, 21 Class A Schools and 32 Class B Schools. New teams for this year are Harvey/Wells County and Rugby, which will play a JV schedule. Best of luck to those new programs. The State Tournament for this year, is scheduled for May 30, 31st and June 1st. Minot will Host the Class A Tournament with the Class B Scheduled in Fargo.

USA Softball of North Dakota has announced the tryout for the 12U All American games. The Tryout is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th, in Bismarck, at McQuades Diamonds starting at 1:00 PM. Please contact me, Brian Neuhardt, at brian.neuhardt@yahoo.com or call my cell at 701-425-2354. ALL girls 12U and under are eligible to tryout for the Region 8 teams that will compete in the 12U All American Games. This prestigious tournament is scheduled to be played on

June 8th - 10th, at Hall of Fame Stadium complex in Oklahoma City. Please note that weekend is right after the NCAA Championship games, which are also at that site. USA Softball of North Dakota is granted 5 players and 1 coach to send to the tournament. There are only 320 girls eligible to play that weekend. For Registration information please visit the state web site at www.usasoftballnd.com.

We held our JO annual fall meeting back in October. From the meeting, the JO tournaments were set. Those tournaments can also be seen on the website. Anyone interested in hosting a tournament please contact me and we will add that tournament to the state website.

As in previous years, and in the sense of safety and security, all players must register with USA softball before playing or practicing with their teams. As in the past this gives all players insurance for liability and medical, should something unfortunate happen to them while on the field. Most Park districts in North Dakota will not allow those kids on the field unless they have the insurance. If you need an insurance certificate, please contact me on that, and we

can get those entities who requested one. Please check with your local softball organizations on how to get this insurance.

All coaches must have a background check before being allowed to coach or be on the field with players. This includes any coach or score book keeper. Also, one coach must have a completed an ACE training component and watch the SAFE Sport Training videos. These rules will be enforced at all ND USA Softball tournaments starting in June.

The JO state tournament will be held in Minot on July 12 - 14th. This year the Class B tournaments for 18U and 16U will be combined into one tournament. This was a request from the coaches so all kids can participate in the state tournament. Also, new for this year will be a time limit rule. The new rule is at the one-hour and 20 minute, one more full inning will be completed after that 1 hour and 20 minute mark. That is a change to match the USA Softball rule book.

Here are the following tournament host cities for the Northern Nationals this summer.

Region 8 Class C, 10U, 12U and 14U, Watertown, SD, July 20 and

21st  
10U, North Mankato, MN 7/25 to 7/28  
12U, North Mankato, MN, Rapid City, SD, 7/25 to 7/28  
14U, Clarkson, MI, Rochester, MN, 7/25 to 7/28  
16U, Nevada, IA, \* Bloomington, IN, 7/25 to 7/28  
18U, Sioux Falls, SD, \* Emporia, KS, 7/25 to 7/28

Please note the 10U A has been dropped, and Rapid City has agreed to host the 12U B.



Brian Neuhardt

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# Ump Chat

Hopefully, by the time you get this article, it has warmed up considerably. As I write this it is -31 air temperature, which means we are all looking forward to the softball season.

Once again, the upcoming season comes with minimal new rule changes which are great for both umpires and players. Elsewhere in this issue is a complete listing of the rule changes for 2019. We will go over the entire list of rule changes at all of the umpire rules clinics and all of the manager's rules clinics throughout the state. If you have any questions concerning any of the rule changes, be sure and let me know.

Several of us recently returned from the USA Softball UIC Conference in Oklahoma City. Attending the conference along with myself were DUIC's Elliott Gerhardt and Al Ziemann from Bismarck, Lyle Rader from Wahpeton, and Chris Coleman from Fargo. It was an excellent conference covering topics on umpire recruiting and retention, game management, umpire mechanics and training along with information from several speakers.

We will be holding several classroom rules clinics for managers and umpires. We will also be holding

several field clinics for umpires throughout the state that everyone is invited to attend. At past field clinics we have stretched a string ten feet high and another string six feet high between the pitcher's mound and home plate to use as a training tool for umpires to see where the ten-foot limit is and where the six-foot minimum is. This is a great training tool for both umpires and players.

I highly recommend that pitchers, players, and managers take the time to attend the portion of the field clinic at the beginning where we cover the pitching height to get a true feel of where the ten-foot arc limit really is. Last year we had a lot of players attend our field clinics and a lot of eyes were opened at our field clinics by players and umpires alike when we stretch the string and start throwing pitches. So, please consider attending a field clinic and take a look at the pitching arc. There is a complete listing of classroom clinics and field clinics listed elsewhere in this issue.

We have several opportunities for players and umpires to be a part of national tournaments in North Dakota this summer. Mandan will be hosting the Men's Masters 35 &

Over, 45 & Over Men's and 35 & Over Women's National Tournament August 23-25, 2019. There will be a competitive division and a recreational division in the men's tournaments which should really increase participation in these tournaments. These national tournaments are a great opportunity for our Men's and Women's Masters teams so start thinking about getting your team put together. Mandan has done an excellent job in growing this tournament each year to a very respectable level. This is also going to be an excellent opportunity for umpires as this is an Elite qualifier tournament, one of only a few in ASA that allows umpires to achieve Elite status.

We will also have a lot of great opportunities for umpires from ND to work national tournaments this summer. Besides the North Dakota Nationals, we have already secured some great opportunities this summer for some of our umpires to work a national tournament outside the state. Elliott Gerhardt has been chosen to work the Girls 18U Gold Fastpitch Tournament in Plano, TX. Ben Birkemeyer from Bismarck has also been assigned to umpire the Girl's 18U Gold Fastpitch Tourna-

ment in Plano, TX. Naomi Erdahl from Bismarck has been assigned to umpire the USA JO Cup Fastpitch Tournament in California. These are some excellent tournament assignments for some of our ND umpires.

We will also be receiving umpire assignments for the Women's JO National Tournament in Watertown, SD and some of the Girls JO Fastpitch nationals on our region. I am also working on a couple of other umpire exchanges for national tournaments outside our region. All these opportunities to work outside our state are great opportunities for our umpires to showcase their skills.

Some exciting news for our umpiring program in North Dakota and that is North Dakota has been selected by the USA Softball National Office to host a national umpire school in ND this spring. I will coordinate this effort along with our DUIC's and we will set up a committee to do all of the planning. The national school will be held in Bismarck on April 26-28, 2019. We are hoping to have 100 umpires register for this great opportunity to improve their umpiring skills. I have already had



Mike Wolf • Umpire in Chief

inquiries for umpires to attend from Arkansas, MT, SD, ND, MN, NE, and MO. Nationally recognized clinicians will be conducting the national school. Three clinicians have been assigned with a fourth clinician to be named soon. Steve Riswold, from Sioux Falls, SD, Larry Montgomery from Columbia, Mississippi, and Steve Roscia from Portland, Maine will be conducting the school. Check out the ND softball website for more information.

I would also like to recognize and congratulate Lyle Rader on

## Ump Chat

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# Commissioner's Column

Welcome again to another softball season in North Dakota. When it comes time to write this column regarding the upcoming softball season, we know we are at the tail end of winter and the softball season is around the corner.

We had a good year in 2018 for USA Softball of North Dakota. Our adult registrations were flat but enjoyed more growth in our JO program. The USA Softball ND/Monsta Tournament Series in MSP was very successful and provided a \$15,000 prize package for participating teams. There were 380 teams that comprised of 731 entries in tournaments throughout the summer for series events. Invitational tournaments in Adult and JO had a total of 1,431 teams entering events in 2018. The State Tournaments also had record numbers in 2018 with 641 teams playing in State Tournaments compared to 622 in 2017. We are grateful to Gary Tharaldson as he continues to sponsor and cover the costs of all of our trophies, medals and awards for State Tournaments. Gary's contribution to our program is significant, and allows us to keep our entry fees affordable for all teams and assists

in maximizing participation. Please thank Gary whenever you have the opportunity.

I attended the USA Softball National Council meeting in Oklahoma City this past fall as did Jack Jones, RC Courtright, and Nick Gulmon. We were all involved in many important committees at the meeting regarding USA Softball Code and Rules, as well as attending several very good trainings sessions put on by the national staff.

The Long Range Planning Committee is also working on putting together on-line training modules for local associations with classes regarding services, equipment, registration, & governance to start with. This project could be very beneficial to associations throughout the country. USA Softball of North Dakota received the USA Softball National Award for the Best Website in the country. Credit for this award goes to RC Courtright, Director of Operation in our program for all his great work in the development of the USA Softball of North Dakota web site. Congrats RC and great work. Jack Jones and Brian Neuhardt also received 5 years awards for their work. Also

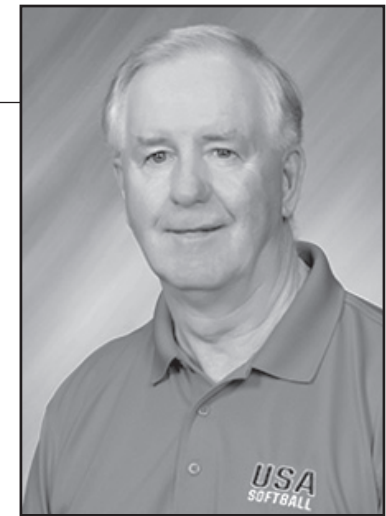
at the Council meeting, Mandan and Fargo received the prestigious James Ferrell Award for hosting the highest rated National Championships in the country in 2018. An award like this does not just happen, it takes hard work by the local tournament committee, a supportive volunteer base and outstanding Umpire Staff. My congratulations to Mandan and Fargo and thanks for all the great work. Mandan will also host the 2019 and 2020 MSP Masters 35, 45 as well as the WSP Masters 35 National Tournaments. Fargo was awarded the 2020 MSP E/Rec Northern National Tournament which has been highly successful when hosted in the past in North Dakota.

There are some great opportunities to participate in USA Softball National Championships in 2019 in the Northern Region. GFP 10U-C thru 14U-C in Watertown, S.D. July 25-28. GFP 12U-A and 10U-B in North Mankato, Mn. July 25-28, GFP 12U-B in Rapid City, S.D. July 25-28, GFP 14U-B in Rochester, Mn July 25-28, and GFP 18U-A in Sioux Falls, S.D. July 25-28th. In the Adult program National Championships in the Region are

the MSP, WSP Masters in Mandan, August 23-25, MSP B in Prairie Island, Mn. August 23-25 and MSP C also in Prairie Island, Mn. August 30-Sept 2.

The USA Softball of North Dakota Hall of Fame Committee met in January and reviewed 25 candidate applications for the HOF. It is my pleasure to extend a sincere congratulations to Royal Carlson of Zumbrota, Mn., Jack Peterson of Moorhead, Don Siverson of Fargo, Mike Swanson of Bismarck, and Lyle Rader of Wahpeton. These Hall of Famers will be inducted at the Hall of Fame banquet to be held in Jamestown April 6th, 2019. We will also present several awards like the Distinguished Service Award, the Walt Stack Umpire Award of Excellence and Umpire Awards.

I would like to thank the Executive Board, State Committee's, League Reps, Umpires, Tournament Directors, Park & Rec Partners, sponsors and all the volunteers who make it possible to run our program in North Dakota. We could not have the quality program that we do without the hard work and dedication so many. My thanks to each of you.



Dick Gulmon

Lastly, the Softball News Publication would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of Walt Stack. Walt has made this paper possible since its inception. Walt had a difficult year in 2018 and we are so glad he is doing well and putting together another publication for our USA Softball program in North Dakota. Thank you so much Walt, we sincerely appreciate all your great work for this organization.

Wishing you all a great season in 2019 and hope to see you around the diamond.

Dick Gulmon  
USA Softball of ND State Commissioner

# Women's Softball Commissioner

WOMEN'S MASTERS STATE or Old-pro state, as I have always known it to be, has made a couple of changes. We have now added some new categories for players who may have not qualified to play in the past so they can now play in our women's masters state tournament. These changes were made to allow more players to play.

Before this year, in order to play in a women's master state tournament, you had to be on an existing North Dakota USA softball women's roster and 30 years of age or over by the end of the current calendar year. If you were not on a

roster, or on a league only roster, or on a co-ed only roster, you did not qualify for this tournament.

NOW, the rule will read: "players can be NDUSA rostered players, on a women's league only roster, on a coed roster, or a non-rostered ND bonified resident"

The new point system is as follows:

- 5 points - League Only / Coed / ND resident, non-rostered
- 5 points - Class C
- 4 points - Class D
- 3 points - Rec 1
- 2 points - Rec 2
- 1 point - Rec 3

If you're interested in putting together a Women's Masters roster, go to the USA Softball of ND website under forms (<https://www.usasoftballnd.com/forms>).

And speaking of the NDUSA SOFTBALL WEBSITE - CONGRATULATIONS to RC for his hard work on our NDUSA softball website. He has earned North Dakota the best website at the national meeting this year! There will be important information posted on the USAND Softball website regarding women's softball. We are currently working on publishing the women's

database online for league reps and tournament reps to be able to access for classification information.

2019 ROSTERS - Remember to have accurate information on your roster and all players are to sign their own names on your rosters. Eventually, we see that all rosters will soon be online, but for now please fill out your information correctly and legibly.

And, as always, please get in touch with me if you have any ideas, questions or concerns, so together, we can make women's softball in North Dakota the best that it can be. Hasnamer7@outlook.com



Amy Anderson

## Mandan to Host Nationals Men's Masters 35 & 45 • Women's Masters 35

Mandan will once again play host to three National Tournaments in 2019 and again in 2020. The tournaments will be held August 23 to 25 in the Mandan Softball Complex. The tournament format will be the same as last year's tournaments which

were held in the same complex. Men's Masters (Two Divisions) Recreational: Maximum of two Class D Players. No players classified above Class D. Competitive: Maximum two class A or B players- No RPL Players.

**Dates:** August 23-25, 2019

**Entry fee:** \$450; \$400 if paid by August 2  
(Make check out to **Mandan Softball**)

**Entry deadline:** Monday, August 12

**Tournament draw:** Monday, August 19 (Noon)

**Format:**

**9 teams or less** - Pool play (2 games), teams seeded from pool play into double elimination championship bracket.

**10 teams or more** - double elimination with 3 games guarantee.

**Women's Masters 35** - Open Rosters

**Men's Masters 45** - Open Rosters

**Men's Masters 35** - Two divisions - USA Softball

Players will be allowed to play both 35 & 45 if age qualified.

In the event of scheduling conflicts, players could choose which team to play on.

**Competitive Division** - rosters limited to not more than 2 Class A or B players; NO players classified above D.

**Recreational Division** - rosters limited to no more than 2 class D play/ no players above D; 2 home runs.

Send roster & entry fee to: Jack Jones, P.O. Box 683, Mandan ND, 58554

**Pre-tournament Tailgate Party:** Thursday, August 22 / Mandan Softball Complex 5-10 p.m.

**Additional info contact:** Jack Jones 701-426-8700,  
Jack Jones.softball@gmail.com

## Mark Vanyo named to hall of fame committee

### Long time fargo activist replaces grand forks member

State Softball Commissioner Dick Gulmon has named Mark Vanyo to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He replaces Bill Hutchison of Grand Forks. Vanyo served North Dakota softball in a number of ways for 24 years. He played, managed and coached as well as served on the Fargo/Moorhead Softball Association Board for a number of years.

Vanyo picked up the game of fast pitch softball while serving in the Army in Yuma, Arizona. That particular location had a number of fast pitch teams playing so Vanyo decided to take up the game. Upon his release from Military Service, he returned to Fargo/Moorhead and found his talents suitable for a Class A team sponsored by Schmidt

Beer of Fargo. He played a number of years with that team under the sponsorship of Schmidt Beer, Cactus Jacks and Coors Light. Among the players on this team were Hall of Fame members Jim Baum, Rick Fee, John Lindstrom and one of this year's inductees, Don Siverson. After an injury ended his active playing days, Vanyo remained active as a coach and manager and soon became President of the FM Softball Association. He also was a member of the various Tournament Committees which brought National Tournament Events to the FM Area. In addition to those duties, he also served on the state Classification Committee. His appointment fills the only remaining vacancy on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

## Bismarck to host national umpire school

### April 26 through April 28

A USA Softball National Umpire School will be held in Bismarck in April. Classroom work will take place in St. Mary's Grade School and outside drills will be held at the Clem Kelley Softball Complex in South Bismarck. The school will begin on Friday evening with a meeting with the Regional Umpire's in Chief who will be conducting the school. The school is designed to help veteran and newer umpires improve their umpiring skills and improve their knowledge of the rules.

Region 8 Umpire in Chief Steve Riswold from Sioux Falls, South Dakota will lead the school along with three other members of the National Umpire Staff including Dave Chandler from Indiana, Larry Montgomery of Mississippi and Steve Roscia from Maine. North

Dakota Umpire in Chief Mike Wolf of Bismarck will be the school coordinator and be in charge of registrations, making travel arrangements for the clinicians, securing a host hotel and all other logistics for the school. Deputy UIC's Elliott Gerhardt, Terry O'Clair and Al Ziemann along with the Bismarck Umpire Association's Board of Directors will assist in the coordination efforts and will assist the clinicians throughout the weekend with the school.

Registration forms will be available shortly after the first of the year. At this time, the fee is anticipated to be \$75. Clinic officials are hopeful that the school will draw participants from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Nebraska.

# Is there a future for 5x5x softball in North Dakota?

## INAUGURAL STATE TOURNAMENT PROVIDES GLIMPSE AT THE NEW FORMAT

The first attempt at a Fall State tournament did not quite go as planned. With most players having ended their seasons at least a month prior and the increasing likelihood of colder-than-normal temperatures as the event drew closer, few teams registered for any of the four separate tournaments scheduled for the first weekend of October. There was, however, a glimmer of hope in the form of a tournament featuring a fairly new format to North Dakota - one that would pit three teams head-to-head-to-head on the same field. Six teams from four cities participated in Tier 2 of the inaugural Men's Fall 5x5x5 state tournament - a format that has started to take hold in Minnesota, Alaska, Washington, and elsewhere across the country. Based on the reaction from those who withstood the 45° temperature to get their first experience with this format, there is reason to be encouraged that we may see much more of this in future seasons.

## WAIT...WHAT EXACTLY IS 5x5x5 SOFTBALL, ANYWAY?

In the 5-man tournament, teams were allowed rosters of anywhere from 5 to 8 players. They could bat any number of players, but everyone who batted had to also play defense. At the start of the game, one team would play the four outfield positions and pitcher, the second would play the four infield positions and catcher, and the third team would bat. Each inning, the teams would rotate from outfield to infield, infield to batting, and batting to outfield. Since there are 9 total outs each inning instead of the usual 6, games were scheduled for only 5 innings. In pool play, the team with the most runs would be awarded two wins; the team scoring the next most runs would get one win. While ties in pool play would result in wins being split between the teams, in the championship, it was "one-tie, all-tie", meaning

each team would advance to extra innings and still have a chance at the title even if one was well behind the other two after 5 innings (a scenario that played out in this year's tourney).

All of this makes for a very busy set of games for most players. Many played both the outfield and infield. Therefore, they would be in the field for 6 outs each inning. That makes a 5 inning game feel like a 10 inning game. A similar effect was felt on offense. With a shorter batting order that turns over quickly, there were times a player would score a run and immediately go to the on deck circle or, sometimes, right back into the batter's box. Some of the players in the championship game batted over 30 times in 4 games. It definitely helped keep the guys warm on that chilly Sunday, but it was physically demanding since there were no breaks between games in this particular tournament.

## INITIAL REACTIONS FROM PLAYERS & FANS PROVED TO BE ENCOURAGING

By the time the final game had been played, the responses both at the complex and online were overwhelmingly positive. Colby Hans Aasand - representing Sportsman's Lounge, one of three Wahpeton teams that made the trek to Fargo that day - described it as "awesome" and an "all around great tournament". Colby added, "We were already talking about next year." Nick Alan of tournament runner-up Wahpeton Overthrown posted in a Facebook comment, "Really a fun tournament to play in! Would definitely come again." Aaron Backer, whose 6-for-6 with 6 runs scored in the opening game for eventual state champion Jamestown KCs/Wildside Creations set the tone for the day, really enjoyed the challenges presented by the new format: "It's more action than standard slow pitch. You bat more often with a smaller lineup. Defense is interesting because you

play a different position depending on where you are at in the inning. It was fun!"

Most comments shared a common thread coming out of that weekend - a lot of players were looking forward to doing it again, not just in a state tournament, but in invitationals as well. Williston - who hosted the first and only 5x5x5 invitational back in May - plans to bring it back twice in early 2019. Darin Kreuger, Williston's league representative and Executive Director of the city's Parks & Recreation District, has been a vocal advocate for the format since beginning the state's only 5x5x5 league two seasons ago. "Our players love it," says Darin, "It is a lot easier to get 5-8 players to commit to play vs 10-12." While it allows some players to gain a little different perspective on defense when forced to play out of their comfort zone on the infield or in the outfield, Darin points out that a major selling point for most is getting more cuts. "I feel that the best reason to try it early in the season is for the AT BATS!" Lest we forget that this is still a game and we ultimately want everyone to have fun, Darin also stressed that 5x5x5 encourages camaraderie with those you are competing against by making you work with both of your opponents on defense each inning. "5x5x5 allows you to meet other players from teams. You will be playing defense together vs the other team. It's an interesting dynamic as you need them to beat the other team, yet you are trying to beat them, too!"

Beyond Williston, there is talk in other cities of giving the format a try next summer as well. Furthermore, it would also be no surprise to see most, if not all of this year's state tournament teams return the second time around (quite possibly at least a couple of weeks earlier).

So, is there a future for 5x5x5 in this state? Our belief is that the more people get to experience it, the more people will get hooked.

## Ump Chat

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his recent election to the ND USA Softball Hall of Fame. Lyle has achieved numerous on-the-field accomplishments throughout his umpiring career and has served as a DUIC for several years helping train, develop, and mentor umpires. Congratulations Lyle!!

It is also time for my annual plea to recruit more umpires. Leagues around the state are always in need of more umpires. Every city in North Dakota will need more umpires.

I am really appealing to players to consider registering to help out in your local association—even if it is only for one night. That alone can make a huge difference in making sure all games are covered. Players make good umpires because they have a keen knowledge of the rules and a feel for the game. Plus, where else can you find a part-time job—outdoors, where you can make around about twenty-five dollars an hour?

If you have any interest at all to umpire, please contact me and I can put you in touch with someone from your area of the state. Or, check out the listing of the field and classroom clinics in this issue and you can just show up and register. Remember, umpiring just one night a week can make a huge difference in helping out your local league.

I would like to recognize our

Deputy UIC's are throughout the state and I would also like thank all of my Deputy UIC's for the great job they do for USA Softball of ND. They all VOLUNTEER their time and bring a vast amount of knowledge and experience and are valuable assets to our umpire program in ND. Our DUIC's are: Lyle Rader—Wahpeton, Tom Lawson—Minot FP, Elliott Gerhardt—Bismarck, Gerald "Shorty" Payne—Grand Forks, Mike Nider—Bismarck, Randy Olson—West Fargo, Al Ziemann—Bismarck, Marchel Krieger—Jamestown, Terry O'Clair—Bismarck, and Koby Pennick and Chris Coleman in Fargo.

I enjoy visiting with a lot of you throughout the state during the year on various issues. I appreciate each and every question or concern I receive. As always, I am here to help in any way that I can to make softball more enjoyable for players, umpires, and fans. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know. Drop me an email, text, or give me a call and please know that I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can! You can reach me at wolfdan8993@yahoo.com and my cell 701-400-2100.

Have an enjoyable, fun, and safe summer!

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019

Spring Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet: .....Saturday, April 6  
National Umpire School in Bismarck ..... April 26, 27 & 28  
**Adult Roster Deadline:** ..... **June 10 • After June 10, \$25.00 fee**  
Final Roster Deadline: ..... June 18  
**Classification Meeting:** ..... **July 12**  
National Tournaments: .....MSP Masters 35 and 45; WSP Masters 35  
..... Mandan, August 23 to August 25  
2019 National Council Meeting:.....Sparks/Reno NV; Nov. 10 - 15

## JO GIRLS FAST PITCH DATES AND LOCATIONS:

**Tryouts for 12U All American Games:**..... **Bismarck, April 28**  
All American games 12U:..... June 7-10, Oklahoma City  
**JO Girls Fast pitch state tournament:** .....**July 12-14 Minot**

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## 2019 Umpire and Managers Rules Clinic

Feb 27	Mandan Managers	City Hall	7:00	Wolf
March 13	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:00	Wolf
March 14	Mandan Umpires	Softball Complex Building	7:00	Wolf
March 17	Deputy UIC Clinic	TBA	10:00	Wolf
March 18	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:00	Wolf
March 19	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:00	Wolf
March 20	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:00	Wolf
March 18	Grand Forks Umpires	Public Library Conf. Room #1	7:00	Payne
March 24	Jamestown Umpires	The Buff Lounge	2:00	Krieger
March 25	Grand Forks Umpires	Public Library Conf. Room #1	7:00	Healey
March 26	Bismarck Women's Managers	VFW All Season's Arena	6:00	O'Clair
March 27	Wahpeton Rules Clinic	Community Center	6:30	Rader
March 28	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:00	Wolf
March 28	West Fargo Umpires	VFW Club	6:30	Olson
March 28	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	7:00	Cole/Pennick
April 3	Wahpeton Managers	Community Center	6:30	Rader
April 3	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	7:00	Cole/Pennick
April 1	Bismarck Men's Managers	Amvet's Club	6:30	Wolf
April 3	Grafton Managers/Umpires	JR's (Oakwood)	7:00	Payne
April 4	May/Port Managers & Umpires	Floyd's—Portland	7:00	Payne
April 8	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	7:00	Cole/Pennick
April 9	Devils Lake Umpires/Managers	Burdick Arena	6:30	Krieger
April 10	Beulah Umpires/Managers	Alibi's Bar	6:00	Gerhardt/Wolf
April 10	Valley City Umpires/Managers	Gaukler Wellness Center	6:30	Krieger
April 17	LaMoure Umpires/Managers	Center Field Bar & Grill	6:00	Krieger
April 17	Fargo Umpires Park District	Park District Offices	6:00	Cole/Pennick
April 17	Dickinson Umpires	Recreation Center	6:00MT	Gerhardt
April 22	Bismarck Umpires Make-up	Amvet's Club	6:30	Wolf
April 22	Grand Forks Field Clinic	Ulland Park	6:30	Payne
April 24	Grand Forks Field Clinic	Ulland Park	6:30	Payne
April 24	West Fargo Umpires-Test Night	VFW Club—Test Night	6:30	Olson
April 25	West Fargo Managers	VFW Club	6:30	Olson
April 25	Fargo Umpires Clinic/Pre-Test	Old Chicago	6:00	Cole/Pennick
April 25	Bismarck Women's Managers Sticker Bats	All Season's Arena	4:00	Wolf
April 28	West Fargo Umpires Field Clinic	North Elmwood	6:30	Olson
May 1	Wahpeton Field Clinic	Diamond 2	6:30	Rader
May 2	Fargo Umpires Test Night	Bowler	7:00	Cole/Pennick
May 7	Grand Forks Umpires-Test Night	Public Library Conf. Room #1	7:00	Payne
May 13	Bismarck Umpires Test Night/Pizza	St. Mary's Grade School	8:30	Wolf
*****	Williston—Contact Darin Krueger To Register	701-774-9773 Ext. 238 - TBA		Krueger
TBA	Fargo Field Clinic-In Conjunction With Tourney - TBA	TBA		Cole/Pennick
TBA	Fargo Field Clinic-In Conjunction With Tourney - TBA	TBA		Cole/Pennick
TBA	Casselton Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Rader
TBA	West Fargo Summer Fastpitch Umpires- TBA	TBA		Rader
TBA	Bismarck Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Gerhardt
TBA	Dickinson Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Gerhardt
TBA	Minot Summer Slowpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		TBA
TBA	Minot Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Lawson
TBA	West Fargo Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Rader
TBA	West Fargo Summer Fastpitch Field Clinic - TBA	TBA		Rader
TBA	Grand Forks Summer Fastpitch Umpires - TBA	TBA		Rader
TBA	Grand Forks Managers - TBA	TBA		Payne
TBA	Bismarck Field Clinics Scheduled As Needed Because of National Umpire School - TBA	Wolf		
TBA	Mandan Field Clinics Scheduled As Needed Because of National Umpire School - TBA	Wolf		
TBA	Jamestown Field Clinics Scheduled As Needed Because of National Umpire School - TBA	Wolf		

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that before or after all of the manager's clinics and before or after most of the field clinics, teams will be able to get stickers put on their bats and have their bats checked to make sure they are legal. If you want to get bats stickered, please bring them before or after the clinics end so as not to interrupt the field or rules clinics. If you have questions concerning stickers or rules clinics in general, please contact UIC Mike Wolf at 400-2100 or contact your regional DUIC. For phone numbers for all regional DUIC's log on to [www.usasoftballnd.org](http://www.usasoftballnd.org) and click on the "Umpires" link.

## "Play Ball!" Event Brings MLB to McQuades Tournament

Kids age 4-13 welcome to participate baseball/softball activities

There is something new & exciting for McQuade Tournament this year. The McQuade Tournament has partnered with Major League Baseball, USA Softball and the Minnesota Twins to bring the first ever MLB/USA Softball "Play Ball" event to North Dakota!

Play Ball is for kids ages 4-13 and offers a variety of activity stations associated with the game. Each child receives a t-shirt, wristbands and ball from MLB/USA Softball. There is no cost to the kids or local community. All MLB asks is use of a baseball/softball facility and volunteers for registration & the activity stations. It is an MLB goal to bring Play Ball to all

50 states.

Our plan is to host the Play Ball event as the opening activity for the 2019 McQuade Tournament. We have secured use of Bismarck Municipal Ball Park on Thursday June 27. The schedule of events will be registration 4:00 - 5:30, Play Ball activity stations 5:30-7:00, followed by an exhibition game featuring the newly rebranded USA Patriots (formerly Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team) vs. local Celebrity All Star team beginning at 7:30. Dakota Community Bank will provide a hot dog, chips & beverage to all participating kids before the exhibition game. The McQuade Tournament Committee

is hoping the Thursday night event will allow more people than ever to watch the USA Patriots/WWAST play. It is possible a former player or two from the Twins may attend as well.

Online Registration will be available 60 days in advance at [www.playball.org/events](http://www.playball.org/events). Registrations will be limited to the first 250 kids. Anyone interested in helping as a volunteer with either registration or the activity stations please contact Cheryl Jones at 701-426-8701 or [cajones213@gmail.com](mailto:cajones213@gmail.com). More details will be announced as they become available.



Gary Tharaldson and wife Connie at Gary's induction into the National Hall of Fame.

## Tharaldson continues sponsorship of trophies

Gary Tharaldson will again sponsor all the trophies and championship banners for all state softball tournaments sponsored by the North Dakota USA Softball Association. This will be the 21st consecutive year that Tharaldson, through his Hospitality Management segment and Tharaldson Ethanol will provide the trophies and banners for all the state tournaments including the Junior Olympics championship as well as all the adult tournaments. The number of trophies and banners depends on the number of teams entering each state tournament and the number of trophies and banners have increased significantly over the past several years.

Tharaldson and his wife have dedicated much of their lives to supporting softball as sponsors for not just one or two divisions but across the whole spectrum of USA Softball. Tharaldson sponsored Men's teams in A, B and C Slow

Pitch divisions and supported five different levels of senior ball for many years. Tharaldson and his wife also sponsored women's slow pitch teams for 15 years and also sponsored both Boys and Girls Junior Olympic teams. His sponsored teams have participated in over 30 National tournaments.

In addition to his sponsorships, Gary also was a player during his time as a sponsor winning two National Championships and over 1,000 games as a pitcher. His best season was the year he won 58 games while losing only two and he carried a batting average of .600 for his playing career.

North Dakota USA Softball is able to provide the trophies and banners only through the cooperation and generosity of Cary Tharaldson and his various enterprises. North Dakota USA Softball gratefully acknowledges his many, many contributions to North Dakota softball.

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# Online registration now open for McQuade Tournament entry!

## New exciting events planned for this year's tournament

By: Michael Wolf

The 44th Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament is rapidly approaching and will be held June 28, 29, and 30 in Bismarck and Mandan. The on-line registration option we've made available has worked out very well and teams can once again register online and pay their registration fee online! This is a great addition to the registration process and will give team's immediate confirmation that their entry has been received. Teams will still be able to register via mail as well if they prefer that method, but it is highly recommended to register online. As divisions fill, a team may get a verification that their registration was received online, but it is not a guarantee that you are in the tournament. If for some reason your division is full when you register, you will be notified that you will be placed on a waiting list.

To register online, go to the McQuade website [www.mcquades.com](http://www.mcquades.com) and click on the softball link. Be sure and read all of the information on the registration form that managers need to know about concerning pick-up players, wristbands, rosters, etc...

We are excited to announce that the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team will be attending our tournament once again this summer. However, you also need to know that they have changed their name to "USA Patriots". So, if you hear that phrase, you will now know that it is the same Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team, now with just a name change. They will also be involved with pre-tournament events and also playing in the tournament as well. The national All-Air Force Alumni Team will also be back at the tournament this year participating in pre-tournament events and also in the tournament.

We are planning to have "Military Appreciation" appreciation games and events on Friday Night. Be sure and watch the McQuade website and social media for more information as it develops.

We will once again be holding our Cancer Awareness Appreciation Day on Saturday. Our previous Cancer Awareness Days have been a huge success! As a result of different fundraising activities before and during the tournament, we were able to distribute \$6,000 directly back to cancer patients in the form of Visa gift cards. If you would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation towards our cancer awareness appreciation day that will help cancer patients, please contact me (see contact information below).

NEW THIS YEAR—we have an exciting new event planned for this year's tournament. The McQuade Tournament has partnered with Major League Baseball to host their "Play Ball" program on Thursday night, June 27th at the beautiful Dakota Community Bank & Trust Baseball Park in Bismarck. The "Play Ball" initiative is the largest collective effort to encourage young people to participate in baseball or softball-related activities. The evening will start out with area youth receiving instruction to enhance their skills of the game in five different categories. Each youth participant will receive a t-shirt, wristband, and a ball. Youth participation is free!

Registration is geared for 4:30—6:00, instruction stations from 6:00 to 7:30, and then additional events including an exhibition game with hopefully the USA Patriots to follow. All times and activities are tentative right now and much more information will become available on the McQuade website, the ND

softball website, and through social media for youth registration and as events are scheduled for Thursday night. There will be a free-will offering or a small charge at the gate with all proceeds going to the "USA Patriots Kids Camp" which helps young kids with amputated limbs realize they can overcome obstacles and play the game of softball. So, be sure and mark your calendars and arrive Thursday to take in the exciting evening activities we are planning.

We are anticipating another record setting year and entries are coming in fast and some divisions are getting close to full. That is a hint to the Men's D, and Men's Rec I to get your registrations in since these are only 32 team divisions. Men's Rec 3 and 4 divisions also fill very fast as well. Since there are some Men's B teams in the region, we will have a combined Men's Open/A/B division this year. In the Men's Masters 35 division, the state Men's Master's Committee will once again assist us in seeding the

teams properly. If you are thinking of putting together a "family" team or a "reunion" team, please contact me as well.

We continue to get several requests from companies to come in and set up vendor booths. We have found that players and fans enjoy the opportunity to see all of the products available to them. It looks as though we will have some additional softball vendors at the tournament this year and we may also have vendors in Mandan for those teams that play there.

Once again, this year on the McQuade website you will be able to click on a link to see all of the teams that have registered for the tournament. Our plans are to update this every Friday afternoon. It is a good way to make sure that your entry was received, and it will save Jack and Cheryl and I a lot of phone calls. It will also serve as a cross reference to make sure everyone is entered in the correct division.

At this year's tournament, we will once again offer each team an

opportunity to purchase an extra home run. This has been a popular feature at past tournaments. Last year, we raised over \$5,000 for local charities from those teams that purchased an extra home run, so it is a great fundraiser for the tournament. More information will be included on the website and in the tournament program about purchasing extra home runs.

We are excited to let you know that we had a record setting year last year as we were able to distribute \$120,000 to charitable organizations throughout the state and with your help and generosity, we hope to be able to donate much more with this year's tournament. Without your help and support, this would not be possible! Also, I can't go without mentioning all of the great volunteer groups who help out during the tournament as well as the great people at McQuade Distributing who help with the tournament—Dee, Kathy, Renae, and Rhea. It is all our volunteers and volunteer groups that help

us out in so many ways that help make this tournament so successful. Thank You!

The silent auction we have during the tournament is also an area that raises a considerable amount of money for the charities. If you really want to contribute to the tournament in another way, I would like to challenge anyone to provide an item for the silent auction or contact a local business in your area to donate an item and explain the benefits of the silent auction and the advertising exposure to them. We estimate that close to 20,000 people will look through the silent auction items over the course of the weekend! If you have any items that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please contact me. Any item that is new, gift certificates, or sports memorabilia make great items for the silent auction. All donations are tax deductible!

In addition to our other duties on

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# USA SOFTBALL™ OF NORTH DAKOTA

## Online Apparel Ordering Instructions:

- Go to [www.dakotascreenarts.com](http://www.dakotascreenarts.com)
- Under ONLINE STORES go to: *USA Softball Umpire School*
- GO SHOPPING!
- **You Must** fill in the *Name of Your State* in the "Specify State" option box
- When in the CHECK OUT:
  - **You must fill out ALL information and a password**  
*\*\*Remember for all future orders!\*\**
  - Under payment, you **MUST** select 'PAYPAL Checkout'  
*(you DO NOT need a PayPal account)*
- *Use Your PayPal checkout OR if you don't have a PayPal Account simply click "Pay with Debit or Credit Card" at bottom of screen!*  
*\*\*May have to scroll down to see "Pay with Debit or Credit Card" Option!\*\**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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**STORE WILL BE OPEN February 18th - April 2nd ONLY**

*\*\*Please allow 3-4 weeks AFTER closing date for delivery of products!\*\**



# 2019 USA Softball National Umpire School

April 26(6 or 7pm) 27, 28(Done Early PM), 2019—Bismarck, ND

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Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

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I Umpire: Fast\_\_\_\_ Slow\_\_\_\_ Both\_\_\_\_ \*\*Years of Experience\_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: S\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_ XL\_\_\_\_ 2XL\_\_\_\_ 3XL\_\_\_\_ 4XL\_\_\_\_

## School Fee—Umpire Uniform Required Sat & Sun

**ND UMPIRES: \$85.00 - \$15.00** (paid by the state umpire fund) = **PAY ONLY \$70.00** Register by April 8, 2019 and receive a new ND Umpire Flipping Coin!

**OUT OF STATE UMPIRES: Registration Fee: \$85.00**

Registering By April 8th Also Guarantees You Will Get A School Dri-Fit Shirt!

Fill out this form and mail in the payment.

**Make Checks Payable To: Bismarck Umpire's Association**

**Mail Payment To: Michael Wolf 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504-7253**

## Umpire School Location     Bring Your Umpire Uniform!

**Classroom Training: St. Mary's Grade School, 807 E Thayer Avenue, Bismarck, 58501**

**On Field training: Clem Kelley Softball Complex located at 605 W. Arbor Avenue**

**NOTICE:** Pre-Order and Pre-Pay for USA Softball of North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri or whatever state you are coming from. We will customize your state on Hats, Polos, Jackets, and Dri-Fit Shirts. View, order, and pay by **April 2nd** at this website: [www.dakotascreenarts.com](http://www.dakotascreenarts.com) and under "Online Stores" go to USA Softball Umpire School. Set up a password and when you pay, select "PayPal" then check out with PayPal or a Credit Card.

**NOTICE:** Pre-Order and Pre-Pay for USA Softball Umpire Gear. **School Special**—Get Free Shipping and a 5% discount on all umpire gear ordered. Simply go to [www.officialgear.com](http://www.officialgear.com) and write down the item number of what you would like and then send the list to Michael Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504 along with payment minus 5% by **April 1st**.

**NOTICE:** As part of your registration fee, you will be receiving a Navy Blue Dri-Fit shirt. You can order additional shirts for \$12.00 each. If so, send me sizes and payment by April 8th.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION INFORMATION ON BQACK OF THIS PAGE

## Hotel Accommodations

### **Baymont Inn & Suites— Rate: Flat: \$81.00**

2611 Old Red Trail - Mandan, ND 58554

Phone: (701) 663-7401

Website: [www.baymontmandan.com](http://www.baymontmandan.com)

Conveniently located on the outskirts of Bismarck-Mandan, the Baymont Inn & Suites makes an ideal location for corporate retreats and conferences. It's close enough to facilities to do everything yet removed enough to have attendees devote full attention to business. Enjoy the area's largest indoor waterpark with jacuzzi, the most exquisite executive suites, and relax in the casino lounge. Includes complimentary breakfast.

### **Comfort Inn & Suites Mandan— Rate: Flat: \$89.00**

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# USA SOFTBALL™

## 2019 USA Softball Code Changes with Comments as of November 30, 2018

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted.

### Article Number Change Article 301 C 02 b

**b. Armed Services Teams.** The Women's Armed Services team must play in Women's Class Open Slow Pitch and the Men's Armed Services team may play in the Men's Class A and/or Class B Slow Pitch.

**Comments:** Allows Men's Armed Services to play in Men's Class A and/or Class B Slow Pitch

### Article 301 C 02 c 02

#### c. Fast Pitch.

02. In all adult Fast Pitch, no USA Men's National Team Member may participate below the Major level.

**EXCEPTION:** A member of the USA Junior Men's National Team may participate below the Major level in a National Championship Final. Non-pitching members on USA Softball Men's National Team may pitch at the Open level, but cannot bat or assume any other defensive position.

**Comments:** Allows non-pitching members of the USA Softball Men's National Team to pitch at the Open level, but not bat or play any other defensive positions.

### Article 301 C 02 e 02

#### e. Slow Pitch

02. A restricted slow pitch players list will be compiled by a USA Softball committee representing slow pitch. The restricted slow pitch players list will be available on the USA Softball website and this list will be updated, modified and/or revised on a regular and continuous basis but will be finalized by August 1 each year for the current year's National Championship Finals. Players on the USA Softball restricted slow pitch player's list may only play Class A and Super. Any team that participates in the Men's Class A may not have more than five (5) players from the USA Softball restricted slow pitch player list. Any appeals regarding this list can be made through the National Office to the slow pitch sub-committee.

**Comments:** Increases the number of restricted players on a Class A team from three (3) to five (5).

### Article 301 D 06

**06. Industrial Qualifications.** Deleted from code

**Comments:** Removes Men's Industrial Slow Pitch as a USA Softball National Championship. This also removes Men's Industrial Slow Pitch from Articles 306, 309 and 315

### Article 303 A 05

05. Pick-up players must be from the team's same or lower classification. (Adult Slow Pitch Only) A Player who is individually classified may be picked up by a team with the same classifications. Said classified players may only play one Class lower than their current team's classification. For those players who are not individually classified, their current team's classification applies.

**Comments:** In Adult Slow Pitch, a player who is eligible by their individual player classification may be picked up by a lower classified team. For example, a Class D player playing on a Class C team may be picked up by a Class D team.

### Article 306 A 10

**10. Military / First Responders Slow Pitch**

**NOTE: The Military / First Responders playing guidelines, championship dates, and location will be established by the USA Softball Executive Director.**

**Comments:** Adds a Military/First Responder Slow Pitch National Championship, with dates and location established by USA Softball Executive Director.

### Article 309 C 01 I

**I. Open Co-ed. This National Championship Final Shall have Dates established and approved by the Executive Director.**

**Comments:** The Executive Director will establish and approve dates for Open Co-ed,

### Article 309 C 01 m

**m. Class C, Class D and Class E Co-ed. This National Championship Final shall have dates established and approved by the Executive Director.**

**Comments:** The Executive Director will establish and approve dates for Class C, Class D and Class E Co-ed.

### Article 310 B

**B. At-Large Berths.** Deleted from Code.

**Comments:** Teams qualify through their local association; there are no berths to be awarded.

### Article 312

**National Qualifier Tournaments.** Deleted from Code

**Comments:** Teams qualify through their local association; there are no National Qualifiers.

### Article 313

**USA Softball Gold Qualifying Tournaments (Junior Olympic 16 Under and 18 Under Gold Only)**

#### A. Eligible Teams.

**01. Registrations.** All USA Softball registered Girls' 18-Under Gold and 18-Under Gold Fast Pitch Teams within their respective age groups may participate in any Gold National Qualifier.

#### 02. Previously Qualified.

Teams previously qualified for the National Championship Finals are eligible to compete in any Gold National Qualifier.

**B. Assessment Fees.** A \$15.00 per team assessment fee to be paid to USA Softball.

**C. Site.** The site of these tournaments shall be determined by a vote of the council members within their respective regions.

**D. Region Administrator.** The Regional VP will appoint a Gold Administrator for their respective Region. This individual, along with the Regional VP, is responsible for ensuring all Gold National Qualified information is posted on the TournamentUSAsoftball.com

website & for communicating the dates/sites of their events to the National Office.

**E. Notification.** All Gold National Qualifiers must be posted on the TournamentUSAsoftball.com site by January 10 each year. Associations who have not passed their events by Jan 10 may lose berths allocated to their Region, and the berths will be redistributed.

#### F. GOLD Qualifying Tournament Procedures.

01. National GOLD Qualifying Tournaments.

a. Qualifiers within a region will be based on mutual agreement from the associations with region. Only associations within the region that have Gold teams will be allowed to host a National Qualifier. If multiple sites are selected to host a qualifier within a region, those events cannot be held on the same weekend. Gold National Qualifiers may be held during the week if agreed upon by the association JO commissioners within the region.

b. If no agreement can be reached, the association with the most Gold participation will set their date first followed by the association with the next highest participation.

c. Qualifiers may be held for the following year at any time the conclusion of the current year's National Championship, with agreement from their respective Region.

02. Sites / Number of Teams. Any associations hosting Gold Qualifying Tournaments must do so at sites that can accommodate all Gold teams who have entered prior to the tournament entry deadline.

03. **Tournament Bracket.** In accordance with Article 311 (A) (Exception) of the USA Softball Code, the official double elimination or three-game bracket is to be utilized for all Gold National Qualifiers.

**04. Tournament Entry Procedures.** Sites may accept entries at any time after the event is listed on the USA Softball tournament website. Any teams wishing to enter must submit the following to the respective tournament directors the following:

a. **Approved - USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form**

b. **Approved - USA Softball Championship Roster**

c. **Tournament Entry fee.** Receipt of the entry fee and roster does not guarantee a team a spot in the tournament.

#### 05. USA Softball Website Posting.

a. **Tournament directors must follow Procedural Manual Article 105 (D) (14) with regard to posting** and using www.tournamentUSAsoftball.com

b. **Tournament directors must submit, to the National Office, an official order to finish and tournament bracket within 24 hours after the conclusion of the tournament.**

c. **Tournament directors** will be scan/email the original rosters and official tournaments entry forms (completed) to the National Office and the host director for the National Tournament.

d. Failure to submit paperwork on time will result in assessment fees to be raised from \$15 per team to \$50 per team to be paid to

USA Softball.

**06. Master List of Qualified Teams.** The National Office will maintain a master list of all Gold teams who have qualified and accepted berth(s) for the National Championship Finals. Maintaining this list will require each Tournament Director to submit on Monday following the event they have hosted, a list of teams that qualified at the event they hosted. Inclusive in the report will be the following: Team Name, as it appears on their USA Softball Official Tournament Entry Form, Manager's Name including Street Address, City, State, Zip Code and Telephone Numbers.

#### 07. Notification of Unfilled Berths.

Tournament directors must advise the Regional VP and Regional Gold Program Administrator immediately if any Gold berth goes unclaimed from the event they hosted. In the event regional berths are not awarded, the following process will be used:

a. **Unused berths will be added to the next remaining qualifier scheduled within their respective region.** Unused berths will continue to be passed down until all remaining qualifiers within a region have been held.

b. **In the event all qualifiers within a region have concluded and unfilled berths remain, the unallocated berths will be returned to the National Office for distribution to other regions.**

08. **Entry Fees.** Tournament directors are asked to review the tournament fees in light of the double elimination or three-game bracket format and adjust accordingly.

#### 09. Awarding of Berths.

Weather permitting; teams must participate in order to receive a berth.

a. If the tournament has fewer entries than the number of berths, then the number of berths will be reduced for that tournament. **The number of berths shall always be at least one (1) less than the number of teams entered.**

b. Berths shall be based on the number allowed by the USA Softball Code for each Region and by the number of teams participating.

c. **Regions will retain the option to offer less berths but cannot offer more than allowed by the USA Softball Code without permission from the National Office.**

d. **Unused berths will revert back to the National Office for distribution to other associations.**

**Comments:** Adjust regulations for USA Softball Gold Qualifying Tournaments.

### Article 314 H

**All teams are eligible to qualify for the USA Softball Class A Fast Pitch National Championship Finals through their Local Association.**

**Comments:** Eliminates a limit on a number of berths. Allows all teams to qualify for Class A National Championship finals through their Local Associations.

### Article 314 I

**Girls' Class A USA Softball Fast Pitch Regional National Championship Finals. 18, 16, 14,**

#### 12-Under

USA Softball shall conduct one Regional National Championship Finals in each age classification of Junior Olympic Girls' Class A Fast Pitch in each of the following regions, in accordance with Article 203, Regions of this Code.

**NOTE: Nothing in this Code should preclude the Regions from combining 2 or more Regional National Championship Finals.**

**01. Eligible Teams.** All teams within a USA Softball Regional National Championship Finals Region 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 Regional National Championship Finals through their local association. Teams may play in the Regional National Championship of their choice.

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

02. **Format.** Each USA Softball Girls' Fast Pitch Regional National shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of four (4) games - two games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. (Effective 2020, Each USA Softball Girls' Fast Pitch National and Regional National Championship Finals shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of five (5) games - three games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. **NOTE: This is optional for 2019)**

03. **Opening Ceremonies.** Each Regional National Championship Finals shall have a pretournament luncheon/draw for the managers and opening ceremonies.

04. **Berths.** The first and second place team in each Regional National Championship Finals 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.

**Comments:** Changes Territorial Championship Finals to Regional National Championship Finals and allows regions the option of combining 2 or more regional events.

### Article 314 I 02

02. **Format.** Each USA Softball Girls' Fast Pitch Territorial Tournament shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of four (4) games - two games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. (Effective 2020, Each USA Softball Girl's Fast Pitch National and Regional Tournament shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of five (5) games - three games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. **NOTE: This is**



optional for 2019)

**Comments:** Changes the minimum number of games from four (4) to five (5). Three pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket.

**Article 314 J**

**Girls' Class B USA Softball Fast Pitch Regional National Championship Finals. 18, 16, 14, 12, 10-Under**

USA Softball shall conduct one Regional National Championship Finals in each age classification of Junior Olympic Girls' Class B Fast Pitch in each of the following regions, in accordance with Article 203, Regions of this code.

NOTE: Nothing in this Code should preclude the Regions from combining 2 or more Regional National Championship Finals.

01. **Eligible Teams.** All teams within a USA Softball Regional National Championship Finals Region are age eligible to qualify for their USA Softball Regional

**National Championship Finals** through their local associations. Teams may play in the Regional National Championship of their choice.

02. **Format.** Each USA Softball Girls' Fast Pitch Regional National Championship Finals shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of four (4) games - two games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. (Effective 2020, Each USA Softball Girls' Fast Pitch National and Regional National Championship Finals shall be structure so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of five (5) games - three games of pool play and a seeded double elimination bracket. NOTE: This is optional for 2019)

03. **Opening Ceremonies.** Each Regional National Championship Finals shall have a pre-tournament draw luncheon for the managers and opening ceremonies.

**Comments:** Changes Territorial Championship Finals to Regional National Championship Finals and allows regions the option of combining 2 or more regional events.

**Article 314 K**

**Girls' Class GOLD USA Softball Fast Pitch National Championship Finals.**

18-Under and 16-Under. The berths for each division will be allocated as follows:

<b>Returning Teams</b>	<b>2 (Champ &amp; Runner-Up)</b>
<b>National Office</b>	8
<b>Additional Berths</b>	18
<b>Regional Berths = 2/Region</b>	20
<b>Maximum Possible # of Teams</b>	48

NOTE: Returning teams must enter the championship prior to February 1

a. Additional berths will be awarded by the National Office to the Regions with the highest percentage of participation in the previous 2-3 years.

b. The National Office has the right to award their eight (8) berths to any teams registered with USA Softball. These berths can be awarded to teams who did not participate in a qualifier.

c. Unused berths will be returned to the National Office for immediate distribution to the current year's tournaments with the largest number of Gold teams participating.

d. Berths from Gold Qualifying Tournaments must be awarded no later than the weekend which includes the 3rd Saturday in June. Extension of the deadline must be approved by the Executive Director.

**Comments:** Realigns the berths to be allocated to the Regions instead of Territories. Changes the maximum number of teams from 64 to 48. Applies for both 16-Under and 18-Under. Removes 315 L from Code.

**Article 314 M 04**

04. **Eligible Players.** A Class C team must be comprised of players that are classified by their local association at the Class C or Rec level.

**Comments:** Requires a Class C team to be classified by the Local Association.

**Article 315 B**

New item - will re-letter as needed.

B. **Branding.** National invitational tournaments cannot use USA Softball marks and logos before the tournament is approved by the Local Association USA Softball Commissioner and the USA Softball Executive Director.

**Comments:** Adds the requirement of any NIT to be approved by the Local Association USA Softball Commissioner and USA Softball Executive Director before using USA Softball marks and logos.

# 2018 Local Association Web Site Rating Sheet

Association North Dakota Commissioner Dick Gulmon

Is the web site active:  YES  NO Date Reviewed June 28, 2018

Web Site: www.usasoftballnd.com

**Are the following content areas on the web site?** **Max Score** **Score**  
(Partial scores are acceptable; state reason if score is lower than max)

<b>Tournament SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; not a link</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>Local Tournament Listing - JO</b> <i>Listing or link to TournamentUSA Softball.com for your local events is ok</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>Local Tournament Listing - Adult</b> <i>Listing or link to TournamentUSA Softball.com for your local events is ok</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>National Tournaments Listing</b> <i>Listing or link to TournamentUSA Softball.com is ok</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>Adult SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; not a link</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>Adult Registration Information</b> <i>How to register a team, etc...</i>	Yes	No	4	4	
<b>JO SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; not a link</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>JO Registration Info/RegisterUSASoftball</b> <i>How to register a team - individual registration or just a team registraton, etc...</i>	Yes	No	4	4	
<b>ACE Information</b> <i>Include information on the national ACE program; What is it?</i>	Yes	No	4	4	Great section here!
<b>Background Check Information</b> <i>Include information on the national background check program</i>	Yes	No	3	3	
<b>Umpire SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; not a link</i>	Yes	No	7	7	
<b>Insurance SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; if link, should go directly to RPS Bollinger for USA Softball</i>	Yes	No	7	7	Under the Home tab very good
<b>Equipment Standards SECTION/TAB</b> <i>Must be a separate section/tab/box; if link, should go directly to national site Equipment Standards page</i>	Yes	No	7	7	This is excellent
<b>Local Staff Contact Information</b> <i>To include all staff, not just commissioner</i>	Yes	No	6	6	
<b>Link to National USA Softball web site</b>	Yes	No	6	6	Under More very good
<b>Local Association Facebook</b>	Yes	No	2	2	
<b>Local Associaton Twitter</b>	Yes	No	2	2	
<b>Link to National USA Softball Facebook</b>	Yes	No	2	2	
<b>Link to National USA Softball Twitter</b>	Yes	No	2	2	
<b>Visual Pleasing; Good Flow; Not Busy</b>	Yes	No	2	2	

**Bonus Points:** [ ] Local Hall of Fame (1); [ ] Snapchat (1); [ ] Instagram (1) **2**

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102</b>
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**Comments:**  
This is the BEST Site I've seen since I started

**Ratings**

95-100: Excellent

90-95 - Great Job

80-89: Acceptable

70-79: Needs Improvement

69-Below: FAIL

**Needs Immediate Attention**

## Website rating sheet

We are gaining more and more tech-savvy players & coaches every year. It is because of them that we are driven to set this standard with our web site.



This is only the third year USA Softball has presented the Best Website award, so we are very select company. The inaugural winner was Indiana in 2016. I have not been able to confirm who won the award in 2017. There were 70 local associations in USA Softball last year. This is the review where we were given a score of 102 out of 100. At the bottom of the page, the reviewer kindly wrote, "This is the BEST site I've seen since I started."

Our web site took a major step forward in 2016 - a time that appropriately coincided with our rebranding to USA Softball of North Dakota - after being introduced to current site host SportsEngine by Minnesota commissioner Dan Pfeffer. Our site would look nothing like it does today if not for the time Dan took to dazzle me with the inner workings of a SportsEngine site.

This is absolutely something that I'm very proud of. From the moment they announced the award for the first time a few years ago, I truly believed it was something we could accomplish, though I have to admit that I did not expect it to happen so soon. While we are all happy about this, we are certainly not content. In the few months just since receiving the award, we have been working more on great additions and improvements to the website. This will continue regardless of any awards.

# USA SOFTBALL™

## 2019 USA Softball Rule Changes with Comments as of November 30, 2018

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted.

### Rule 3, Section 6:

Remove: Coaches, players and team representatives from displaying the names or logos of other softball associations on their uniforms.

**Comment:** Allow for other organizations logos to be on players and coaches uniforms.

### Rule 3, Section 6A Effect 2:

(Female Fast Pitch and all Slow Pitch) Ball caps and visors are optional for players. If worn, they may be mixed

and must be worn property, colors to include: black, white, gray, beige or team colors. The colors may be mixed and are not required to be the same for all team members. Handkerchiefs do not qualify as headwear and cannot be worn around the head or neck. Plastic visors are not allowed.

**Comment:** Allows colors to be mixed when wearing caps or visors in Female Fast Pitch and all Slow Pitch Classifications of play.

### Rule 3, Section 6D:

An Arabic whole number (0-99) of contrasting color, or outlined in contrasting color, at least three inches high, must be clearly visible on all uniform shirts.

**Comment:** Revises the requirement for the size and location of the number placed on the uniform jersey.

### Rule 4, Section 1C [1c]:

When batting up to all roster players, any additional

batters shall be listed as an EP and may be listed anywhere in the batting order and may play defense at any position.

**Comment:** Clarifies where EPs may be listed in the batting order for JO Fast Pitch Pool Play.

### Rule 5, Section 3A:

All games played using a Time Limit will be considered Regulation Games regardless of the number of innings completed/played.

**Comment:** Specifies that all games ending as a result of the Time Limit Rule will be considered Regulation Games.

### Rule 7, Section 3B:

(JO Boy's 14U and 18U Slow Pitch) The batter shall assume a one ball, one strike count upon entering the batter's box

**Comment:** Adds JO Boy's 14U, 16U and 18U Slow Pitch Classifications of Play to those who will start

with a one ball, one strike count.

### Rule 8, Section 10A [4]:

Defensive changes involving the pitcher or catcher must be reported to the Plate Umpire to ensure the correct player must have a courtesy runner.

**Comment:** Requires teams to report those defensive changes involving the pitcher or the catcher.

## 2019 USA Softball Procedural Manual Changes with Comments as of November 30, 2018

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019 unless otherwise noted.

### Article Number Change Article 111 D 01

**01. Assignment. An umpire may umpire in only one Fast Pitch and one Slow Pitch National Championship Finals each year.**

**EXCEPTION:** If additional are necessary at the last minute due to the number of teams, an umpire can be assigned an **additional** tournament as a host umpire.

**Comments:** Allows an umpire one Fast Pitch and one Slow Pitch National Championship event each year.

### Article 112

Transposes of definitions of Allied and Affiliated members.

**Comments:** Changes were made based on how the Amateur Sports Act is read

### Article 112 A

**A. Affiliated Members.** A non-profit association or organization may become an Affiliated Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in the Code and Procedural Manual with 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Affiliated Membership shall be submitted to the Membership Committee for a determination as to whether such organizations has qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. **Affiliated Members may vote with either the Local Association Region, Territory, and Section in which they live or with the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which the organization's National Office is located.**

**Comments:** Gives Affiliated members the option to vote with the Local Association, Region, Territory and Section in which they live or where the organiza-

tion's National Office is located.

### Article 112 B

**A. Affiliated Members.** A non-profit association or organization may become an Affiliated Member of the Association upon meeting the requirements set forth in the Code and Procedural Manual with 60% affirmative vote of the Council. All applications for Affiliated whether such organization had qualified for membership status, before submission to the Council. **Affiliated Members may vote with either the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which live or with the Local Association, Region, Territory, and Section in which the organization's National Office is located.**

**Comments:** Gives Allied members the option to vote with the Local Association, Region, Territory and Section in which they live or where the organization's National Office is located.

### Article 113 A

**A. Purpose.** To honor those men and women who have played a major role in the growth and development of softball, one of the great sports of the United States. Also, to bring to the attention of the public, the widespread value of, and interest in, the game of softball by so honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to its' success. **Their contributions must exceed the expectations of their regularly assigned position.**

**Comments:** Clarifies requirements for Hall of Fame nominees

### Article 11 B 01 a 03

**03. Prerequisites.**  
**a. Fast Pitch. The minimum requirements for consideration are three selections as an All-American including at least one selection to the First Team; or**

**three selections as a member of Team USA or any combination of the three.**

**NOTE:** The selection process developed by a joint venture of USA Softball and the approval of the United States Olympic Committee must be utilized in selecting the national team. **Multiple selections to Team USA during the same year will be limited to one (1) per season in determining eligibility for Hall of Fame induction.**

**b. Slow Pitch. The minimum requirements for consideration are three selections as an All-American including at least one selection to the First Team; or three selections as a member of Team USA or any combination of the three.**

**Comments:** Separates prerequisites for Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch Hall of Fame nominations.

### Article 113 B 01 b

**b. Umpires.** In order to be selected as an umpire, an umpire must meet the following criteria:

01. Umpired for a period of fifteen (15) years
02. Umpired in three (3) national championships, at least one at the highest available classification.
03. Must have been retired at least three (3) years from major competition.
04. Contributions to the National Umpire Program.
05. Contributions to the success of the Umpire in Chief clinic.
06. Effective as a clinician of the National or International level or for the military level.
07. Effective as an instructor at National Umpire Schools.

**Comments:** Requires umpires to have umpired at the highest available classification in order to be nominated to the Hall of Fame. Administrative and Clinician requirements have also been removal because many umpires are not afforded the opportunity to serve as a Regional UIC

or member of the National Umpire Staff.

**C. Managers / Coach.** In order to be selected as a manager / coach, a manager / coach must meet the following criteria:

01. Managed / Coached for a period of fifteen (15) years.
02. Managed / Coached in five (5) national championships.
03. Must have been retired at least three (3) years from major championship play.

**Comments:** Adds the word Coach to go along with Manager.

### Article 113 B 01 d

New item - will re-letter as needed.

**d. Head Coaches. In order to be selected as a head coach, a coach must meet the following criteria:**

01. Must have been the head coach of a national team (Team USA) for a period of five (5) years.
02. Win a minimum of two (2) WBSC approved international Championship events (World Championships, World Cups, International Cups, Border Battles and or the Olympics).

**Comments:** Adds a Head Coach category for Hall of Fame nominations requirements.

### Article 113 B 101 f

**f. Meritorious Service.** This person's contributions must have reflected an impact at the national level. ~~The contributions must meet the expectations of their regularly assigned position.~~

**Comments:** Removes the requirement that contributions must exceed their regularly assigned position.

### Article 202 B

**B. Communications and Marketing**

**Comments:** Adds marketing to the communications committee to help them work simultaneously

### Article 303 B 01

01. Game fees for Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Fast Pitch and Modified Pitch shall be a minimum of \$30.00 (Effective 2020, \$40.00) per game. Game fees for Adult Slow Pitch shall be a minimum of \$25.00 (Effective 2020, \$30.00) per game and game fees for Junior Olympic Slow Pitch shall be a minimum of \$21.00 (Effective 2020, \$26.00) per game. The number of umpires to be assigned per game is address in **Article 310 (R)** of the Code.

**Comments:** Adjusts the minimum umpire payment in 2020.

### Article 303 B 03

**As approved in 2017:**  
03. Housing, local transportation for UIC and a minimum of \$125 per diem/per day for the tournament umpire-in-chief. The UIC shall arrive one day prior to the scheduled opening day of the Championship.

**Comments:** Established the minimum per day diem for the UIC.

### Article 303 B 04

**As approved in 2017**  
Housing, local transportation and a minimum of \$100 per diem/per day for the assistant tournament umpire-in-chief when one is assigned.

**Comments:** Establishes the minimum per day diem for the assistant UIC.

**As approved in 2017**  
USA Softball Tournament Representative, who shall one day prior to the schedule opening day of the tournament, shall receive housing, local transportation and a minimum of \$125.00 per diem/per day

**Comments:** Established the minimum per day diem for the USA Softball Tournament Rep.

## JO fast pitch softball news

High School Fast Pitch: According to the North Dakota High School Activities Association, 53 teams are scheduled to compete this season with 21 Class A Schools signed up and 32 Class B Schools. Two new Class B schools have been added and will compete using a JVSchedule. These schools are Rugby and Harvey/Wells County.

The State Tournaments for this year are scheduled for May 30, 31 and June 1st with Class A competing in Minot and Class B in Fargo..

USA Softball of North Dakota has also announced tryouts for the

12 and Under All American Games. Tryouts will be held on Sunday, April 28th in Bismarck at the Sam McQuade Softball Complex just south of the Bismarck YMCA. All girls 12 and Under are eligible to try out for the Region Eight team that will compete in the All American Games June 8 to June 10 at the Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City. Five players will be selected from those who try out along with one coach to be sent to the tournament. For further information, contact Brian Neuhardt at brian.neuhardt@yahoo.com.

## Junior Olympics 2019 Invitational Tournaments

Jun 8 - Jun 9	Bismarck, Blast	10U, 12U, 14U	RR/CC	\$275
Matt Lindahl, 5312 Shoal Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503 701-471-5997, mrsqueegee@bis.midco.net				
Jun 8 - Jun 9	Grand Forks, Express	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U	3GG/RR	\$200
Corey Hanson, Grand Forks, ND 58201				
Jun 14	Jamestown	4 14U	RR	\$100
Scott Fritz, PO Box 736, Jamestown ND 58402 701-680-1522, scott.fritz@k12.nd.us				
Jun 15 - Jun 16	Minot, Storm	10U, 12U, 14U, 18U	RR/CC	\$275
Thor Nelson, 821 1st Ave SE, Minot ND, 58701 701-240-8467, minotstormfastpitch@gmail.com				
Jun 15 - Jun 16	West Fargo	10U, 12U, 14U, 18U	RR/3GG	\$225, \$300
Pat Johnson, 5125 8th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 701-412-5209, pjohnson@west-fargo.k12.nd.us				
Jun 21	Jamestown	4 12U	RR	\$100
Scott Fritz, PO Box 736, Jamestown, ND 58402 701-680-1522, scott.fritz@k12.nd.us				
Jul 6 - Jul 7	Fargo, Red River Rage	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U	4GG/RR	\$350
Michael Skogen, 4942 10th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 701-866-2959, mike@fmballyard.com				
Aug 10 - Aug 11	Jamestown, Can-Am Tournament	4 14U, 4 18U	RR	\$200
Scott Fritz, PO Box 736, Jamestown, ND 58402 701-680-1522, scott.fritz@k12.nd.us				

## Coed Slow Pitch 2019 Invitational Tournaments

May 31 - Jun 1	Wahpeton, Blue Goose	12 Open	3GG	\$125
Laree Bumgarnder, 304 5th St S, Wahpeton, ND 58705 701-642-2811, laree@wahpetonparks.com				
Aug 24 - Aug 25	Grand Forks, All-Nighter	16 Open	3GG	175
Chris Hutton, 9549 DeMers Ave, Grand Forks, ND 58201 701-330-5798, chris.hutton@gfcounty.com				
Aug 24 - Aug 25	Jamestown, Scott Schafer Memorial	8 Open	DE	\$125
Chastity Schafer, 1710 6th Ave NE, Jamestown ND 58401 701-320-0894, chastityschafer@gmail.com				
Sept 15	Grand Forks, Ranae Thompson Memorial	16 Open	3GG	\$125
Chris Hutton, 9545 DeMers Ave, Grand Forks ND, 58201 701-330-5798, chris.hutton@gfcounty.com				

## Men's Slow Pitch 2019 Invitational Tournaments

Apr 14	Fargo, Sam's Early Bird	6 Open, 8 Rec 1-Rec 2, 8 Rec 3-Rec 4	3GG	\$125
Sam Martin, 4971 44th Ave S, #303, Fargo, ND 58104 701-367-4932, samuelmartin383@hotmail.com				
Apr 27	Fargo, Gold Addiction	8 Open, 8 Rec 1 - Rec 2, 8 Rec 3-Rec 4	3GG	\$175
John DeHaan, 5504 4th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104 701-741-5101, dehaanjohn@hotmail.com				
Jun 15 - Jun 16	Fargo, Fargo Classic	16 Open, 24 D, 16 Rec 1-2-3,	3GG	\$240
Mike Peterson, 4113 Arthur Dr, Fargo ND 58104 701-238-7384, mikepeterson23@hotmail.com				
Jun 28 - Jun 30	Bismarck-Mandan, The Sam McQuade Sr/Budwesier Charity Softball	8 Open, 24 C - DE \$260, 32 D, 32 R1, 48 R2 - CC \$200, 128 R3, 48 R4 - CC \$200, 24 Masters 35 - , CC \$200, 8 Masters 50 - CC \$200		
Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Dr, Bismarck ND, 58504 701-400-210, Register online at www.mcquades.com/online-registration				
Jul 7	Bismarck, Sunday Fun Day	8 Open, 8 Rec 1 - Rec 2, 8 Rec 3-4,	3GG	\$175
Scott Kinnischtzke, 4250 Calahan Place, Bismarck ND 58504 701-527-5538, kinnischtzke@hotmail.com				



Wounded Warrior pitcher delivers a pitch in exhibition game at McQuade Tournament.



Ben Birhemeyer one of Bismarck's finest. Ben has been assigned another quality tournament.

## Suspension/Probation 2019

PLAYER	VIOLATION/ PENALTY
Dominic Pardino Jr., Fargo	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Suspended indefinitely, two years probation follows reinstatement.
Mike Albrecht, Jamestown	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Suspended indefinitely. Can request reinstatement January 1, 2017; must be approved by the Jamestown Softball Association.
Paul Williams, Bismarck	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Probation in 2019 season.
Trey Erickson, Bismarck	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</b> Probation in 2019 season.
Erik Barnick, Bismarck	<b>Unsportsmanlike Conduct/ Physical Violence</b> Suspended through the 2019 season. Can request reinstatement January 1, 2020; three years of probation follows reinstatement.
Rhombus Guys/Precision Plumbing, Fargo	<b>Commission of Fraud/Illegal Participation</b> Team probation through the 2019 season.

### STATE TOURNAMENT NO-SHOWS WITHOUT NOTIFICATION

ENTIRE TEAM PROBATION THROUGH 2019

**Kelly's Bar / Joe Black's (Chiefs), Grand Fork - Men's Slow Pitch Rec 3 East**

**General Equipment, Fargo - Men's Slow Pitch Rec 4 East**

**Enterprise Sales, Valley City - Coed**

**PROBATION:** Player with no-show probation starts the 2019 season with 1 violation.

The first ejection from a game would be a two (2) game suspension.

The second ejection from a game would be season ending suspension.

**DICKINSON**  
Parks & Recreation 2019

## Softball Tournaments

Get your registration in early to guarantee your spot

"Miller Lite" softball tournament  
Saturday & Sunday  
July 13 -14

Men's division are C-D, R1-R2, R3, R4 \$160  
Women's Division are R1-R2, R3 \$140  
3 Game guarantee



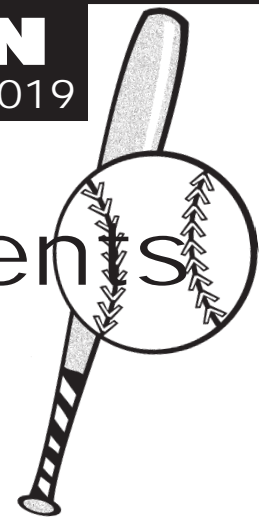
Entry fees must accompany the entry registration forms.

Entry forms are available on the DPR website: [dickinsonparks.org](http://dickinsonparks.org)

\*All tournaments will be held at Gress Softball Complex (455 8th Ave SW)

**(701) 495-0025**

2004 Fairway Street, Dickinson, ND 58601  
**Dickinson Softball League Contact: Ryan Nelson**  
[rnelson@dickinsonparks.org](mailto:rnelson@dickinsonparks.org)



## Changes to the Masters' Rules for 2019

Masters 35 & Masters 40 Div 1 - Rosters are limited to not more than 5 players Class C or above .

The national database or the highest classified team a player is rostered with will be considered their classification.

Masters 35/40 Div 2 - No players Class D or above.

Masters 35 Div 3 - No players above Rec 2

The absence of higher classified players DOES NOT guarantee teams will be classified in the lower divisions .

Team classification remains at the discretion of the Masters Committee.

A Masters 45 state tournament will be held the same weekend as the Masters 35 state. Players may play both if age qualified.

Luck of the draw on game times. Players will choose, if conflicted schedule. Masters 45 will be one division , open roster.

\$25 fee for a make-up roster.

Masters 50 state tournament has been moved to August 3-4 weekend.

Wood bat 50 will be played on Saturday, Metal bat on Sunday.

A Wood bat 60 state tournament will be offered in Sunday August 4 , in conjunction with the 50 state tournament.

Players may play both 50 metal and 60 wood, if age eligible. Luck of the draw regarding schedule conflicts.

Teams are allowed 2 underage players in 60 . Underage players must be 58 or 59 years old .

\$25 fee for makeup roster in 50 or 60.

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## 2019 USA Softball of ND Invitational Tournament

Apr 14 Fargo, Sam's Early Bird 6 Open, 8 R1 - R2, 8 R3 - R4, 3GG \$135  
Sam Martin, 4971 44th Ave. S., #303, Fargo, ND 58104  
701-367-4932, samuelmartin383@hotmail.com

Apr 20 Williston 5X5X5 Spring Bash 6 C - R1, 6 R2 - R4 3GG \$100  
Darin Krueger, PO Box 1153, Williston, ND 58802  
701-774-9773, darin@wprd.us

Apr 27 Fargo, Golf Addiction 8 Open, 8 R1 - R2, 8 R3 - R4 3GG \$135  
John Dehaan, 5504 47th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58104  
701-741-5101, dehaanjohn@hotmail.com

Apr 27 Bismarck 5X5X5 Early Bird 9 C - R1, 9 R2 - R4 3GG \$150  
Scott Kinnischtzke, 4250 Calahan Place, Bismarck ND 58504  
701-527-5538, kinnischtzke@hotmail.com

May 4 Mandan, Early Bird 5 B - C, 8 D, 8 R1 - R2, 8 R3 - R4 3GG \$195  
J D Hanson, Box 1836, Center, ND 58530  
701-400-8339, jerimiah\_hanson@hotmail.com

Sat, May 4 Williston, 2nd Annual 5X5X5 6 C - R1, 6 R2 - R3 3GG \$100  
Darin Krueger, PO Box 1153, Williston, ND 58802  
701-774-9773, darin@wprd.us

May 5 West Fargo, Early Bird 16 R2-R4 3GG \$100  
Rod Olson, PO Box 42, Mapleton, ND 58059  
701-799-0588, rodgolson@msn.com

May 5 Wahpeton, Spring Classic 5 R1 - R2, 5 R3 - R4 RR \$125  
Laree Bumgarner, 304 5th St S, Wahpeton ND 58075  
701-642-2811, laree@wahpetonparks.com

May 11 Minot, 28th Early Bird 12 C - D, 12 R1 - R2, 12 R3 - R4 3GG \$135  
Tom Landsiedel, 420 3rd Ave. SW, Minot, ND 58701  
701-857-4730, tom.landsiedel@minotnd.org

May 19 Fargo 8 C-D, 6 R1, 6 R2, 6 R3, 6 R4 5GG \$250  
Nick Gulmon, 933 Ashley Drive W, West Fargo, ND 58078  
701-866-0460

May 18 - May 19 Bismarck 9th Annual, Whirly Bird 16 C-D, 16 R1 - R2, 16 R3 - R4 5GG \$225  
Scott Kinnischtzke, 4250 Calahan Place, Bismarck ND 58504  
701-527-5538, kinnischtzke@hotmail.com

May 31 - Jun 2 Mandan Rugrat 6 C - D, 6 R1, 6 R2, 12 R3, 8 R4 3GG \$150  
Cody Clark, 8010 Northwood Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503  
701-390-0024, coclark@hotmail.com

Jun 01 Jamestown, 5X5X5 Spring Fling 9 R1-R2, 9 R3-R4 3GG \$100  
RC Courtright, 821 18th St. NE, Jamestown, ND 58401  
701-658-9337, jamestown5x5x5@gmail.com

Jun 1 - Jun 2 Grand Forks, BWW Early Bird 8 C - D, 8 R1 - R2, 8 R3, 8 R4 3 GG \$175  
Chris Hutton, Grand Forks Softball Assn., 9549 DeMers Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201  
701-330-5798, chris.hutton@gfcounty.com

Jun 8 - Jun 9 Center, Old Settlers 5 R1 - R2, 16 R3 - R4 4 GG \$175  
J D Hanson, Box 1836, Center ND 58530  
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Jun 15 - Jun 16 Fargo Classic 16 Open, 24 D, 16 R1, 16 R2, 16 R3, 16 R4 3GG \$240  
Mike Peterson, 4113 Arthur Drive, Fargo, ND 58104  
701-238-7384, mikepeterson23@hotmail.com

Jun 22 - Jun 23 Williston 5th Annual, Play Ball 6 C - R1, 6 R2 - R3, 6 R4 5GG \$150  
Darin Krueger, PO Box 1153, Williston, ND 58802  
701-774-9773, darin@wprd.us

Jun 22 Mandan 12 R1 - R2, 12 R3 - R4, 8 Masters 35 3GG \$175  
J D Hanson, Box 1836, Center, ND 58530  
701-400-8339, jerimiah\_hanson@hotmail.com

Jun 22 Devils Lake, 33rd Annual Budweiser 16 R2 - R4 3GG \$100  
Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake ND 58301  
701-662-8243, twallacedlp@gondtc.com

Jun 22 Turtle Lake Ryan Rauhauser Memorial 8 R2, 8 R3 - R4 DE \$125  
Isaac Sondrol, PO Box 44, Turtle Lake, ND 58575  
sondrol12s@gmail.com, 701-214-0868

Jun 28 - Jun 30 Bismarck-Mandan, The Sam McQuade Sr/Budwesier Charity Softball 8 Open, 24 C - DE \$260, 32 D, 32 R1, 48 R2 - CC \$200, 128 R3, 48 R4 - CC \$200, 24 Masters 35 - , CC \$200, 8 Masters 50 - CC \$200  
Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Dr, Bismarck ND, 58504  
701-400-210, Register online at www.mcquades.com/online-registration

Jul 7 Bismarck Sunday Fun Day 8 Open, 8 R1 - R2, 8 R3 - R4 3GG \$175  
Scott Kinnischtzke, 4250 Calahan Place, Bismarck ND 58504  
701-527-5538, kinnischtzke@hotmail.com

Jul 12 Wahpeton, Summer Classic 8 R3 - R4 3GG \$125  
Laree Bumgarner, 304 5th St S, Wahpeton ND 58075  
701-642-2811, laree@wahpetonparks.com

Jul 13 - Jul 14 Rugby, Chamber Tournament 12 R2 - R4, 5GG \$140  
Mark Hamilton, Chamber of Commerce, 102 Hwy 2, Suite B, Rugby ND 58368  
701-208-1373, markjetsfan@icloud.com

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## Registration

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the Board of Directors, Jack Jones and I will once again serve as Co-Tournament Directors. I would also like to thank the other Board of Director members who contribute their time and talents effectively in so many ways—Eldie Ulmer, Mike Offerdahl, Cheryl Jones, Brooke (Wolf) Larson, Sam McQuade Jr., and Shannon McQuade-Ely. At our January meeting a new Board member was added. We are excited to announce that Norlyn Schmidt will be helping with t-shirt sales and gate receipts. Also, at our January meeting, Cheryl Jones was elected as the new President of the McQuade Board of Directors.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call, text, or email Jack or myself. My cell phone is 701-400-2100, and

Jack's phone number is 701-426-8700. You can also contact Cheryl Jones at 701-426-8701. I can be reached via email at wolfdens8993@yahoo.com Jack can be reached at jackjones.softball@gmail.com and Cheryl at cajones213@gmail.com Since most everyone contacts Jack, Cheryl, or I directly via email, text, or phone, we are no longer utilizing the McQuade yahoo email and we ask you to contact us rather than the employees at McQuade Distributing.

PLEASE, don't procrastinate as the tournament fills very quickly. Don't miss out on all of the fun and excitement of the premiere softball event of the summer—the 44rd Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament. Go—register now!



North Dakota's best fast pitch umpires pose with former Regional UIC Walt Stack of Bismarck. Left to right are Lyle Rader of Wahpeton, Naomi Erdahl of Bismarck Stack, A.J. Benz of New Rockford and Craig Hahn of Grand Forks.

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Jul 13 - Jul 14	Grand Forks, July Classic	8 C - D, 8 R1, 16 R2, 16 R3, 16 R4	3GG	\$175
Chris Hutton, Grand Forks Softball Assn., 9549 DeMers Avenue, Grand Forks, ND 58201 701-330-5798, chris.hutton@gfcounty.com				
Jul 13 - Jul 14	Dickinson, Miller Lite	6 C-D, 6 R1- R2, 16 R3, 12 R4	3GG	\$160
Ryan Nelson, 2004 Fairway St, Dickinson ND 58601 701-456-2074, mnelson@dickinsonparks.org				
Jul 13 - Jul 14	Oakes, Lite Bat	16 R2 - R4,	3GG	\$120
Bob Ubben, 210 S. 7th St., Oakes ND 58474 701-742-2087   701-388-3083, bobubben@yahoo.com				
Jul 13	Devils Lake, 38th Annual Miller Lite	16 R2 - R4	3 GG	\$100
Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake ND 58301 701-662-8243, twallacedlpb@gondtc.com				
Jul 20 - Jul 21	Minot, 49th State Fair	60 C-R4	3GG	\$135
Tom Landsiedel, 420 3rd Ave. SW, Minot, ND 58701 701-857-4730, tom.landsiedel@minotnd.org				
Aug 24 - Aug 25	Fargo, Can-Am	16 R3, 16 R4,	RR	\$175
Chris Coleman, 112 2nd Street SW, Hillsboro, ND 58045 701-430-0391, fargoup@gmail.com				
Aug 24 - Aug 25	Center Sheldon Rud, Memorial	8 D - R1, 8 R2 - R3, 5 R4	4 GG	\$150
J D Hanson, Box 1836, Center ND 58530 701-400-8339, jerimiah_hanson@hotmail.com				
Aug 25	Dickinson, Last Chance	16 R3 - R4	3GG	\$140
Ryan Nelson, 2004 Fairway St, Dickinson ND 58601 701-456-2074, mnelson@dickinsonparks.org				
Sep 6 - Sep 8	United Tribes Legends	12 C - R1, 30 R2 - R4, 8 Masters	50 3GG	\$275
Melvin Miner, United Tribes Tech. College, 3315 University Dr., Bismarck, ND 58504 701-226-3987, mminer@uttc.edu				

# 2019 Wahpeton, North Dakota Slowpitch Softball Tournaments

## MEN'S & COED

Check	Date	Tourney	Teams/Class	Format	Fee
_____	Sun., May 5	Spring Classic	5 Rec I, II 5 Rec III, IV	RR	\$125
_____	May 31 - Jun 1	Ryder Breuer Tourney	12 Coed	3 GG	\$125
_____	Fri., July 12	Summer Classic	8 Rec III-IV	3 GG	\$125

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coach/Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coach/Manager Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment guarantees your team a place in the tournament**

**Bring coed roster to June 1st tournament - all players must be on sanctioned teams.**

**Make Checks Payable to Wahpeton Parks**

**Send to:** Wahp-Breck Softball Phone: (701) 642-2811  
 304 5th St. South Fax: (701) 642-5053  
 Wahpeton, ND 58075 E-mail: laree@wahpetonparks.com

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 Jack Lukes Pat Stockert  
 Gordy Smith Mike Wolf  
 Scott Collins Mark Vanyo

## 2019 USA Softball of North Dakota Slow Pitch teams to be moved up

### Men's Teams

<p><b>To Men's A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heartland Investors, Mandan (Class B National, 1st place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Men's B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3X Gear/The Box/Edge Fitness/Sports Cards 4U, Fargo (MN Class C, 2nd place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Men's C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dickson Law/VUE Community Credit Union, Bismarck (Class D, 1st place)</li> <li>First Class Mortgage/Joe Blacks/ACCU, Grand Forks (Class D National, 7th place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Men's D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driftwood/OSPTI, Wahpeton (Rec 1, 1st place)</li> <li>Burgess Detailing, Minot (Rec 1, 2nd place)</li> <li>JB Brothers, Minot (Rec 1, 3rd place; McQuades Rec 1, 1st place)</li> <li>Proz/Horizontal Financial, Devils Lake (Rec 1, 4th place)</li> <li>Shotgun Sally's/Abrams Farm Service, Grand Forks (Rec 1, 5th place)</li> <li>Homesteaders, Minot (Rec 1, 5th place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Men's Rec 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chubb's Pub #2, Fargo (Rec 2 East, 1st place)</li> <li>Vance Thompson Vision/Gross Construct, West Fargo (Rec 2 East, 2nd place)</li> <li>Speedway 805 Busch Pounders, Grand Forks (Rec 2 East, 3rd place)</li> <li>Thunder Road/Bar 9/Dan's Service Center, West Fargo (Rec 2 East, Consolation Champion)</li> <li>Northern Trucking/Fog'em, Minot (Rec 2 West, 1st Place)</li> <li>Lucky Strike/Farmers Union Insurance, Minot (Rec 2 West, 2nd place)</li> <li>Sportman's Bar, Minot (Rec 2 West, 3rd place)</li> <li>Dakota Mini Storage, Mandan (McQuades Rec 2, 1st place)</li> <li>Lang's Lawn Care/Zimmerman Manufacturing, Bismarck (McQuades Rec 2, 2nd place)</li> <li>Dakota Mini Storage, Bismarck (Rec 1 challenge, 2 wins)</li> <li>DGM Young Guns, Minot (Rec 1 challenge, 2 wins)</li> </ul>	<p><b>To Men's Rec 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patriot Homes, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, 1st place)</li> <li>Gentzkow Trucking, Lisbon (Rec 3 West, 2nd place; McQuades Rec 3, 2nd place)</li> <li>Carrington (Rec 3 West, 3rd place)</li> <li>Drill Chem, Minot (Rec 3 West, 4th place)</li> <li>Skeel's Electric, Mandan (Rec 3 West, Consolation Champion)</li> <li>Sports Page/Colonial Lounge, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, Consolation Runner-up)</li> <li>Farmer's Union Insurance/Anarchy Bat Company, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, Roughrider Champion)</li> <li>Direct Ag, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, Pioneer Champion)</li> <li>Bonzer's/D&amp;R Rollers, Grand Forks (Rec 3 East, 1st place)</li> <li>Bar 9, Fargo (Rec 3 East, 2nd place)</li> <li>Devil Dog Brewing/Johnson Auto, West Fargo (Rec 3 East, 3rd place)</li> <li>R&amp;R Contracting, Grand Forks (Rec 3 East, 4th place)</li> <li>Hope, Rural Class (Rec 3 East, Consolation Champion)</li> <li>Rugby Eagles (McQuades Rec 3, 1st place; Rec 2 West challenge, 2 wins)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Men's Rec 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MGH, Mandan (Rec 4 West, 1st place)</li> <li>Logo Magic/B&amp;K Electric/Winn Construction, Dickinson (Rec 4 West, 2nd place)</li> <li>Midwest Sports/Paragon Products/Cottingham, Bismarck (Rec 4 West, 3rd place)</li> <li>Badlands Environmental Consultants, Bismarck (McQuades Rec 4, 1st place)</li> <li>VFW/Thirsty's, Devils Lake (Rec 3 East challenge, 2 wins)</li> <li>Tire One/Valvoline, Grand Forks (Rec 3 East challenge, 2 wins)</li> <li>Paul's Electric/Birchem Livestock, Wahpeton (Rec 3 East challenge, 3 wins)</li> <li>Eide Ford, Mandan (Rec 3 West challenge, 2 wins)</li> <li>New Vision Security, Mandan (Rec 3 West challenge, 2 wins)</li> </ul>
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### Women's Teams

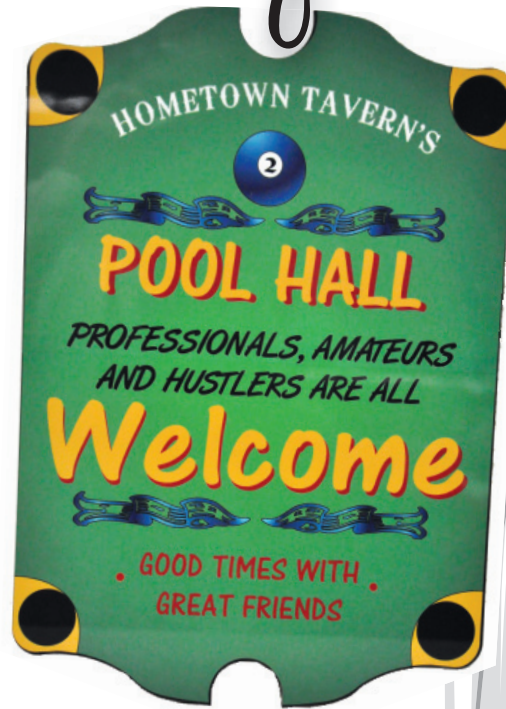
<p><b>To Women's C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground Round/Daydreams/JUC/Southgate, Grand Forks (Class D, 1st place)</li> <li>Moritz Sport &amp; Marine, Bismarck (McQuades C, 2nd place)</li> <li>Walzak/Executive Limo, Bismarck (McQuades D, 1st place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Women's D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corral Bar/Ultimate Exteriors, Bismarck (Rec 1, 1st place)</li> <li>Buffalo Wing &amp; Rings, Bismarck (Rec 1, 2nd place)</li> <li>Bud Light Babes, Williston (McQuades Rec 1, 1st place)</li> </ul> <p><b>To Women's Rec 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plains Women, Minot (Rec 2, 1st place)</li> <li>Joe Black's/Deek's, Grand Forks (Rec 2, 2nd place)</li> </ul>	<p><b>To Women's Rec 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speedway Women, Grand Forks (Rec 3 East, 1st place)</li> <li>KC Knights, Jamestown (Rec 3 East, 2nd place)</li> <li>Mertz, Sheyenne Valley (Rec 3 East, 3rd place)</li> <li>Salter Farms, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, 1st place)</li> <li>Sniper Ag/ Tap In Tavern, Bismarck (Rec 3 West, 3rd place)</li> <li>Ty's Lodge/DLYA, Devils Lake (Rec 3 West, 3rd place)</li> <li>Shady's Softball, Jamestown (McQuades Rec 3, 2nd place)</li> </ul> <p><i>All teams moved up will have to petition to have their classification lowered. Only under extreme circumstances will that request be approved. Requests must be sent through the league commissioner or representative to Jack Lukes or Amy Anderson for final determination.</i></p>
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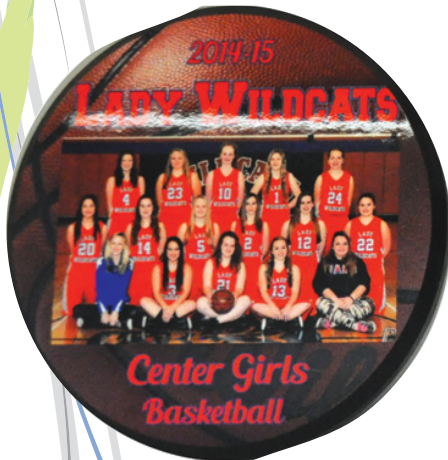


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The Region 8 umpires who attended the National Umpires Clinic in Oklahoma City this Winter.



State Umpires in Chief from Region 8. From left to right: Regional UIC Steve Riswold from South Dakota; Tom Keller from Minnesota, Mike Wolf from North Dakota, Al Waldvogel from Wisconsin and Paul Kraimer from Minneapolis.



North Dakota Umpires who attended the National Umpires Clinic in Oklahoma City this winter. From left to right Lyle Rader, Mike Wolf, Elliott Gerhardt, Allan Ziemann and Chris Coleman.

## The 2019 Biennial Uic Clinic held in Oklahoma City

The 2019 Biennial UIC clinic was held in Oklahoma City from January 31 through February 3, 2019. The clinic began around 5:00

pm on Thursday, January 31 with the required Sensitivity Training and National Tournament championship UIC training followed by a

meet and greet for all attendees. This year's hospitality was host by Region 10.

This year's clinic was held at

the Sheraton Oklahoma City and all attendees were housed in that facility. Registration for the clinic was online and a full agenda was

offered.

North Dakota umpires who attended included state UIC Mike Wolf, Elliott Gerhardt, Lyle Rader, Chris Coleman and Allan Ziemann.



**Special Events Happening  
Thursday, June 27th  
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**Sam McQuade Sr./Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament 2019 Entry Form**

City - \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Team - \_\_\_\_\_ Classification - \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Team - \_\_\_\_\_ Classification - \_\_\_\_\_

(Men's A/B/Open, C, Rec 3 & 4 & Women's C & D teams: must be able to play on Friday night unless special arrangements made.)  
Also, Men's Rec 4 overflow will be moved up to Rec 3.

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Print clearly!): \_\_\_\_\_ Wireless Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

If online registration is not an option, fill out & mail to: The Sam McQuade Sr./Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament; P.O. Box 1196; Bismarck, ND 58502-1196. Look up your entry fee on our website <www.mcquades.com> and mail it in with this form. Verify your entry by ensuring your check was cashed or by checking our website <www.mcquades.com>. **Deadline May 6 or when division full!**