

USA SOFTBALL™ of OKLAHOMA

Adult Program

This is designed to be a comprehensive guide for the USA Softball of Okla. Adult program and a resource for our staff and teams. Updates and revisions will be made as deemed necessary. It is important that this information be communicated to our adult softball community, and we encourage USA Softball of Okla. Staff and members to direct their teams to our website: www.usasoftballoklahoma.org for the most current information about the association. This information has been compiled for the sole purpose of providing general information for the USA Softball of Okla. Adult program. Comments, suggestions and recommendations for updating and/or correcting any of this information is encouraged. Please contact Mike Thomas (State Commissioner) at the state office, or any staff member with your input.

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Information about all USA Softball of Okla. state tournaments can be found on the association webpage www.usasoftballoklahoma.org

Goal/Desire: To develop a competitive, consistent and sustainable tournament schedule for sanctioned adult slow-pitch teams in Oklahoma, which will contribute to the growth and development of the game of softball and to softball in Oklahoma in general. Every effort will be made to ensure fair, competitive tournaments for all divisions of slow-pitch softball at every level.

2023 Adult State Tournament Schedule

Tournament	Event Date	Location	Entry Deadline
COED 5/5 Slow-pitch	14-16 July	Ardmore	7 July
Men's Slow-pitch	21-23 July	Mustang	14 July
Women's Slow-pitch	21-23 July	Mustang	14 July
COED 6/4 Slow-pitch	28-30 July	Norman	21 July
Men's 40 & Over Slow-pitch	4-6 August	Norman	28 July

All adult state tournaments shall use a 4-game guarantee tiered* power bracket format.

Entry fee will be \$375.00 and will include umpire fees, and accident insurance! Accident insurance provides some coverage for players' injuries that occur while participating in the state tournament.

***Tiered bracketing**-all teams entered will be placed into one double-elimination bracket. Some teams will be placed into additional bracket(s) as they are eliminated from the first bracket. The number of teams going into the secondary brackets and the number of brackets used will depend on the number of teams entered.

A team that purposely loses a game so that it will be placed into a lower bracket, is subject to disqualification. The tournament committee may hold a hearing and determine if a team has purposely lost a game. Upon determination by the board that a team has thrown a game to gain a lower bracket the board may disqualify that team from further championship competition. The decision of the board is final. The offending team is automatically suspended for a period of one year.

Teams can enter either through the state webpage www.usasoftballoklahoma.org or through the state office. **Teams pay approximately 1/2 of the entry fee to the state office or through the state webpage by the entry deadline, the remainder of the fee shall be paid at the tournament site.** Teams pay \$175.00 to enter and the remaining \$200.00 (cash only) at the tournament.

There will be no refunds after the bracket is complete.

The **Uniform** rule for all adult state tournaments is:

Players must dress in shirts with no body alterations and a minimum 3" Arabic number in a contrasting color. Caps are not required but if worn they must be worn properly. Caps and visors may be mixed.

NUMBERS MUST BE WHOLE ARABIC NUMBERS-NO FRACTIONS, DECIMAL POINTS OR ROMAN NUMERALS

NO STEEL CLEATS-Steel Cleats are not allowed at any adult state tournament.

Teams not in compliance with the uniform rule should not be allowed to play!!!

DRESS CODE IS TO BE ENFORCED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

Equipment:

Bats-Any legal association stamped bat is eligible for use. Bats must meet all the USA Softball specifications and the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1 of the current USA official Rules. Any bat on the USA Softball non-approved bat lists or any Senior League bats **will not** be allowed (except during Senior event).

Softballs for all tournament games will be provided. Only softballs with an ASA or USA Softball approved certification mark signifying compliance with Rule 3, section 3 of the current USA official Rules.

Awards:

Cash will be awarded to the Champions of each bracket and the runner-up of the top two brackets. The amount of each cash award will depend on the number of teams entered in the tournament, (the top amount for the top bracket could be up to \$1000.00). Other non-cash awards may also be given.

All teams must be current year sanctioned/registered before entering any Championship Tournament. Team registration fee is \$35.00 per calendar year if registered through a league (\$50.00 if sanctioning for a tournament). The team will receive a scorebook, and team liability insurance. Rulebooks (hard copy) are available for purchase through the state office.

Team registration/sanction fees and/or tournament entry fees can be paid by money order or cashier's check to OASA Sports Foundation, attn.: Mike Thomas, 229 Campbell St., Ardmore, Oklahoma, 73401 or paid through PayPal from the association webpage at www.usasoftballoklahoma.org.

Every rostered player, on all currently sanctioned USAS of Okla. adult teams, are automatically members of the Player Representatives committee. You are invited and encouraged to attend any and all committee meetings as well as the annual state meeting. We understand the association is only as strong as its active members and we implore you and your team members to get involved, your thoughts and ideas are **welcomed!** *If a minor competes in an adult team, the adult members of that team need to be SafeSport trained.*

USA Softball of Oklahoma would like to thank each and every team and player for playing USA softball. We understand the success of the association is based on your participation and support. We are very excited to offer this tournament guide. Please realize, the development of this tournament guide and schedule is a direct result of input from both the Player Representative Committee and the J. O. Committee. We invite you to become active participants of these committees: your thoughts and ideas are welcome and encouraged. **THANK-YOU**



Play with Respect.....Compete with Integrity!