



**2017 MENS MAJOR FAST PITCH
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
AUGUST 3-6 / BYERS SOFTBALL COMPLEX / SOUTH BEND, IN



AUGUST 3 – 6, 2017
BYERS SOFTBALL COMPLEX
AT ST. CLAIR PARK
 SOUTH BEND, INDIANA
 HOSTED BY CITY OF SOUTH BEND VENUES PARKS & ARTS



The Byers Softball Complex Staff welcomes this opportunity to host the Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship Finals at our "Field of Dreams". The Byers Softball Complex features four (4) Musco® lighted state-of-the-art playing fields. In July 2007 we opened a fifth un-lighted playing field. All fields feature Toro® automatic irrigation systems in the lush, green outfield grass areas and hand operated irrigation systems for the professionally maintained infields. The four (4) original fields (in wagon wheel format) are covered with red, Pro's Choice Soilmaster®, while the fifth "satellite" field is covered by ag-lime ("moon dust").

It is our goal to make your stay in South Bend an enjoyable and memorable one. If, after reviewing this document you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel welcome to contact one of the knowledgeable staff members, whom are listed on the Byers Softball Complex website.

Cordially,
 Byers Softball Complex Staff

ENTRY INFORMATION

In order to enter this tournament teams must submit an **Official USA Softball Team Entry Form and an Official USA Softball Championship Roster / Affidavit Form**, signed by their local association Commissioner **and the \$480 entry fee by certified or cashier's check** payable to: South Bend Venues Parks and Arts Department before the tournament entry deadline which is: **Monday, July 17, 2017**. Teams should mail their **entry form, roster and entry fee check** to:

John Walczewski
 51277 Gumwood Rd.
 Granger, IN 46530-6210

Please use the USA Softball Tournament website to register your team. Registrations forms can be found on the USA Softball Tournament website.

<http://afp.tournamentusasoftball.com/#!/tournaments/tournamentDetails.php?TID=165>

It is our long-standing policy to **not** post or reveal a list of teams entered, or the number of teams entered, until after the tournament pairings are complete and posted.



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MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING

A **mandatory** managers meeting shall be held **Thursday, August 3, at 1 pm**, Eastern time at the Pinhook Pavillion, 2801 Riverside Drive (a short ten (10) minute, 4.9 mile drive). Each team **must** be represented as teams must submit their USA Softball Championship Roster and any Pickup Forms to tournament staff. These forms must have all players' names on them at this time. Players may complete address information and sign the forms when they arrive at the tournament, **but before** they shall be eligible to participate. At this meeting the Tournament Director shall introduce tournament staff including the USA Softball representative and umpire-in-chief. Tournament staff shall explain tournament procedures and address their expectations.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES

All participants, on all teams shall be required to show **photo ID**, and **sign the USA Softball check in sheet** before they shall be eligible to participate in the tournament. Team managers shall bring all their players, en mass, to the check in table at their field of play **at least one hour** before their first scheduled game time. Any participant who shows up after their teams' check in shall report to the Byers Softball Complex second floor office and request to be checked in. This **must** happen before the participant is eligible to participate in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

Tournament play is scheduled to begin **Thursday, August 3**. Depending on the number of teams entered, we will play Thursday, August 3 through Sunday August 6. At the Byers Softball Complex we have five championship fields. Four of these fields are lighted, sprinkled, and surfaced with Soilmaster™ infields. The fifth field is not lighted, but is sprinkled and surfaced with an aglime (moon dust) infield. We have previously hosted the Men's Major Fast Pitch National Championship Finals on these fields in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014. Plan on playing!

PARKING AND ADMISSION @ BYERS SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Adequate lighted, paved parking is available at both the east and west (Mayflower) parking lots. There will be no charge for daily parking. Overnight and RV parking is **not allowed** (by City Ordinance and enforced by park and city police). However, in order to offset maintenance costs to keep our beautiful complex clean, there will be a nominal admission fee. Single day passes will be available for \$6. Tournament passes (Thursday through Sunday) will be available for \$15. Pre-school children will be admitted free with a paid parent or guardian. Registered players, managers (one per team), and coaches (two per team) will be admitted free of charge.

TOURNAMENT RULES

This tournament will utilize the Official USA Softball **three-game guarantee** bracket as mandated by USA Softball Code.



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The official game balls for this event shall be:

Worth K-Master 120
Model C120WISC
12" / .47 COR / 375 lbs / ASA

Cork Core
Syco Cover



In order to participate in this tournament all players must dress identically per the USA Softball Official Playing Rules. Players, coaches, and managers shall not display the logos of any other association on their uniforms.

The home team shall be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of each game. Team managers or their designee should bring a completed four-part lineup card (as supplied) and report to the base of the flag pole (at the center of the complex) for the coin toss twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. Failure to be on time or to bring your completed lineup may cause you to lose the coin toss. The team at the top of the bracket shall use the first base dugout. The team listed at the bottom of the bracket shall use the third base dugout. *Exception:* Whenever a team plays back-to-back games on a field that team shall stay in whichever dugout they are already in to save time and effort. Only registered players, coaches, and the manager are allowed in the dugout area and on the playing fields. Absolutely no batted infield practice shall be allowed. Teams will be allowed an infield (and outfield) ball(s) as time permits.

PARK RULES

To provide safe, clean, and pleasant environment for all park patrons to enjoy, please carefully observe the following park rules:

- No smoking allowed inside the Byers Softball Complex (*Saint Joseph County Ordinance*).
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and other illegal substances are not allowed on park property. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased at the beer tent and consumed on site.
- Obscene, profane, vulgar, abusive or taunting language is prohibited on this park property.



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- Bicycles, mopeds, scooters, skateboards, roller blades and roller skates are not allowed inside the Byers Softball Complex.
- Kites, balloons, motorized aircraft and other flying objects are not allowed in the air space near or over the Byers Softball Complex.
- Solicitation or sales of any type on Byers Softball Complex property is strictly prohibited without the expressed written consent of the Softball Commissioner.
- Pets (*except special needs pets*) are banned from the Byers Softball Complex.
- Children under twelve (12) years of age must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- Overnight RV parking is not allowed on park property. Vehicles in the parking lot after play has ended are subject to being towed and impounded at the owner's expense.
- Only participants on signed USA Softball waivers, for the teams playing, are allowed in the dugout/team areas and on the playing fields.
- All teams are advised to carry first-aid kits, as only a limited amount of first-aid supplies are available at the Byers Softball Complex.
- Any participant who introduces illegal, altered or banned equipment into a game shall be subject to banishment from further participation and legal prosecution.
- Loud music or noise is prohibited from the park.
- Absolutely no one is allowed to climb on the fencing or backstops. Furthermore participants shall not throw or hit softballs/baseballs into fencing or backstops.
- Only authorized vehicles are allowed inside the Byers Softball Complex.
- The Softball Commissioner must approve in writing broadcast and photographic privileges on St Clair Park property.
- We cannot be held responsible for accidents to persons or property, or for property lost or stolen.

CONCESSIONS

The Byers Softball Complex features a full service concessions stand located on the northeast side, first floor of the building at the center of the complex. The concessions stand will be open daily before play begins and will stay open as long as continued sales warrant. The concession stand sells a complete array of ice cold Coke-Cola® fountain products available in 24 and 32 ounce sizes with ice chips.



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LOCAL AREA LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

We proudly recommend the following local area hotels:

WATERFORD ESTATES LODGE (12.2 miles from Byers Softball Complex)
52890 Indiana 933
South Bend, IN
574.272.5220

La Quinta Inn & Suites (3.0 miles from Byers Softball Complex)
23040 Lincoln Way West
South Bend, IN
574.233.3131

Hampton Inn & Suites (8.8 miles from Byers Softball Complex)
52709 US 31 North
South Bend, IN
574.277.9373

Make your reservations by July 12 and mention the USA Softball Men's Major Fast Pitch National to get the special tournament rate for the weekend.

TOURNAMENT UPDATES AS PLAY BEGINS

The Byers Staff, once play begins, will make every effort to keep coaches, players, and fans as updated as possible via the internet and our website. The Byers website is:

<https://southbendparks.sportngin.com/>

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Our site will have updates as the games progress. We will provide links for an updated Bracket, Game Summaries, Game Photos, and potentially Player Stats. We are also going to use our Twitter account for constant, on-going info, photos, scores, and stats. The Byers Twitter account is:

<https://twitter.com/SoftballComplex>

 @SoftballComplex

We will also have a Byers Complex Staff member who will serve as the tournament photographer. Photos will be taken throughout the tournament and posted to our social media outlets. The Byers Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/byerssoftballcomplex>