



USA Softball Girl's 16U "B" Northern National Championship

Manager's Information Packet

July 24 - 28, 2024

Killian Stadium & Softball Complex



Welcome to Springfield, MO

In the heart of America is a community that captures the hearts of residents and visitors alike. Springfield, Missouri sits atop a plateau of the oldest mountain range in the country, the Ozark Mountains. Surrounded by rolling hills, the city offers you the best in metropolitan and outdoor adventures.

Springfield welcomes you with a unique mix of large city amenities and small-town hospitality. With nearly 420,000 people in the metropolitan area and millions of tourists each year, Springfield is rich with interesting and entertaining attractions, 6,300+ hotel rooms, 800+ dining options and a variety of shopping and cultural activities.

Population: Third largest city in Missouri. According to the 2020 census estimate, the city population is about 169,000.

Weather: Summer: 65 – 88 degrees F

Education: Springfield Public Schools	24,000+ students
Missouri State University	24,000+ students
Ozarks Technical Community College	15,000+ students
Drury University	5,000+ students
Evangel University	1,800+ students

History:

- *Springfield was incorporated in 1838
- *The “Trail of Tears” passed through Springfield as the Cherokee Nation was forcibly marched to Oklahoma.
- *The first major civil war battle west of the Mississippi River was fought on August 10, 1861. The Battle of Wilson’s Creek is located on the Southwest edge of Springfield. In January 1863, the Battle of Springfield took place. Two years after the war ended, the Springfield National Cemetery was created, having both Northern and Southern soldiers buried side by side.
- * Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield on April 30, 1938.

Attractions: Four of the 54 attractions in Springfield are...

**Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Headquarters and Wonders of Wildlife.* The “Granddaddy” and largest of all the outdoor stores. Home of the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum.

**Discovery Center.* This is an interactive hands-on science center for all ages. Imagine, create, have fun and learn with hundreds of exhibits that explore physics, chemistry, energy, health and culture in an environmentally friendly building.

**Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.* 22,000 sq. ft. museum filled with Missouri sports history.

**Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.* Fought on August 10, 1861, the battle of Wilson’s Creek was a pivotal battle in Missouri and the 2nd major battle of the Civil War. 2,500 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed, wounded or missing in five hours of intense fighting. Walking trails, visitor center and a self-guided tour road allows visitors to view the battlegrounds and the National Cemetery, located on South Glenstone.

For a complete listing of things to do, shopping, dining & entertainment, events & festivals, and complete maps go to www.SpringfieldMO.org

Springfield, MO at a glance

Springfield is served by Interstate 44 which connects the city with St. Louis, Missouri and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Route 13 (Kansas Expressway) carries traffic north towards Kansas City, Missouri. U.S. Route 60, U.S. Route 65, and U.S. Route 160 pass through the city. Formerly U.S. Route 66 passed through Springfield, and sections of historic US 66 can still be seen in the city. Springfield is also the site of the first diverging diamond interchange within the United States.

Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF) serves the city with direct flights to 12 cities with multiple daily flights. It is the principal air gateway to the Springfield region. The terminal includes 275,000 square feet, 10 gates (expandable to 60) and 1,826 parking spaces.

We are known for many things including...



Bass Pro Outdoor World



Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



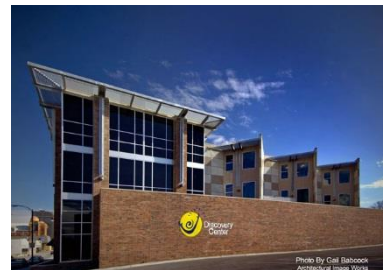
Fantastic Caverns



Hammons Field
Home to the Springfield
Cardinals & MO State Bears



Wonders of Wildlife
National Museum and voted
Americas Best Aquarium



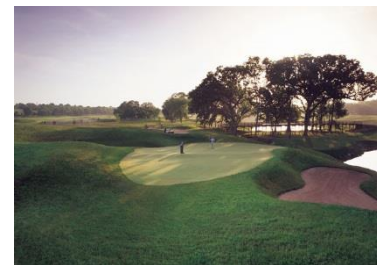
Discovery Center



Springfield Downtown
"Enjoy the food and nightlife"



Missouri Sports Hall of Fame



Many public and private
Golf Courses

We are known for our education including...



We are known for our sports facilities including...



Killian Softball Stadium & Complex, your tournament location



Springfield Hall of Fame



Your National Championship Tournament Staff

Tournament Director: Caleb Hollis caleb.hollis@springfieldmo.gov 417-837-5817

Tournament Representative: Mark Nelson USA Softball National Counsel

Assistant Tournament Director: Jill Simmons Springfield-Greene County Park Board

USA UIC: Rick Petty Missouri USA Softball UIC

Umpire Coordinator: Zakary Blanchard Springfield-Greene County Park Board

Staff Coordinator: Adam Miller Springfield-Greene County Park Board

Lodging during your tournament...

COMFORT INN 3776 S. Glenstone Springfield, MO 65804 (417)889-8188
\$89.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")

GREENSTAY CENTRAL HOTEL & SUITES 222 N. Ingram Mill Rd. Springfield, MO 65802 (417)863-1440
\$89.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")

BEST WESTERN COACH HOUSE 2535 N. Glenstone Springfield, MO 65803 (417)862-0701
\$89.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")

GREENSTAY HOTEL COURTVIEW 3370 E. Battlefield Springfield, MO 65804 (417)520-6200
\$89.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")

BEST WESTERN RT. 66 RAIL HAVEN 203 S. Glenstone Springfield, MO 65802 (417)886-1963
\$89.00 + tax (includes "Hot Breakfast")

Pre-Tournament Deadlines...

- Entry Deadline:** July 17, 2024; 5:00 p.m.
- Entry Fee:** \$700 – Make checks payable to: Springfield ASA, 1923 N. Weller, Springfield MO 65803
Completed National Championship Entry Form (signed by commissioner) and fee
Championship Roster Form (signed by commissioner)
- Pool-Play Draw:** Monday, July 22, 2024 – Tournament bracket with
Game times will be posted to the www.springfieldsoftball.com website

Admission to the tournament...

Coaches Passes: Passes will be distributed to **three** coaches/managers. **All participants must be in uniform top to gain entrance to the softball complex.** The passes will be distributed at the manager's check-in through their packet. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers, or more than three coaches/managers free admittance. Additional tournament passes can be purchased at check-in.

Tournament Passes: All spectators (12 & under is FREE), coaches, managers & vendors must have a pass to enter the complex. Wednesday is FREE to everyone including opening ceremonies.

Daily Passes (Cash only): \$10.00 per day (Daily passes are Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

Schedule at a glance...

- Monday, July 22, 2024** Tournament bracket / Game times will be posted to www.springfieldsoftball.com.
(Double elimination draw immediately after pool play ends)
- Wednesday July 24** 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. / 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Team Check-in, bat check, player check-in at the Killian Softball Complex
3:00 p.m., Manager's meeting at the Killian Complex Dome. **Manager's Attendance Required.** Tournament draw and rules will be discussed at this mandatory meeting for managers. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies at the Killian Softball Stadium & Complex
(Mandatory)
- Thursday July 25** 8 or 9 a.m. Opening pool-play games at the Killian Softball Stadium & Complex
- Friday July 26** Pool-play games continue at the Killian Softball Complex (if needed), double elimination draw following pool play completion. Double elimination begins immediately after draw. (Unless all pool-play ends on Thursday)

General Information...

Opening Ceremonies: We encourage teams to bring their state flags, team banners and signs. They must wear their uniform or alternative team spirit attire. Teams should report to Field #1 no later than 5:00 p.m. for line up.

Awards: USA Softball Code dictates the awards based on the number of teams entered.

Format: Three pool-play games and double elimination is the standard format specified by USA Softball.

Draw Procedure: Article 311 of the USA Softball Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving. The national USA Softball office strongly suggests pool draws be done in advance to give teams advanced notice. Double elimination brackets are determined immediately after all pool play is completed.

Uniforms: All players competing at the Nationals shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim, and style. Short or long pants may be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the USA Softball official playing rules – Rule 3, Section 6 for complete information.

Equipment: Equipment must be in accordance with the USA Softball Rule Book. In accordance with Code 310C, all softball bats will be tested by the Barrel Compression Test Machine.

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

Game Times and Limits: In all Junior Olympic 16-Under Class B Fast Pitch pool play and elimination play, the time limit will be one hour and forty minutes and finish the inning. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tie breaker shall be in effect at the start of the next inning.

Infield Practice/Pre-Tournament Practice: No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up in the outfield fence beyond the portable fencing if time permits. Teams are not allowed to warm up beyond in the outfields once games begin on that field. Teams wishing to practice prior to July the tournament may reserve a practice field by calling (417) 837-5817 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bench Area: Players, coaches, sponsors and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area. Adults must have the USA Softball background check card on them.

Protests: The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedures. See playing rule 9.

Run Rule: Run Rule is 15 runs after three innings; 12 runs after four innings; and 8 runs after five innings.

Rain Delay: In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager's responsibility to call the rain information hotline (417-864-1379), or visit the tournament director for re-scheduled game information.

Team Seating: The team at the top of the bracket will use the first base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the third base dugout.

Game Rules: All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2024 Official Guide and Rulebook.

Conduct: Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents, and supporting spectators both on and off the field. The tournament committee will deal with any reports of damage by hotel management. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players, or fans will be handled in a three-step process: First, notification to the manager at a breaking point in the game; second, direct warning to the violator(s); and third, suspension of the game and ejection of the individual from the facility within a two-minute time-period.

Eligibility: Please see the 2024 USA Softball Code Article 301 for clarifications and interpretations.

Souvenirs: Souvenirs will be available throughout the tournament.

Note: COMPLEX RULES...refreshment coolers, skates (roller or blades), outside food, roller scooters, bikes; skateboards ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COMPLEX. Water coolers filled with water, and ice will be in every dugout.

Pets must be on leashes at-all-times. You are required to pick up after your pet!!

Tobacco & alcohol are **NOT** permitted inside the complex and **alcohol** is also not permitted in the parking lots or park! Weapons, concealed or not, are not permitted to be carried into the complex. **City of Springfield, MO ordinance.**

Softball Complex: Killian Softball Stadium & Complex, 2141 E. Pythian, Springfield MO

Tournament Format: Five Game – Three pool games into double elimination

Tournament Awards: Per USA Softball Code

Tournament Website: www.springfieldsoftball.com

Check-in Information...

The following is required at the time of check-in for the National Tournament.

- Teams must have one coach that is ACE Certified on the field or in the dugout with you at-all-times
- Coaches must show their ACE Certification card at time of check-in
- All dugout personnel must be USA Softball Background Checked
- You must have individual registration with insurance or proof of team insurance through Bollinger Insurance

- Your players will check in with their USA Softball Photo IDs or a birth certificate with an attached photo (or other form of photo ID) and sign the Tournament Signature Form the day check-in ONLY.
- All softball bats must be checked in prior to the start of the tournament. They will receive a sticker to show that they are legal through the compression machine. Umpires will continue to check bats and helmets prior to their game.
- You will receive managers packet that includes information on the coaches meeting, opening ceremonies, Springfield, and 3 coaches passes.

USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY THE SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD AND SPRINGFIELD ASA

Held at Meador Softball Complex

Men's Major Fast Pitch	1967
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1969
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1971
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1978
Women's Major Fast Pitch	1979
Boy's 16 - 18 Fast Pitch	1980
Women's Major Slow Pitch	1985
Men's Major Fast Pitch	1987
Men's 40 & Over Fast Pitch	1991
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	1995
Men's 40 & Over Slow Pitch	1996
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	1997
Women's "A" Fast Pitch	1999
Men's 45 & Over Fast Pitch	2008

Held at Cooper Youth Sports Complex

Girl's 14 & Under Slow Pitch	1994
Girl's 14 & Under Slow Pitch	1997

Held at Killian Sports Complex

Men's "A" Industrial Slow Pitch	1988
Coed Class "A" Slow Pitch	1998
Men's "B" Fast Pitch	2000
Girl's 10 & Under "B" West FP	2000
Girl's 10 & Under "B" West FP	2002
Girl's 14 & Under "B" West FP	2003
Girl's 16 & Under "B" West FP	2004
Girl's 12 & Under "A" Northern FP	2006
Girl's 10 & Under "A" Northern FP	2006
Girl's 10 & Under "B" Northern FP	2007
Girl's 12 & Under "B" Northern FP	2008
Girl's 14 & Under "B" Northern FP	2008
Women's "C" Slow Pitch	2009
Men's 40 & Over Fast Pitch	2009
Men's E Slow Pitch Northern	2011
Girl's 14 & Under "B" Northern FP	2012
Men's D Slow Pitch Northern	2013
Girl's 18 & Under "A" Northern FP	2015
Girl's 18 & Under "B" Northern FP	2018

James Farrell USA Softball Awards of Excellence:

1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 (2), 1999, 2000 (2), 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 (2), 2007, 2008 (3), 2009 (2), 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018

TEAM MANAGERS / COACHES INFORMATION

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Please complete and return this form when you check in, no later than the managers Meeting.

Please Print

Team Name: _____

Manager's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

Coaches Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Hotel Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Room #: _____

If you are commuting

Team Name: _____

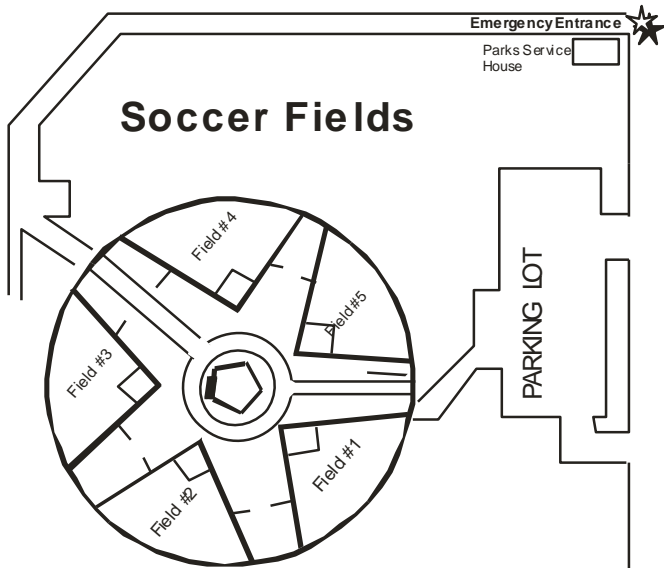
Manager's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Day Phone #: _____ Evening Phone #: _____



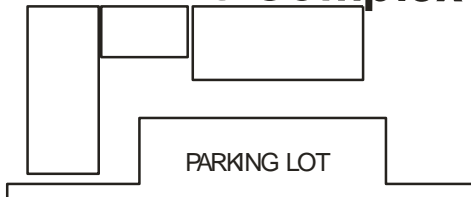
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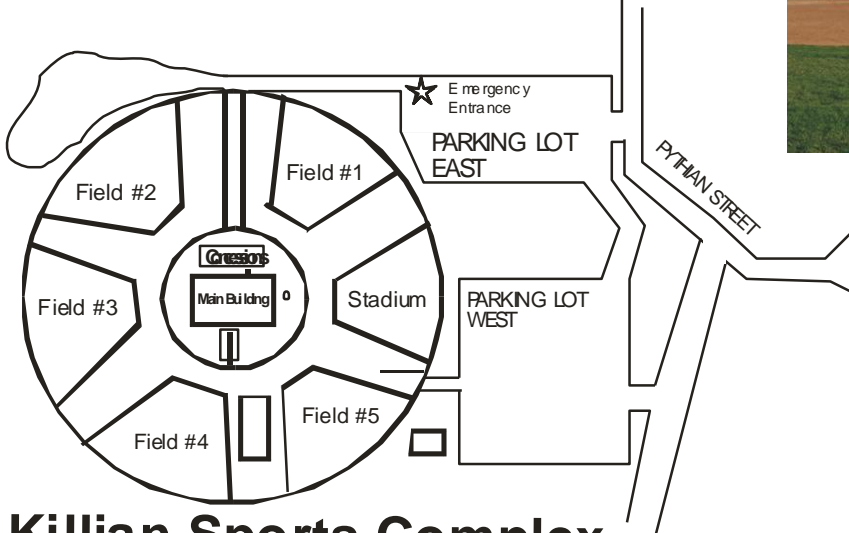


Cooper Youth Sports Complex

Cooper Tennis Complex



Soccer Fields



Killian Sports Complex





Springfield-Greene County Park Board, Springfield ASA and the City of Springfield, MO

Our Story

Our history and dedication to softball dates to the early 1930's. The Springfield Amateur Softball Association was founded in April 1935 and consisted of leagues from the Frisco railroad, and local churches. Since that time the association has grown to include men's fast and slow pitch, women's and coed slow pitch, and youth fast pitch tournaments. We continue our involvement with local, state, regional tournaments and national qualifiers, and since the late 1960's our involvement with hosting national championships.

Springfield facilities rank near the top nationally, and we have been privileged to host 34 USA Softball National Championships. Since 1991, 24 of these tournaments have received the James Farrell Award of Excellence from USA Softball. Killian Stadium is also the home to D1 MO State Lady Bears Softball and host to the upcoming 2019 & 2020 NAIA Softball World Series.

Visit the Softball Museum inside Killian for our softball history and the SASA and Missouri USA Softball Hall of Fame.