



**REGION 10 USA SOFTBALL
USA SOFTBALL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
RINCON BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIAN RESERVATION
PRESENTS
2019 USA SOFTBALL MEN'S MAJOR/OPEN FASTPITCH
INVITATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 8-10, 2019
VALLEY CENTER, CALIFORNIA**



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- TOURNAMENT:** 2019 USA Softball Men's "Major/Open" Fastpitch Invitational Softball Tournament
- LOCATION:** Valley Center, California
Field Location: Rincon Reservation Softball Fields, 65218 West Tribal Road, Valley Center, California
- DATE:** February 8-10, 2019
- ENTRY FEE:** \$500.00 Payable to "Nor Cal USA Softball." Includes 2019 USA SB Registration
- MAIL TO:** Nor Cal USA Softball
c/o Sandy Scott
P.O. Box 2829, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Credit Card payments also accepted contact Sandy Scott @ (916) 962-1631
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** January 23, 2019 Register online at www.tournamentusasoftball.com
- INQUIRIES:** Vanessa O'Laughlin (510) 703-8352 email: Volaughlin@norcalusasoftball.org
Bob McCormick (661) 549-3987 email: Mccormickservices10@yahoo.com
Fred Williams (510) 772-0930 email: Basefjwilliams@aol.com
Raymond Rodriguez (760) 270-8181: email: Rodbros2010@gmail.com
- TEAM ROSTER:** Open Rosters, no player or pitcher restrictions
- FORMAT:** 4 game guarantee – Bracket or Pool Play format will be determined pending number of team entries. Tournament limited to the first 12 teams paid. Awards package to be determined.

Once the tournament draw has been completed it is final. Any teams that withdraw after the bracket has been completed will NOT receive a refund.



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TOURNAMENT SPECIAL RULES



All games will be governed by the 2019 USA Official Rules of Softball, except where modified as listed below.

Teams will be registered USA Softball and may utilize an open roster for this event. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their respective teams and fans. Any players, coaches, spectators or fans that use profanity, incite trouble, promote poor sportsmanship, physical retaliation or bring into question the integrity of coaches, players, umpires or tournament staff, will be removed from the complex and may be removed for the whole tournament if warranted. No warnings will be given. Additionally, destruction or abuse by guests of hotel/motel property, could subject the team to suspension from participation in any future USA Softball sanctioned event or other appropriate action.

Equipment: The double base will be used at first base on all fields. Official Softball of the tournament will be the Dudley SBC/CFP 12-inch yellow optic ball.

All bats must be Certified/Approved USA Softball. Bat testing will be done prior to (team's) 1st game and testing may be enforced at any time. A sticker will be applied on bat. Any player using an illegal bat or tampering with a sticker that has been placed on a bat will be eliminated from the tournament and subject to further disciplinary action.

All fastpitch batting helmets shall have 2 ear flaps and must be serviceable and properly worn.

All catchers must wear a mask with throat protector, approved helmet with ear flaps. An extended wire protector may be worn in lieu of a throat protector attached to the mask.

No infield practice will be allowed before games. Teams are always requested to warm-up in the outfield grass, specifically while maintenance crew is working on infield areas.

Line-up cards: Available from official scorekeepers. Line-up cards must be submitted to the scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Line up cards must have team name, starting player names, positions and jersey number listed. All substitutes must also be listed with their names and numbers on the bottom of the line-up card.

Time Limit: All pool play, playoff or bracketed games will be played with a 1 hour and 45-minute time limit or 7 innings, whichever comes first. The Championship and "if needed" games will be played with no time limit. Game time is forfeit time. No grace period. Game time starts with 1st warm-up pitch. The Homeplate umpire will be the official timekeeper.

Tie-Breaker: Pool Play games may end in a tie. For Bracketed, Playoff and Championship games a winner must be determined. Runner on second starting with 8th inning or after time has expired in effect for all playoff games. For tournament bracket play and pool play home team to be determined by coin flip at home plate with umpires. For pool play playoffs home team to be determined by highest seed. Home team will have 3rd base dugout unless it is already occupied by a team from the previous game.

TIEBREAKERS: If there is a tie in the standings at the conclusion of play, tiebreakers will be as follows:

- (1) Overall record
- (2) Head to head record between tied teams.
- (3) Run Differential between tied teams.
- (4) Run Differential versus entire pool.
- (5) Coin Flip.

Total points determine team rankings for pool play: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 1 point for a shut-out and 0 points for a loss. Any team having forfeited a game for any reason will automatically lose tiebreaker in standings if tied with team having no forfeits.

USA Softball Run Ahead Rule of 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4, or 7 after 5 innings (2 ½, 3 ½ and 4 ½ if home team is ahead) in effect for ALL games

Extra Hitters (EH) and Designated Players (DP) are permitted and must be listed on the line-up card prior to start of game. The EH must remain in the same spot in the batting order. Flex will be placed in the 10th position in the line-up. USA Softball rules will apply when using EH or DP's

Courtesy Runner Rule: A courtesy runner shall be allowed once per team per inning for any reason. Courtesy Runner Will be the player who was the last official out recorded or any available substitute. Courtesy runner must be entered immediately, after the player who is being run for reaches base. Immediately will be defined as prior to the first legal or illegal pitch to the next batter. A courtesy runner who is on base when his turn at-bat comes will be declared out.

Speed up rule: (Catchers Only) If there are two outs and the catcher is on base he may be replaced by the player who was the last official out recorded. A speed-up runner who is on base when his turn at bat comes will be declared out.

Protests: When a protest is made, (Rule interpretation only) play and time will be halted. The two opposing team managers, the game umpires, the Umpire-in-Chief and/or the Deputy UIC (which may be joined by an Assistant Tournament Director and/or members of the Protest Committee) will meet to discuss the protest and rule on it. The specific rule interpretation and umpire decision being protested can be appealed to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's ruling is final. Rule interpretation protests shall only be considered prior to the next pitch, legal or illegal. Illegal re-entry and illegal substitution protests shall only be considered during the game.

Special Rules subject to additions or changes prior to start of tournament, managers will be notified of all changes prior to teams first game of the tournament.



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TEAM NAME: _____

MANAGER'S NAME: _____

MANAGER'S ADDRESS: _____
Street, City Zip

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, January, 23, 2019

ENTRY FEE: \$500.00 per team

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Nor Cal USA Softball
CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: Contact Sandy Scott @ (916) 962-1631

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON WWW.TOURNAMENTUSASOFTBALL.ORG AND ARE GENERALLY E-MAILED OUT TO TEAMS ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT START DATE.