The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America/USA Softball announced that more than 30 events, including the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS), the World Cup of Softball XI and the ASA Slow Pitch Championship Series, will make up the 2016 season for the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and OGE Energy Field.

“We are looking forward to a full slate of fantastic events to be held at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and OGE Energy Field for the 2016 season,” said Chris Sebren, Director of Championships for ASA/USA Softball. “Our staff is especially excited to have events such as the World Cup of Softball XI and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) HS FP State Championships back in Oklahoma City. Following last year’s renovations to the stadium, we will have all four fields open for play with new and improved features for teams, officials and fans.”

The action kicks off March 4-6 with the ASA Preview, a 14U, 16U and 18U youth fast pitch tournament on Fields 2, 3, and 4 composed of three separate brackets for each age category. The ASA Slow Pitch Championship Series will close out the 2016 season, crowning the National Champions in the Men’s Class A, Class D and Women’s Open slow pitch divisions on October 2.

For the 26th year, the ASA Hall of Fame Complex will host the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS), June 2-8, which features the top eight teams...

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Hello! Thanks for taking the time to check out February’s edition of the Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of ASA/USA Softball. As our season quickly gears up, ASA/USA Softball is excited to be continuing our efforts in bringing the game of softball to all ages, male or female, competitively or recreationally, into the 2016 year. Thank you to everyone who has been instrumental in making this happen – from the National Office to the local associations and more importantly, the millions of players around the nation.

To start off the month of February, we were fortunate to host all of our local association Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioners in Oklahoma City for the biennial JO Workshop. The JO Workshop is an opportunity for leaders to exchange ideas and information and plan for the future of the program. Sessions included updates regarding insurance from our official sponsor, RPS Bollinger Insurance, youth concussion laws, RegisterASA, a “how to” on live streaming and more. In addition, attendees also had the privilege of listening to Hall of Famer Sue Enquist who spoke on the excitement and promising future of USA Softball. Also, I’d like to congratulate all of those who received JO Years of Service awards. I and many others recognize the dedication and commitment you’ve given throughout all of your years of service, not only at the national level, but locally. The JO Workshop was a great learning experience for both newcomers and us veterans – many ideas and topics were discussed, so I encourage all of the attendees to put those thoughts to action! From camps and clinics to talking to leagues, let’s continue the strong and longstanding tradition of what ASA/USA Softball is and what we strive to do for athletes and umpires around the nation. Lastly, thank you to the National Office Staff, especially Craig Cress, Chris Sebren and Kaycee Boles for their work in making the JO Workshop a great success.

In other and also very exciting news, I am looking forward to our five National Teams competing this summer. Among those, the Junior Men’s National Team, who will be competing in the WBSC Junior Men’s World Championship in Midland, Mich. from July 22-30. It will be a great chance for our Junior Men to compete with teams from around the globe at an international level. For those reading, if you or someone you know is interested in playing for our 2017 Men’s National Team, we have a special opportunity for those wanting to be seen by our Men’s National Team coaching staff this June in Ashland, Ohio – more details are soon to follow!

For some of you, the 2016 season has already started and we look forward to warmer temperatures in the coming months! Now is the time to visit with your leagues and teams to ensure they have everything they need so they can begin play at their first opportunity. Also, please make sure umpires used by your association are properly registered prior to stepping on the field, for their injury and liability protection. Lastly, remember to send all of your registrations to the National Office as soon as possible. The National Office Staff is available and more than happy to answer any questions you may have as you prepare for the season! I am pleased at how the 2016 has started off and look forward to the changes we have in store for this year – mainly rebranding our great organization to USA Softball this coming September. The best is yet to come!

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...in Division I softball playing for a National Championship. Tickets are now available online for the NCAA WCWS and can be purchased by visiting [NCAA.com/wcws](http://NCAA.com/wcws) or by calling 800-591-9198. For additional assistance or questions, call 866-208-0048.

The World Cup of Softball XI will return to the softball capital of the world for the first time since 2013. Fans will get the opportunity to watch teams from around the globe play from July 5-10. The U.S. women have claimed eight World Cup of Softball titles.

The ASA Hall of Fame Complex will also host the 18U Gold National Championship, July 17-23. At the Championship, Oklahoma City will welcome the future stars of softball at the 18-under event to play at OGE Energy Field to compete for the championship title.

Now that ASA Hall of Fame Complex renovations are complete, teams have tunnels underneath the stadium leading to the dugouts in addition to a new hospitality building and new concession stands for fans.

For more information on the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and OGE Energy Field, visit [USASoftball.com](http://USASoftball.com). Many tournaments are open for teams to register and additional information, including Tournament Directors, hotels and maps can be found by visiting [TournamentASA.com](http://TournamentASA.com). All youth fast pitch events can be found by clicking here, while adult slow pitch events are listed here.

For the complete 2016 schedule of events for the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, please click here.
2016 Greater San Joaquin Hall of Fame Ceremony
February 20, 2016 Lodi, Calif.

It was a fantastic evening at the Greater San Joaquin Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Over 100 people attended the ceremony that not only celebrated our new inductees but also presented awards to our 2015 Volunteer of The Year, National Tournament Umpires of 2015 and our 2015 National Champions.

ASA Commissioner Matt Pfeifer served as the Master of Ceremonies of this event. “Every year that I run this program, it amazes me how many deserving people we have to be put into this Hall of Fame. However, the best part is watching the interaction of past inductees who get to see each other once a year. To me, that is really special.”

Greater San Joaquin had one National Champion this year. The Men’s 60 and Over Fast Pitch team “Airtronics” won the 60+ Masters event held in Seattle, Wash.

Five umpires were recognized for working on ASA/USA National Championships last year. Alan Blanchard, Ken Castro, Zach Menasco, Gene Jones and Matt Harrington were awarded special National Championships pins developed by the local association.

Jim Hunter was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award this year, and his dedication to the umpire program is unsurpassed. He serves as an administrator, treasurer, does payroll, registrations, as well as sits on the Board of Directors. He accomplished all this while recovering from triple bypass surgery and weeks of rehab. His service is invaluable and the appreciation does not go unnoticed.

Hall of Fame Inductees from San Joaquin ASA:

- Vergil Jocson, Umpire

Vergil has been an umpire for Greater San Joaquin for over 30 years, He has worked six National Championships, three of them being Majors. He is also very involved in NCAA Softball, where he works in nine conferences and has had several Regional and State Championship assignments. Vergil is well respected and never falters from helping new or upcoming umpires from getting better. Vergil was unable to attend the Ceremony due to prior commitments, however he will be formally honored next year.

- Mark Santillano, Player

“Sant” as he is known by his fellow teammates was, and still is, an outstanding ball player. He has played on several men’s fast pitch teams in the “Open”, “A”, and “B” Divisions. He has been on Several National Championship fast pitch teams in ASA/USA and has may All Tournament Team awards. His dedication to the game and willingness to do whatever it takes to make the team better is what he is known for. “Sant” hates to lose, and is a fierce competitor. He is well respected by his competition and has many friends amongst the game.

- Dave Dodson, Player

Dave Dodson is the ultimate teammate, and pitched for many men’s fast pitch softball teams and was very successful. A very humble person, Dave likes to say he was an “okay” pitcher, but he always had the best batting average on the team, hitting .500. Dave played for many teams, winning numerous awards and National Championships. Today, Dave is a co-owner of Lodi Sports Academy which develops young athletes to be successful both in softball and in life.

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- Bob Regpala, Manager/Administrator

Coach Bob has been coaching girls softball for over 35 years. He began in 1980 coaching the Tremors in Lodi, Calif. Bob has coached in over 20 ASA/USA National Tournaments, finishing as high as 2nd place on four separate occasions. He likes to say he lost to Lisa Fernandez twice and Jennie Finch once. Bob was the head coach for the U.S. in the Pre-World games held in Canada, which were held in 1985. He also coached at Lincoln High School, where his team was section champions 10 times and given the distinction of being the No. 1 team in the country four times. Bob has sent over 250 girls to school on scholarships, which he says is the most gratifying part of his career. Bob is still involved as the President and coach of the Running Rebels organization in Stockton, Calif.

- Marco Marciasini, Manager

Marco Marciasini has been a player and manager for over 20 years. He has competed with Italian Athletic Club Men’s fast pitch since 1999, where his team qualified to play in ASA/USA National Championships nine times. Marco is known by his recruiting skills as well as all the little things it takes to be a successful manager of a men’s fast pitch team. As a consummate professional, he has always held his head high and led by example.

2016 Hall Of Fame Inductees: From left to Right: Mark Santillano, Bob Regpala, Dave Dodson, Marco Marciasini and ASA Commissioner Matt Pfeifer. Not Pictured: Vergil Jocson
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Hello! Thanks for taking a moment to check out this month’s edition of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA)/USA Softball.

This is one of many Inside Pitch issues, but only the second I’ve created as the Communications Coordinator for the ASA/USA Softball National Office. Thank you to those that have submitted stories, photos and other great material for this newsletter! It’s not only great to incorporate them into the newsletter but I also enjoy hearing from all of you about what your association is up to. If you would like to submit a news item or photo to be included in The Inside Pitch, please send me an electronic copy by the 15th of every month at kwillis@softball.org.

We kicked off this month with the biennial JO Workshop, hosted by the ASA/USA Softball National Office, where Junior Olympic (JO) Commissioners flew into Oklahoma City and had the opportunity to talk and discuss with others from around the nation about ways to enhance the game of softball on a local level. Hopefully for those of you in attendance, you walked away with some great tips and ideas to take back to your local association. For me, I enjoyed the conversations I had with a lot of you and it was great to connect a lot of names to faces!

Here at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, we are only a few days away from kicking off the 2016 season with the ASA Preview (14U, 16U, 18U) this weekend (March 4-6). Also, in just a couple weeks, the ASA Combat Capital City Classic (March 19-20) will be played. The month of March ends with some college softball featuring Bedlam: OSU vs OU. Check back in by reading next month’s issue to hear about how the events went!

Thanks again for taking a look at February’s issue of The Inside Pitch!

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USA Softball of South Dakota is happy to announce Steve Ruda of Sioux Falls as the new Co-ed Softball Deputy following the retirement of long serving Thez Langbehn (Huron).

Ruda has been involved in softball since 2004 as an umpire and player. Ruda became a league officer in Sioux Falls in 2006 and took over the leadership of the co-ed league in Sioux Falls. Although Steve no longer plays, he still umpires, working four national tournaments in the past.

Some of Steve’s goals as Co-ed Deputy are to increase league participation in ASA/USA play. There are leagues in the state that are not certified and he would love to explore ways to get them involved in ASA/USA Softball.

“As for the state tournament, I would like to add a third division to potentially allow more teams a chance to compete,” said Ruda. “Overall for softball, we need to find a way to get more young adults to play the game to create a great future for the game, not only co-ed but the game itself. I look forward to serving in the role as the USA Softball of South Dakota Co-ed Commissioner and I am excited for the future. If anyone has ideas or thoughts, please reach out to me to discuss.”

Steve graduated from the University of South Florida and now works as an adjuster for IMT Insurance. Steve makes his home in Sioux Falls with his two children, Matthew and Gracielynn. Steve can be reached at sdusacoedsoftball@gmail.com or at 605-929-6942.

SPOTLIGHT: Maryland/DC - Delaware ASA hosted an Umpire Clinic this month.
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After a successful 2015 international season, Matt Palazzo (Pleasant Hill, Iowa) was named the 2015 USA Softball Male Fast Pitch Athlete of the Year. This marks the second time in his storied career as a member of the USA Softball Men’s National Team that Palazzo has been honored. The No. 3 batter in the U.S. lineup played in every competition for the Red, White and Blue last summer, helping the U.S. to a ninth-place finish at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Men’s World Championship in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada and a fourth-place finish at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be chosen as the USA Softball Male Fast Pitch Athlete of the Year,” said Palazzo. “Anytime you can put on Red, White and Blue and compete for your country is an amazing moment and the feeling of pride never goes away. The 2015 season was an amazing year for our Men’s National Team at both the WBSC Men’s World Championship and Pan American Games. Although we didn’t finish where we wanted, we know we can compete with the top teams in the world and we positioned ourselves for the future success of the program. We’ve got a great group of guys and a wonderful coaching staff and without them this award wouldn’t have been possible.”

One of the most respected hitters in the international game, Palazzo compiled a .693 on-base percentage during the WBSC Men’s World Championship and led the team with seven runs scored. The power-hitter finished the Championship with a .217 (5-for-23) average, five walks, one home run and two RBI.

Palazzo carried that success over to the 2015 Pan American Games, reaching base eight times out of 17 attempts to finish with a .812 on-base percentage and a .294 (5-for-17) batting average. In addition to his offensive production, Palazzo also served as a mainstay in the U.S. defense and committed zero errors at first base.

For the summer, Palazzo finished with a .250 (10-for-40) batting average with one home run, four RBI and nine runs scored. His best performance of the summer was against the Netherlands during the WBSC Men’s World Championship, where he finished 1-for-3 with a walk, one home run, one RBI and two runs scored. Palazzo broke open a scoreless ball game with a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth to give the U.S. an early 1-0 lead. He would also come around to score in the bottom of the sixth to plate the third run for the U.S.
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Following a Gold Medal Finish at their respective international events, Women’s National Team alum Kellie Fox (San Diego, Calif.) was named the 2015 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year, while Junior Women’s National Team alum Alyssa Palomino (Mission Viejo, Calif.) was selected as the USA Softball Junior Female Athlete of the Year, the Amateur Softball Association (ASA)/USA Softball announced today.

In her second season as a member of the USA Softball Women’s National Team, infielder Fox showed why she’s considered one of the best fielders in the game. The 24-year-old saw action in 14 games as a member of the Red, White and Blue and helped lead Team USA to Gold at the World Cup of Softball X in Irvine, Calif., a Silver at the Toronto Pan American Games and Gold at the Japan Cup in Ogaki, Japan this past summer.

“It is such an honor and privilege to be named the USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year,” said Fox. “I’m so thankful to be given this honor and to have been able to end my playing career on such a high note while representing my country. I’d like to thank ASA/USA Softball, my coaches, teammates and family for everything they’ve done for me during my career. I’m thankful to have such a great support system.”

The Arizona alum had a breakout year for the Women’s National Team, compiling a .378 (17-for-45) batting average on the year with four home runs, 12 RBI and six runs scored. She compiled an astonishing .711 slugging percentage and a .412 on-base percentage.

Fox also took care of business on defense, recording just two errors in her 14 outings.

“Kelli had a breakout year for us,” said Women’s National Team Head Coach Ken Eriksen (Tampa, Fla.). “Not only did she break out defensively, but her offense was off the charts. There was a reason we were successful and it was because of Kelli.”

On the Junior Women’s side, Palomino established herself internationally as a feared slugger during her first year in the National Team Program. The University of Arizona freshman saw action in every game for the Junior Eagles and played a vital role in the Gold Medal finish for Team USA at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Junior Women’s World Championship (JWWC) in Oklahoma City, Okla. and a fifth-place finish at the World Cup of Softball X.

“It is such an honor to be named the USA Softball Junior Female Athlete of the Year,” said Palomino. “The summer this team had was incredible and it was the best experience of my life! I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity that was given to me and I will cherish every memory that was made! Being able to play with USA across my chest is something I have always dreamed of and just being able to play was a dream come true. I would like to thank the ASA/USA Softball staff for this honor and the team and coaches for an amazing summer. Without them, this summer would have never been possible.”

The lefty power-hitter could not be stopped at the WBSC JWWC as Palomino shattered several records en route to a Gold Medal and led the tournament with five home runs, 27 RBI and a 1.333 slugging percentage. The previous record for most RBI was Team USA’s Stacey Nuveman (La Verne, Calif.) in 1995 with 18. She also tied Nuveman’s 1995 record of five home runs in the Championship. Palomino ended the 2015 season with a .396 (19-for-48) average, 28 RBI, 18 runs scored and a .483 on-base percentage.
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WEEK ONE
LEXIE ELKINS
Louisiana-Lafayette

It was quite the opening weekend for Louisiana-Lafayette catcher Lexie Elkins (Victoria, Texas) as the Ragin’ Cajuns began the 2016 with a perfect 5-0 record. The senior slugger sent five balls out of the park while collecting 14 RBI en route to being selected as the Week 1 USA Softball Collegiate National Player of the Week. This marks the second USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Week award for Elkins, who previously earned the honor in Week 11 of the 2015 season.

“I prepared like I would for any other game,” said Elkins. “I know this year that whenever I can’t get it done - just like last year - others are going to be able to step up behind me, so I can play free. Even if I’m unable to do what I want to, there’s no reason to get upset because someone else behind me will have my back. I’m thankful for the award, but our goal is to win a National Championship and take it game by game and that’s what I’m focused on.”

Elkins homered in three of the five contests for the Ragin’ Cajuns, wrapping up the tournament by tying a school record and posting three multiple-hit games and four multiple-RBI games. In their season debut, Elkins scored four runs, doubled, homered and posted five RBI in a 22-4 (five inning) win over Ball State. She continued her offensive dominance in their matchup against UAB, where she went 4-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. The momentum rolled into their game against SEMO when Elkins broke open a 1-0 ball game in the second inning with a two-out, two-run single.

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WEEK TWO
JAILYN FORD
James Madison

Following a perfect weekend in the circle, James Madison’s Jailyn Ford (Hot Springs, Va.) has been selected as the Week 2 USA Softball Collegiate National Player of the Week. The senior pitcher went 2-0 with a save in the circle against Top 25 ranked opponents, also garnering her Colonial Athletic Association Pitcher of the Week honors. This is the first USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Week award for Ford, who helped her team jump eight spots in the Week 2 ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 Poll.

“It’s truly a humbling moment to be honored and this success would not have been possible without the whole team’s effort,” said Ford. “They made the crucial plays when needed and were able to put runs on the scoreboard early in the game against tough opponents. Being able to rely on my teammates and knowing that they will always have your back makes a pitcher’s job easier.”

Ford went 2-0 with a save in the circle last weekend, pitching to a 1.02 ERA. Both of her victories came against ranked foes as she allowed just two runs, five hits and seven walks, while striking out 18 batters in 13.2 innings of work. Ford allowed just two hits while striking out eight against then-No. 14 Tennessee. The following day, she gave up just two runs and three hits against No. 3 Auburn, striking out nine. Ford rounded out the weekend by tossing the final 1.2 innings against Oklahoma State, not allowing a hit, to earn the save.

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In their final game of the tournament, Elkins homered in each of her first two at bats, building a 3-0 lead for the Ragin’ Cajuns.

For the weekend, Elkins finished 10-for-15 (.667 average) with five home runs, 14 RBI, eight runs scored and four walks. Adding in two doubles, seven of her hits were for extra bases, resulting in a 1.800 slugging percentage.

“What Lexie has been able to accomplish, in terms of her performance when she does it, brings recognition - her home run power, incredible hand-eye, competitiveness and pitch recognition,” said Louisiana-Lafayette Head Coach Michael Lotief. “We get to be around her day in and day out and see another side of her. We see how she’s grown as a leader, how hard she works in preparing each day, how she’s a tireless leader and how humble she is every time the spotlight shines on her. She’s very thankful to her teammates around her, the people in the community and the University that support her. The quality of who she is as a person and how she goes about her business every day, makes her extremely special and unique.”

CONTINUED: JAILYN FORD

Ford helped out her cause at the plate, finishing the weekend with a .333 batting average (4-for-12) with a home run, an RBI and three runs. She also had two extra-base hits for an .833 slugging percentage and walked four times to notch a .500 on-base percentage.

“I thought Jailyn’s performance this past weekend was a true testament to the work and commitment she made over the summer and in the fall to her team,” said James Madison Head Coach Mickey Dean. “She has made the past six months more about her team than herself and it’s so great for our program to see someone be rewarded for that.”

This marks the first USA Softball Collegiate National Player of the Week honors for James Madison since Week 7 of the 2015 when teammate Megan Good was honored.
**PRESEASON WITH 2015 RECORD**

1. Florida (60-7)
2. Michigan (60-8)
3. LSU (52-14)
4. Oregon (51-8)
5. Alabama (48-15)
6. Auburn (56-11)
7. UCLA (51-12)
8. Oklahoma (49-9)
9. Tennessee (47-17)
10. Florida State (49-14)
11. Louisiana-Lafayette (42-12)
12. Missouri (42-16)
13. Minnesota (49-11)
14. Georgia (44-17)
15. Arizona (41-20)
16. Baylor (41-17)
17. UCF (50-9)
18. Kentucky (32-26)
19. Washington (42-7)
20. Arizona State (36-22)
21. James Madison (48-10)
22. California (39-18)
23. Utah (36-19)
24. Texas A&M (40-20)
25. NC State (38-22)

RV: Notre Dame, North Dakota State, Texas, USC Upstate, Virginia Tech, Fresno State, Hofstra, South Alabama, Kansas, Northwestern, North Carolina, San Diego State, Texas State, Nebraska, Ohio State, Mississippi State, South Carolina.

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**WEEK 1 WITH 2016 RECORD**

1. Florida (4-0)
2. Michigan (4-1)
3. Auburn (5-0)
4. LSU (4-1)
5. Oregon (5-1)
6. Alabama (4-1)
7. UCLA (4-1)
8. Louisiana-Lafayette (5-0)
9. Washington (4-0)
T10. Arizona (6-0)
T10. Oklahoma (3-2)
12. Georgia (4-0)
13. Missouri (0-0)
14. Tennessee (4-2)
15. Florida State (4-1)
16. UCF (4-1)
17. Arizona State (6-0)
18. Minnesota (3-2)
19. Kentucky (3-1)
20. James Madison (4-1)
21. Baylor (2-1)
22. Fresno State (5-0)
23. Texas A&M (4-1)
24. Texas (5-0)
25. California (3-1)

RV: South Alabama, Utah, Mississippi State, USC Upstate, NC State, Ohio State, Long Beach State, Texas State.

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**WEEK 2 WITH 2016 RECORD**

1. Florida (11-0)
2. Michigan (8-1)
3. Auburn (10-1)
4. Alabama (10-1)
5. LSU (8-2)
6. Louisiana-Lafayette (8-1)
7. Oregon (8-3)
8. Washington (9-1)
9. Georgia (9-0)
10. UCLA (7-3)
11. Oklahoma (7-2)
T12. Missouri (6-0)
T12. James Madison (9-1)
14. Texas A&M (11-1)
15. Florida State (7-3)
16. Arizona (8-3)
T17. Arizona State (11-1)
T17. Kentucky (9-2)
19. Tennessee (8-3)
20. Fresno State (10-0)
21. Texas (10-0)
22. Minnesota (5-4)
23. Mississippi State (9-0)
24. Baylor (5-3)
25. California (6-3)

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Pictured Above: President Warren Jones, Executive Director Craig Cress and Director of Umpires Kevin Ryan.

Pictured Above: Brainstorming Sessions taken throughout the JO Workshop.

Pictured Above: Left - Jack Hutcherson (Maryland/DC); Right - Brenda Petty (Kentucky)
Middle - Patrick Austin (Connecticut), Walker Clark (Arkansas), Michelle Fletcher (Cincinnati), John McPhail (Piedmont, VA), John Durrant (Idaho), Jack Hutcherson (Maryland/DC), Troy Jacobs (Central Virginia), Mary Mahoney (Kansas City), Rick McHone (North Carolina), Wayne Straiton (Vermont), Brenda Petty (Kentucky), Renee Williams (Nebraska) and David Ethier (Rhode Island).
The ASA/USA Softball National Office is currently seeking applicants for four (4) seasonal internship positions of Event Management Intern and one (1) seasonal internship position of Communications Intern. All positions require a 40-hour work week and some weekends. The positions will begin in May 2016 and end in August.

The Event Management Interns will be responsible for assisting the Championships Department in all matters relating to ASA events. The focus will be on the NCAA Women’s College World Series, the ASA Junior Olympic Hall of Fame Tournaments, and all other events as assigned.

Event Management Interns
Job Responsibilities (May-August):
1. NCAA Women’s College World Series – assist with all on-site aspects of the event, including facility management and game day operations.
2. Coordinate ASA Hall of Fame Junior Olympic Tournaments:
   a. Responsible for working directly with ASA Event Managers to secure the 26 participating teams in each tournament.
   b. Work directly with the teams both prior to and during the tournaments.
   c. Responsible for the tournament brackets and tournament administration.
   e. Must work the four weekends of the JO Hall of Fame Tournaments (June-July 2016).
3. Assist with all aspects of tournament reporting for ASA/USA National Championship events.
4. Other duties as assigned during Internship.

Communications Intern
Job Responsibilities (May-August):
1. NCAA Women’s College World Series – assist with all communications efforts for the event, including National Team athletes in attendance, photos, etc...
2. Assist with the website for ASA/USA Softball, including weekly news stories and updates.
3. Assist with all communication efforts for the World Cup of Softball and Border Battle, including online streaming, stats, photos and TV production.
4. Act as an on-site lead for the 16U and 18U GOLD National Championships, including website updates, live scoring and streaming.
5. Represent ASA/USA Softball at various events.
6. Other duties as assigned during Internship.

Erin Kane, an intern with the events department, assisted at the National Office last summer.

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