USA Softball has revealed the 2017 schedule for the ASA Hall of Fame Complex – OGE Energy Field – INTEGRIS Field, which includes over 70 days of action from March through October. With events such as the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS), the World Cup of Softball XII and Border Battle IX, the “Softball Capital of the World®” will welcome a handful of new events, including the NCAA Division III Softball National Championships, the inaugural USA Softball All-American Games and Major League Baseball’s (MLB) Breakthrough Series camp.

“We are looking forward to a full slate of fantastic events to be held at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex for the 2017 season,” said Director of Membership Services for USA Softball, John Miller. “Along with the NCAA Women’s College World Series, World Cup of Softball XII and Border Battle IX, we are excited to welcome the HBCU Classic, the USA Softball All-American Games, and the Breakthrough Series camp to our venue for the first time this year. There is no doubt teams, officials and fans will be in for a treat when they visit the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and Museum.”

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Hello and welcome to the February 2017 edition of the Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of USA Softball. I hope you enjoy the news and find the information inside the newsletter helpful and inspiring as you continue planning and organizing for another great season of softball! Whether it’s from the National Office or a fellow Local Association, please feel free to reach out and ask if you’re looking to inquire more about something special within the newsletter.

As a friendly reminder, the 2017 USA Softball Code and Procedural Manual are now available to view online and our 2017 Rulebooks and Umpire Manuals have been shipped out and sent to each Local Association.

Although some associations are having difficulties with the weather, the spring softball season is only a few weeks away for all of us. I would encourage you to visit with your leagues and teams, both fast pitch and slow pitch, to ensure they have everything needed, including registration, to begin play at their first opportunity. Please ensure that all umpires used by your association are properly registered prior to stepping on the field to umpire a game, for their injury and liability protection. Also, remember to send all your registrations to the National Office as soon as possible.

Speaking of the National Office, please remember that National Office personnel are available to answer any questions you may have and to assist you with any problems which may arise that cannot be handled by you locally.

Lastly, I ask that you visit the USA Softball website often for information that is important to you, regardless of your affiliation to USA Softball or to your local program. From resources that can help your players, coaches and umpires succeed to news about several up-and-coming events you don’t want to miss out on – there is something for everyone and it is constantly being updated.

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USA SOFTBALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S
SANDI DIAZ AWARDED UMPIRE OF THE MONTH

Sandi Diaz is not only a valued umpire, but a genuine person. She has been registered with USA Softball and USA Softball of SoCal for 14 years. She recently attended her first National Umpire School in 2016 where there was no doubt her desire to work hard and improve.

Sandi is admired as an umpire, as she could have stayed in the shadows and under the radar, only working her league games. Instead she became an advocate for the game, her personal goals, and her fellow umpires. Through that perseverance, she developed partnerships with the SoCal UIC Staff allowing open dialogue which provided valuable feedback to the program. She continues to volunteer for additional projects that can help the USA Softball of SoCal’s Umpire Program improve.

To read more about February Umpire of the Month » visit USASoftball.com!

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USA Softball announced that Tyron McKinney (Ashland, Ohio) has been selected as the Head Coach for the 2018 USA Softball Junior Men’s National Team (JMNT). Selected by members of the USA Softball Men’s National Team Selection Committee (MNTSC), McKinney will lead the 17-athlete roster that will compete at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Junior Men’s World Championship (JMWC) July 7-15, 2018 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.

“Thank you to USA Softball and the Men’s National Team Selection Committee for selecting me to lead the 2018 USA Softball JMNT,” said McKinney. “I am very excited, humbled and honored to represent our country again and work with these young men to get them ready to or someday play in the Men’s National Team Program. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and continues to support me. It’s time to start the medal hunt as we begin this new era for the USA Softball JMNT program.”

McKinney, a five-time USA Softball First Team All-American, recently completed his first season as an Assistant Coach with the USA Softball Junior Men’s National Team Program. As a member of the coaching staff, McKinney helped the U.S. to a fifth place finish at the WBSC JMWC in Midland, Mich. McKinney worked primarily with the pitching staff, which issued a total of 57 strikeouts and combined for a 2.68 ERA over the course of seven games. McKinney also served as an Assistant Coach for the 2016 USA Softball Women’s National Team (WNT) during their time at the 2016 Japan Cup.


McKinney has served as an Assistant Coach at Morehead State University (Morehead, Ky.), Asbury University (Wilmore, Ky.) and Pleasure Ridge Park High School before joining the Adam LaLonde USA Softball Training Academy in Huntington, W. Va. as an instructor. McKinney currently resides in Huntington, and is the father of 11-year old daughter Takiah.
The 2017 season kicks off March 3-5 with the Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) Classic, a tournament hosted by Langston University welcoming athletes from Division I to NAIA historically black colleges. USA Softball is also proud to welcome back Special Olympics of Oklahoma to the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, where teams will take part in a regional qualifier April 5 prior to the State Summer Games set for May 17-19 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. Prior to the NCAA Division III Softball National Championship taking place May 24-30, the Big 12 Conference Championship will return to the ASA Hall of Fame Complex May 11-13 after a six-year absence. Oklahoma was the last team to win the league’s postseason championship in 2010.

Joining the schedule this year is the inaugural USA Softball All-American Games, a prestigious tournament intended to provide national exposure to elite athletes in the 12-Under Junior Olympic (JO) fast pitch division. Information on regional tryout and selection processes and additional information on the USA Softball All-American Games can be found at www.usasoftballallamericangames.com or by sending an email to AllAmericanGames@usasoftball.com.

As part of USA Softball’s partnership with Major League Baseball’s (MLB) PLAY BALL initiative, USA Softball and MLB will host a softball-specific Breakthrough Series (BTS) camp from June 11-15 for the second consecutive year. The Softball BTS is designed to promote softball as a viable collegiate option for youth from underrepresented and underserved communities. The event is completely cost-free for participants, who are selected by invitation only.

For the 27th year, the ASA Hall of Fame Complex will host the NCAA Women’s College World Series (WCWS) June 1-7, which features the top eight teams in Division I softball competing for the National Championship title. Tickets are now available online for the NCAA WCWS and can be purchased by visiting NCAA.com/wcws or by calling 800-591-9198. For additional assistance or questions, call 866-208-0048. Prior to the NCAA WCWS, the ASA Hall of Fame Complex will also host the NCAA DIII National Championship, May 25-30, where the top eight teams in Division III will play for their respective National Championship.
Returning to the “Softball Capital of the World”® in July is Border Battle IX and the World Cup of Softball XII, where fans will have the opportunity to watch teams from around the globe, including Team USA, compete for the Gold Medal. The ninth-annual Border Battle Slow Pitch game will feature the USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team, who will take the field against Canada in the annual event. At the World Cup of Softball XII, the USA Softball Women’s National Team looks to continue last season’s momentum in which they won Gold at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Championship in Surrey, B.C., Canada.

The 2017 calendar will come to a close at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex with the annual USA Softball Slow Pitch Championship Series, which features four different divisions of Adult Slow Pitch. Teams in the Men’s Super, Men’s Class A, Men’s Class D and Women’s Open will all compete for a coveted USA Softball National Championship in their respective divisions.

For more information on the ASA Hall of Fame Complex, visit USASoftball.com. Many tournaments are open for teams to register and additional information, including Tournament Directors, hotels and maps can be found by visiting TournamentUSASoftball.com. All youth fast pitch events can be found by clicking here, while adult slow pitch events are listed here.
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She didn’t know it at the time, but when Nancy Welborn opted to stay in Eugene, Ore. and finish her final year of high school, instead of going with her parents to Montana, it turned out to be one of the most important decisions of her career. By staying in Eugene, Jack Moore, manager of McCulloch Chain Saws, was able to work with Nancy, who was then pitching figure-eight. Because of her height (5-11) and coordination, Moore figured Nancy would be better as a windmill pitcher. As history has documented, Moore’s assessment was correct because Welborn developed into an outstanding pitcher. Between that time, however, a lot of work was done as they worked three times a week on speed, then control. Wild at first, Nancy eventually developed, beating Yakima 1-0 in 20 innings in the regional final and a berth in the national tourney in 1965. In 1966, the Chain Saws beat Yakima twice in the regional final to earn another berth in the finals. This time the Chain Saws finished fifth in the nationals and Welborn was again named an All-American.

The 1965 national champ Orange Lionettes were in need of pitching and asked Nancy to join the team. She originally said no, but had a change of heart. It was a decision neither Welborn or the Lionettes would regret.
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USA SOFTBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: JESSICA MOORE AND BRYCE DUCHARME

Seven months after helping the USA Softball Women’s National Team (WNT) reclaim the Gold Medal at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Women’s World Championship, pitching veteran Jessica Moore (Sutter, Calif.) was been announced as the 2016 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year. Moore was a staple in the circle for the U.S. last summer and earned the win in the Championship finale at the WBSC Women’s World Championship against Japan as the U.S. reclaimed the Gold for the first time since 2010. Moore competed at the USA vs. Japan All-Star Series (Tokyo/Sendai, Japan), the World Cup of Softball XI (Oklahoma City, Okla.), the WBSC Women’s World Championship (Surrey, B.C., Canada) and the Japan Cup (Takasaki City, Japan).

“This is such an unbelievable recognition to receive after the amazing season that our team had,” said Moore. “This honor would not have been possible without my teammates. We all really came together, played as one unit and bought into the program, so to receive this recognition after a year like that is an unbelievable feeling.”

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USA Softball announced the selection of Bryce DuCharme (Hudson, Wis.) as the 2016 USA Softball Junior Male Athlete of the Year. Leading the USA Softball JMNT in nearly every statistical category, DuCharme finished the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) World Championship with a .478 (11-for-23) batting average, picking up 11 hits with nine runs scored while finishing the tournament with a .538 on-base percentage and .609 slugging percentage.

“This is such an honor and I am proud beyond belief to be receiving this award,” said DuCharme. “I have been helped along the way by so many very talented players and coaches and would not be where I am without them, including Tim Lyon, Scott Standerfer, Ty McKinney, J.R. Dachel, my dad Dan DuCharme, and my number one fan, my grandpa, LaVerne DuCharme. Without every one of these and many others unnamed I would be just another 20-year-old in college. They helped to mold me into the player I am through practices, games, and the many mistakes I have made throughout my softball career. They were always teaching and helping me to improve. For that, I will always be grateful.”

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USA SOFTBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: TRAVIS CLARK

After helping to lead the USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team to a seventh Border Battle title, Travis Clark (Kenosha, Wis.) has been named the 2016 USA Softball Male Slow Pitch Athlete of the Year. Clark proved to be a steady force in the circle for the United States while also leading the team at the plate. As a member of the 2016 USA Softball Men’s Slow Pitch National Team roster, Clark competed in Border Battle VIII in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he helped the Red, White and Blue to a 4-1 record during the three-day event. A member of the team since 2013, Clark got the start in three of Team USA’s games, including the highly anticipated Border Battle VIII and Slow Pitch Showdown. While he pitched the U.S. to three wins, he also had an outstanding performance at the plate. Nearly perfect at the plate with a .857 (12-for-14) batting average, Clark went perfect at the plate in two of USA’s games while combining for an incredible 1.857 slugging percentage. Against the USA Softball Futures Slow Pitch National Team in the Slow Pitch Showdown, Clark went 3-for-4, notching two home runs while picking up three RBI and scoring four times. In Border Battle VIII, he again went 3-for-4 with one home run and two RBI while scoring twice.

“I really don’t know what to say to express my gratitude to USA Softball,” said Clark. “I’ve never been huge on personal achievements because I play the game for my teammates, coaches and the sponsors who put us on the field, but to even be considered, let alone selected as the USA Softball Slow Pitch Male Athlete of the Year is an incredible honor. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I’d be mentioned in the same breath as some of the great players who have previously won this award but here we are. It’s been an incredible ride that I look forward to continuing.”

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**2017 College Corner Rankings**

### Pre-Season with 2016 Record

1. Oklahoma (57-8)
2. Auburn (58-12)
3. Florida (56-7)
4. Florida State (55-10)
5. LSU (52-18)
6. Michigan (52-7)
7. Alabama (51-14)
8. UCLA (40-16-1)
9. Oregon (48-10)
10. Georgia (46-20)
11. Louisiana (46-9)
12. Arizona (40-21)
14. Minnesota (43-14)
15. Tennessee (43-16)
16. James Madison (50-6)
17. Utah (36-21)
18. Texas A&M (39-20)
19. Missouri (42-16)
20. Kentucky (46-14)
21. Baylor (45-14)
22. Notre Dame (43-13)
23. Florida Atlantic (51-9)
T24. California (33-24-1)
T24. South Florida (45-16)

**RV:** Ole Miss, Texas, Oklahoma State, Nebraska, FIU, Arizona State, Fresno State, Oregon State, North Dakota State, Cal State Fullerton, Louisville, North Carolina, UCF, Oregon State, Tulsa, and Virginia Tech.

### Week One with 2017 Record

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

**RV:** Fresno State, BYU, Notre Dame, Cal State Fullerton, Ole Miss, FIU, Oklahoma State, FAU, Illinois, Louisville, Ohio State, Oregon State, USC Upstate, Nebraska, Virginia Tech, and Texas.

### Week Two with 2017 Record

1. Florida State (10-0)
2. Auburn (9-1)
3. Florida (10-1)
4. UCLA (10-1)
5. Oklahoma (6-2)
6. Oregon (9-0)
7. Washington (7-1)
8. LSU (9-1)
9. Arizona (11-0)
10. Alabama (7-2)
11. Minnesota (9-0)
12. Georgia (12-0)
13. Tennessee (9-0)
14. Michigan (6-3)
15. James Madison (8-1)
16. Louisiana (6-3)
17. Utah (7-0)
18. Texas A&M (10-0)
19. Arizona State (9-0)
20. Pittsburgh (9-0)
21. California (7-1)
22. Missouri (5-2)
23. South Florida (6-3)
24. Kentucky (5-4)
25. Baylor (7-3)

**RV:** Oklahoma State, BYU, Louisville, Ole Miss, FAU, Ohio State, USC Upstate, Wisconsin, Fresno State, Oregon State, Arkansas, Notre Dame, South Carolina, Texas, South Alabama, and FIU.
CONTINUED: 2017 COLLEGE CORNER
USA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK RECIPIENTS

WEEK THREE
WITH 2017 RECORD

1. Florida (15-1)
2. Florida State (15-1-1)
3. Auburn (14-2)
4. Oregon (14-0)
5. Texas A&M (15-0)
6. Arizona (15-1)
7. Washington (11-2)
8. UCLA (13-3)
9. Alabama (13-2)
10. Oklahoma (9-4)
11. Minnesota (14-0)
12. LSU (12-2)
13. James Madison (12-2)
14. Michigan (9-4-1)
15. Tennessee (13-2)
16. Utah (11-2)
17. Georgia (14-3)
18. California (12-1)
19. Louisiana (11-4)
20. Arizona State (12-3)
21. Kentucky (10-4)
22. Baylor (14-3)
23. Ole Miss (12-2)
24. Pittsburgh (12-2)
25. Missouri (7-5)

RV: Texas, FAU, South Alabama, Wisconsin, South Florida, Arkansas, USC Upstate, South Carolina, Ohio State, BYU, Notre Dame, and San Diego State.

WEEK 1: SIERRA HYLAND | CAL POLY

After opening her senior season with a perfect game and two no-hitters, Cal Poly’s Sierra Hyland (Visalia, Calif.) earned the Week 1 USA Softball Collegiate National Player of the Week. Helping the Mustangs to a 4-1 record over the course of the 2017 opening weekend, Hyland was also named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week for the 12th time in her career in the same week. This marks the second USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Week award for Hyland, who previously earned the honor in Week 3 of the 2016 season.

“I felt calm, composed and very confident is all of my pitches,” said Hyland. “I made sure I threw with conviction and I couldn’t have had the success I did without a solid defense behind me.”

WEEK 2: ALYSSA DENHAM | LOUISIANA

In her first appearance in the circle against a Top 25 ranked opponent, Louisiana freshman Alyssa Denham (Alvin, Texas) showed composure as she helped pitch the Ragin’ Cajuns to a series win over then-No. 4 Alabama. This performance helped land the pitcher the Week 2 USA Softball Collegiate National Player of the Week. This marks the first USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Week award for Denham, while her performance in the circle also garnered her Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week accolades in the same week.

“It was amazing,” Denham said reflecting back on the game. “So many people were cheering for ‘Us’. It felt great to have so much support behind us...”
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“The 2017 Biennial UIC Clinic was a resounding success. We had 480 attendees from all over USA Softball,” said Director of Umpires, Kevin Ryan. “Each instructor team did a great job with not only the subject but also the involvement of the attendees in their sessions. Their ability to get the point across, teach the attendees something, and involve them in the session was outstanding.”

RECAP THE 2017 UIC CLINIC >>
It was a fantastic evening at the Greater San Joaquin Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Lodi Grape Festival Grounds. Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony that not only celebrated the new inductees, but also presented awards to the 2017 Volunteer of The Year, National Tournament Umpires of 2016 and the 2016 National Champions.

USA Softball of Greater San Joaquin Commissioner Matt Pfeifer served as the Master of Ceremonies of this event. “Every year I run this program amazes me how many deserving people we have to be put into this Hall of Fame,” he said. “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. Seven umpires were recognized for working National Championships last year. Alan Blanchard, Ron Quinones, Zach Menasco, Gene Jones, Justin Jensen, John Buck and Matt Harrington were awarded a special National Championships pin developed by USA Softball of Greater San Joaquin. Sandy Tudor was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award this year. Her dedication to Greater San Joaquin softball is unsurpassed. She serves as JO “B” Commissioner, umpires, as well as sits on the Board of Directors. Patrick Faretta was chosen as the recipient for the Wall of Honor. Pat has served on the Board of Directors for 17 years and as the GSJSA Player Rep for the last twelve. Pat also sits on National committees including Player Rep, Special Programs and the Slow Pitch Task Force.

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The James Farrell Award was given to Bart Magellan for the 99% national rating their national tournament received this year. “That was very appreciated as our association worked very hard to get that rating.”

After the Awards, the Hall of Fame Ceremony began.

**Shawn Andaya, Player:** Shawn Andaya Pulliam was considered one of Greater San Joaquin’s best youth pitchers. She won back-to-back Section titles in high school in 1982 and 1983. She then attended Texas A&M where she led her team to conference and national titles. She threw a perfect game in the NCAA Women’s College World Series in 1987. Andaya led the nation in strikeouts and wins and was named an All-American. She has been elected into several Halls of Fame, including the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

**Ski Angle, Player:** Ski Angle has played Men’s Fast Pitch softball for over 40 years. He played for such teams as Tubbs and Sons, Store Coachways and Airtronics, and has won National Championships with each one. A versatile player, great hitter and exceptional base runner, he was known as “The Wingman.” Angle is a member of the Masters team which has won 12 National Championships.

**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 with the NCAA, 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.

**Jon Abernathy, Player-Manager:** Jon Abernathy has been involved in USA Softball, formerly known as ASA since 1970. He has played on several teams which competed in National Championship tournaments. John is from a small, mountain town called Sonora, where he began the softball program and grew it into a hot bed for Men’s Fast Pitch. John also served as District Commissioner for 30 years and sat on the Men’s Classification Committee for many years.

**Katie Cotta, Player:** Katie Cotta began pitching at Brookside High School as a freshman. She played on the varsity team and led them to a Section title. She then transferred to Linden High School where she set or broke every record in the books. She was undefeated and won three Section championships with Linden. After some time off, she returned to Delta College in Stockton where she went 20-1 with a 1.02 era and also hit .430. She had 18 complete games, and set school records with 15 strikeouts in a game, twice. She transferred to Concordia College where she was named Conference Pitcher of the Year. She has just signed with the Dallas Charge (NPF) and she currently teaches pitching lessons to youth in the surrounding area.
PHOTO RECAP: USA SOFTBALL OF GREATER SAN JOAQUIN HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

Pictured above: Katie Cotta

Pictured above: Ski Angle

Pictured above: Vergil Jocson

Pictured above: Ben Hererra

Pictured above: Sandy Tudor

Pictured above: Jim Winchester

Pictured above: Jon Abernathy
Above: John Diaz meets another John Diaz! On the left is John Diaz from USA Softball of Sacramento while on the right is John Diaz from USA Softball of Arizona.

Above (L-R): Kelsey Armbrust, Kathryn “Hope” Porter, Kaity Barr, Ashley Martin, Elaine Dykhouse Bella Dibble, Abby Dibble, and Layla Sloan from the RGS Umpire Program.

A total of 81 students from 11 USA Softball Local Associations attended the National Umpire School, hosted by USA Softball of Sacramento, at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville, Calif. Arizona, Central California, Colorado, Greater San Juaquin, Idaho, Northern California, Nevada, Portland, Sacramento, Southern California, and Washington were all represented. Each student received a new USA Softball Umpire hat and powder/navy shirt, which were worn for the school picture. The instructors present were Christina Drumm, Steve Nelson, Steve Riswold and John Wright. Supporting the event and the instructors was USA Softball’s Region 10 Umpire-in-Chief Chuck Louie and staff, in addition to USA Softball of Sacramento umpires who volunteered their time in making each and every one of the behind-the-scenes tasks run smoothly.

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The Play Ball event was part of the four-day biennial RBI Institute, which drew more than 100 individuals who administer RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) programs throughout the United States and several countries. At day’s end, MLB and the Memphis Redbirds’ community foundation announced a $25K equipment donation to the Pitch in for Baseball organization that will aid baseball and softball programs in 24 middle schools in the Memphis and Shelby County area.
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The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team (WWAST) will be participating in four events in March and April. On March 19, for the second year in a row, several WWAST players will honor Veterans by participating in the Bataan Memorial Death March in White Sands, N.M. The challenging march of 26.2 miles treks through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range and is conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives. On March 24-26, the WWAST returns to Mission Viejo, Calif. to participate in a game as part of a Veterans Resource Fair hosted by Assemblyman William Brough and Senator Patricia Bates. Their first event in April will take place in Newport News, Va. as Reach Orthotic & Prosthetic Services hosts the team for a doubleheader on the weekend of April 14-16. Their last event of April takes the team to Chester, S.C. for a doubleheader hosted by the Progressive Association of Chester County Communities on April 28-30.

In addition to the annual Kids Camp, the WWAST has announced its first-ever Alumni Kids Camp. The Kids Camp will be held June 12-18 in Fairfax, Va., while the WWAST will hold the Alumni Kids Camp Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 at Ballparks of America in Branson, Mo. This event is for Kids that participated in one of the first three Kids Camps in Orlando, Louisville, or Mission Viejo. This is going to be an exciting event as our players look forward to reconnecting with everyone. The WWAST hopes to hold this Alumni Kids Camp annually.

The remainder of the WWAST 2017 schedule has been posted to their official website. Be sure to check it out here >>

The WWAST recently opened up the 2018 schedule. If your community is interested in hosting the WWAST for an event in 2018, please contact WWAST Executive Director, Dennis Wince, for details by emailing dennis@thewwast.org. There is very limited availability for the 2017 season.
The USA Softball National Office is currently seeking applicants for four (4) available seasonal internship positions with the Event Management Department. All positions require a 40-hour work week and some weekends. The positions will begin in May 2017 and end in August. As an intern, you would be responsible for assisting the National Championships Department in all matters relating to USA Softball events. The focus will be on the NCAA Women’s College World Series, the USA Softball Junior Olympic Hall of Fame Tournaments, Futures Cup, All-American Games, 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 USA Softball National Championship events.
4. Other duties as assigned during Internship.

**Contact Event Manager Rich Cress at rcress@usasoftball.com if you would like to apply.**
USA SOFTBALL ALL-AMERICAN GAMES TO BE HELD AUG. 18-20, 2017 AT ASA HOF COMPLEX

Held at the “Softball Capital of the World”® in Oklahoma City, Okla., the USA Softball All-American Games provide national exposure to elite athletes in the 12-under Junior Olympic (JO) fast pitch division and will highlight the top competitors from across the country.

“The USA Softball JO Commissioners are very excited to host an event that showcases 360 of the best 12-under players from around the country,” said USA Softball of Southern California JO Commissioner Kristi Allen. “We are excited to give these athletes the opportunity to play at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex representing USA Softball.”

With teams selected from the 10 USA Softball Regions, a total of 24 teams from across the U.S. will compete in the USA Softball All-American games. Each region can select up to two teams to represent their region at the USA Softball All-American Games and each team will consist of 15 athletes and two coaches. Athletes must be on a USA Softball registered team for the 2017 season and must be age eligible for the 12-under JO division. Each region is responsible for the selection process for their teams, and players must commit and be registered no later than July 1.

Teams competing in the USA Softball All-American Games will be invited to participate in an exposure camp to highlight their skills. The USA Softball All-American Games will also have an Opening Ceremony, free live streaming and live stats through USASoftball.com and players will be provided with a tournament “swag” bag, which will include their USA Softball All-American jerseys and other official USA Softball and sponsor merchandise.

For more information, visit USASoftballAllAmericanGames.com >>
Over 140 12-Under players from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania attended tryouts with hopes of being selected to compete at the 2017 USA Softball All-American Games.

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