2014 National Championship season underway!

The 2014 ASA/USA Softball National Championship season is well underway as over 40 teams were crowned National Champions this past weekend! Teams earned the right to compete for the title after competing in qualifying tournaments over the summer and competed against the best-of-the-best!

When a team is crowned an ASA/USA National Champion, they know that they embody a TRUE National Champion, meaning they earned the right to compete. You can’t buy your way into an ASA/USA National Championship, you have to earn it.

Check out some of the photos from the ASA/USA National Championships, and stay tuned as our adult divisions will take to the fields this month to fight for their respective titles!

Check out more photos from the ASA/USA Nationals on our Facebook page. You can also send in your photos to cwarren@softball.org to add to the album!
Greetings to everyone.

July is normally the busiest month of the year for ASA/USA Softball, this July was no exception. The number of teams, especially in our Junior Olympic Program, that participated in State/Metro, Region and Territory tournaments in their quest to qualify for a National Championship was in the tens of thousands. The number that qualify, the final number yet to be determined, will be close to two thousand.

As nearly 1,500 Junior Olympic teams currently sought their National Championship title at sites throughout the country, over 40 teams took home the title after winning their respective National Championships. Congratulations to each of these teams for their exceptional accomplishment, and good luck to all the adult teams that remain in the hunt for one of the ASA/USA Softball very prestigious national championships.

Also during July four of our National Teams participated in international events, representing the USA commendably. The Men’s Slow Pitch National Team and Men’s Slow Pitch Futures National Team traveled north to the heartland of the USA to participate in tour stops prior to competing with Canada in this year’s Border Battle. Both teams competed admirably, with the Futures Team being defeated only by the MSPNT and the MSPNT completing the competition undefeated. The Junior Men’s National Team traveled to Whitehorse, Canada to compete in the 2014 ISF Junior Men’s World Championship. The team played extremely well, completing the tournament in the very respectable fifth place. Just as importantly, the team was competitive the entire tournament, played with pride, exhibited great sportsmanship and conducted themselves professionally. The Women’s National Team participated in several tour stops on the East Coast and then traveled west to compete in the General Tire World Cup of Softball IX where they earned Gold. The World Cup was extremely well attended, played under excellent and very pleasant conditions, and once again showcased the sport of softball not only to our nation but worldwide as each game was streamed online free of charge in an exceptionally professional way or broadcast on ESPN’s family of networks. Preliminary information indicates an increase in both attendance and in viewership numbers. A huge thank you to ASA of Southern California and the City of Irvine, California for the great job they did hosting this year’s General Tire World Cup of Softball. From Irvine the WNT moved on to Canada to compete in the Canadian Open where they earned Silver, Japan took Gold. The team now travels to Italy to participate in an invitational tournament before traveling to Haarlem, Netherlands where they will compete in the 2014 ISF Women’s World Championship. We should all be extremely appreciative and proud of our athletes who regardless of the location or situation represent the USA enthusiastically and proudly both on and off the field of play.

Lastly, with the conclusion of this year’s 18U GOLD National Championship, the next phase of the ASA Hall of Fame Complex Stadium renovation begins immediately. This new phase will be completed in time for the hosting of the NCAA’s 2015 Women’s College World Series.

Thank you for playing ASA/USA Softball! We appreciate each and every one of you.
Stabilizer
THE ORIGINAL NATURAL BINDER

Increase Your Field’s Performance

Arizona State University
2008 National Champions
Farrington Stadium, Tempe, AZ

Advancing the Evolution of Soil

26 Years Over 100,000 Projects 36 Countries www.StabilizerSolutions.com 800.336.2488
©2010 Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. All Rights Reserved.
Hello everyone and welcome to the July 2014 issue of The Inside Pitch, the official newsletter of ASA/USA Softball!

What a great summer for ASA/USA Softball! As President Gutierrez alluded to in his letter earlier in this issue, we’ve been busy, busy, BUSY here at the National Office and I’m sure our members across the U.S. were just as busy! It’s a good kind of busy though as it means we are that much closer to the culmination of all the hard work, sweat and dedication that our teams, athletes, parents, coaches and staff puts in to a season!

We just finished up crowning our JO National Champions this last weekend, and it was so much fun to follow along with all the action! Whether you streamed the games, posted social media photos or sent us emails with updates, it looked like our National Championship season ended on a high note!

I had the opportunity to attend the inaugural 16U GOLD National Championship in Broken Arrow, where 48 of the top 16U teams competed for the chance to make their mark on history. The staff in Broken Arrow deserve a big round of applause for the great tournament they hosted! I can’t tell you how many compliments I heard about the venue, tournament organization and umpires at the event. One thing that was very clear at this National Championship is the excitement and honor that teams have when they play for an ASA/USA National Championship. As one coach told me, “There’s no way to describe how it feels to play for an ASA/USA title, to know that you’ve earned the right to be here.”

I was also able to attend the 14U Class A National Championship in San Diego, Calif. for a few days, and it was amazing to see the level of talent and enthusiasm the players have! The Southern California ASA folks were great and ran a top-notch tournament!

Reminder: if you have not sent in your photos of the ASA/USA National Championship you hosted, please do so as soon as you can! We use these in the Hall of Fame and Museum!

As always, if you’d like more tips on how to utilize a hashtag, or are wanting to come up with your own unique one, please feel free to reach out to me at cwarren@softball.org! Until next time, thank you for all that you do for ASA/USA Softball!
18U GOLD Championship: Wagners GOLD Dunn 7, Lil Rebels 96 2

This year’s winner’s bracket champion, after placing second in last year’s championship, Wagners came to OKC this year ready to take home the title. Entering the tournament double elimination bracket after going 2-1 in pool play warm up games, Wagners outscored opponents 58-16 throughout the week and tallied a 9-1 overall record. They recorded a team batting average of .327 and were led by Aleshia Ocasio who hit .543 for the week with 13 runs scored and a .579 on base percentage. From the circle, it was all Ocasio as well as she tossed 40.1 innings with five wins and 41 strikeouts.

Click here for stats from the entire ASA/USA 18U GOLD National Championship

In the championship game, Wagners Gold Dunn jumped on Lil Rebels 96 early on its way to the 7-2 win on Saturday, scoring three runs in the first inning. Wagners scored in the first on an error, a passed ball, and an RBI single by Brittney McGuire. McGuire racked up two RBI on two hits for Wagners in the championship victory.

One run in the top of the second helped Lil Rebels 96 close its deficit to 3-1. A sacrifice fly by Katie Dawson gave Lil Rebels 96 life, but Ocasio got Caitlyn Lloyd to end the rally when she was called for being out of the batter’s box. Wagners quickly matched Lil Rebels 96’s strong inning with a one-run inning of its own in the second to take a 4-2 lead. Wagners took advantage of a fielder’s choice miscue scoring Janae Perera, who earlier reached on a base hit bunt. After pushing across one run in the top of the third, Lil Rebels 96 faced just a 4-2 deficit. An error sparked Lil Rebels 96’s rally. The Lil Rebels 96 threat came to an end when Ocasio finally got Brooke Stover to ground out.

It didn’t take long for Wagners to respond as they scored again in the third on a sacrifice fly by Cacey Simmons plating Brittany McGuire who was hit by a pitch. Wagners added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth when McGuire kicked things off with a double, scoring Ocasio. Kelli Tidwell then doubled bringing home McGuire to give Wagners the eventual 7-2 victory.

From the circle, Ocasio recorded the win for the Wagners while Jacquelyn Sertic was saddled with the lost allowing four earned runs.

16U GOLD Championship: TN Fury 97 7, Tulsa Elite 98 2

After forcing the if-necessary game with a 10-9, extra inning victory over the undefeated Tulsa Elite 98, the TN Fury 97 captured their second ASA/USA National Championship with a 7-2 win to capture the first ever ASA/USA 16U GOLD National Championship title. The TN Fury 97 finished the week long tournament with a 10-2 record, with one loss occurring in pool play and the second loss at the hands of the Tulsa Elite 98 in the winners bracket finals. The TN Fury 97 also outscored opponents 117-31.

Click here for stats from the entire ASA/USA 16U GOLD National Championship

The TN Fury 97 were led by Libby Sugg, who collected 23 RBI with four home runs and 11 runs scored, finishing the tournament with a .583 batting average. From the circle, Brianna Jones led the way with a 3-2 record, issuing 25 strikeouts in 29.1 innings pitched with a 2.39 ERA.

A four first-inning runs helped TN Fury 97 to a 7-2 win over Tulsa Elite 98 on Saturday in the if-necessary game. Libby Sugg racked up three RBI on one hit for TN Fury 97, hitting a three-run homer in the first inning.

TN Fury 97 relied on Jordan Fortel in the if-necessary game as Fortel pitched all seven innings and allowed two earned runs, six hits and one walk while striking out two. Taylor Compton lasted one-third of an inning on the rubber for Tulsa Elite 98, surrendering four hits and four runs. Erica Battiest entered in relief during the first inning, issuing one strikeout, five hits and three runs in her 6.2 innings of work.

TN Fury 97 increased its lead with two runs in the sixth. Jordan Fortel started the inning with a single, bringing home Katie Corum. That was followed up with a steal of home by Alyssa Coppinger.

Two runs in the bottom of the sixth helped Tulsa Elite 98 close its deficit to 7-2. A passed ball and a sacrifice fly by Devin Hale sparked Tulsa Elite 98’s rally.
SAVE UP TO 15% AT ANY HOTEL IN THE HILTON HHONORS™ PORTFOLIO.

Your dream is our dream. As a proud sponsor of USA Softball and Team USA™, Hilton HHonors is helping you save up to 15% on your stay at any of our 10 distinct hotel brands. So no matter where your journey takes you, we have destinations in 90 countries ready to cheer you on.

Come dream with us.

<<< BOOK NOW AT HHONORS.COM/SOFTBALL <<<
These are the "best of the best" in the world of softball, selected for their one of kind skills, the only players on the planet who can slug a softball 500 feet and beyond. All summer long they go "one on one", in a "one of a kind" home run derby, earning the right to be crowned champion on the Stadium Power Tour.

Each player gets 15 swings, each home run is worth one point, except the last pitch, known as the money ball, it’s worth two points and could be the tie breaker.

The finals of the Stadium Power Tour are set for Friday, September 26 at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

San Diego, Calif. – July 30, 2014 –
DeMarini and Easton tied and were on top at Round 7 of the ASA Stadium Power Tour. Chris Larsen led off, with several blasts in the 500 foot range, measured by the Padres and ended up with 11 points. Easton’s Bryson Baker, subbing for Scott Kirby, quickly followed up and also slugged out 11 points, sending Evil softballs into the upper deck at Petco Park. The Bombers hit before the Padres & Cardinals game and hundreds of young softball fans.

Final Results from San Diego
Chris Larsen, DeMarini: 11 points
Bryson Baker, Easton: 11 points
*hitting for Scott Kirby
Chris Greinert, Combat: 9 points
Bubba Brungardt, DeMarini: 8 points
Denny Crine, Miken: 7 points
Brian Wegman, Easton: 4 points

2014 Manufacturers Cup Standings
1. Team Easton (Kirby, Wegman) – 119 Points
2. Team Miken (Crine, Filby) - 83 Points
3. Team DeMarini (Larsen, Brungardt) - 80 Points
4. Team Combat (McCraw, Greinert) – 67 points

Individual Standings
1.*Scott Kirby - 64 Points - 0 Swings Remaining
2. Brian Wegman - 55 Points – 0 Swings Remaining
5. Chris Greinert - 38 Points – 15 Swings Remaining
6.*Dale Brungardt - 34 Points – 30 Swings Remaining
7. Denny Crine – 33 Points – 30 Swings Remaining
WELLINGTON SEAHAWKS

TOP PICKS $20

+ ACCESS TO 4500+ VENDOR REBATES ON EACH COUPON
(A $20 VALUE!)

VIEW ALL OTHER FUNDRAISING OPTIONS
(OH YEAH... THERE'S MORE!)
ASA/USA Softball announced the final roster for the 2014 USA Softball Men’s Fast Pitch National Team that will compete this October in the Pan American Games and International Softball Federation (ISF) World Championship qualifier in Parana, Argentina. Ten initial athletes were named to the team in February and the seven remaining selections earned their spot competing at the ASA/USA Men’s Major National Championship in South Bend, Ind. over the weekend.

Click here to see the schedule for the 2014 USA Softball Men’s Fast Pitch National Team

Denny Bruckert (Gillespie, Ill.) will lead the National Team and be assisted by Greg Hicks (Bakersfield, Calif.), Gregg Leather (Staten Island, NY) and Nick McCurry (Ashland, Ohio) throughout the year.

“I think we have put together a really nice squad,” said Bruckert. “We named the initial ten guys earlier this year and had some great competition for the remaining seven spots. We decided to go with just three pitchers which is a bit different but we’re confident in each of their abilities to take the ball and throw a number of innings. We selected a lot of speed guys and we have some players who will come off the bench and do great things for us. I also like the mix of veterans and new guys that this team has.”

Ten players are returning from the 2013 squad that finished eighth at the ISF World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand. In October’s event the team will look to qualify for both the 2015 World Championships to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada as well as the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada. Men’s Fast Pitch makes its return to the Pan American Games for the first time since 2003 when Team USA took the Silver.

In addition to the Pan American Games/ISF World Championship qualifier, the 2014 USA Softball Men’s Fast Pitch National Team will compete in a Labor Day tournament in Elkland, Pa. August 29 – September 1.

For more information on the USA Softball Men’s Fast Pitch National Team and to follow their events throughout the year, visit USASoft-ball.com.

2014 USA Softball Men’s FP National Team

Kris Bogach (Huguenot, NY) - INF
Nate Devine (Sonora, Calif.) - UT
Josh Johnson (El Paso, Texas) - P
Tony Mancha (Las Cruces, N.M.) - P
Gerald Muizelaar (Grand Forks, N.D.) - P
Matt Palazzo (Pleasant Hill, Iowa) - INF
John Rozich (Oxford, Pa.) - C/OF
Marcus Tan (Union City, Calif.) - UT
Derrick Zechman (Watsontown, Pa.) - INF

Frank DeGroat Jr. (Ringwood, N.J.) - C
Lucas Goring (Minneapolis, Minn) - OF
Trevor Kelly (Marshall, Mich.) - INF
Chris Miljavic (Easton, Mo.) - OF
Nick Mullins (Toms River, N.J.) - INF
Bobby Rosthenhausler (Tucson, Ariz.) - C
Pat Sadgal (Richland, Wash.) - OF
Chase Turner (San Jose, Calif.) - OF
Being a family member of Team USA has it’s benefits.

Take advantage of partnership travel discounts.

United has flown Team USA for over 30 years, and we strive to be the airline of choice for Olympic family members as well. That’s why we offer discounted fares for USOC/NGB associated events. Go to united.com/USOC to book your flight, or to learn more.
Week 9 (June 25 - July 1): Sydney Hoffman (Lewisburg, Pa.) – PA Power Elite 12U

Sydney Hoffman (Lewisburg, Pa.) was almost untouchable from the circle. Her 4-0 record, including two no-hitters, 21 strikeouts, a .066 ERA and only four hits given up helped her earn the ninth ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by Worth Fastpitch and StudentSports.com. The pitcher helped lead her 12U PA Power Elite to a 5-0 record and a championship finish at the Pennsylvania ASA 12U Class B State Championship.

Not to be outdone by her pitching, Hoffman also had a stellar weekend at the plate. She hit .631 (12-for-19) with 13 RBI and an on-base percentage of .842. Almost half of her hits were for extra bases, and she walked four times. When she wasn’t pitching, Hoffman was in the outfield, ensuring she had an impact in almost every facet of the game.

Week 10 (July 2 - 8): Jaycie Cline (East Moline, Ill.) – Quad City Lady Hitmen 12U Red

Jaycie Cline (East Moline, Ill.) had no trouble seeing the ball at the plate over the weekend, as the Quad City Lady Hitmen 12U Red first baseman earned the 10th ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by Worth Fastpitch and StudentSports.com. Cline’s performance helped lead her team to a runner-up finish at the Illinois ASA 12U Class A State Tournament.

Cline amassed a .591 batting average (13-for-22) with one home run, three hits for extra bases and an .818 slugging percentage. A big contributor to her team’s success, Cline also scored six runs and knocked in 12 RBI.

Week 11 (July 9 - 15): Haylee Petre (Atlanta, Mo.) – Velocity 12U

Haylee Petre (Atlanta, Mo.) used power at the plate and in the circle to help capture the 11th ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by Worth Fastpitch and StudentSports.com. The Velocity 12U pitcher helped lead her team to a 6-0 record and the championship title at the Silver Streaks Tournament this past weekend.

Petre put together a .462 batting average (6-for-13) with a double and nine RBI. She also added two home runs and finished with a slugging percentage of 1.000. From the circle, Petre was reaching speeds of nearly 60 mph and batters were struggling to keep up. In her 18 innings of work, Petre gave up only four hits, no runs and struck out 28 batters. Velocity 12U made it through the entire tournament without giving up a run.

Week 12 (July 16 - 22): Hannah Newton (Peachtree City, Ga.) – GA Power DeMarini Gold

Hannah Newton (Peachtree, Ga.) led the Georgia Power DeMarini Gold with dominating performances in the circle earning her the 12th ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by Worth Fastpitch and StudentSports.com. The ace pitcher amassed 25 innings while allowing just two runs on four hits, one walk and struck out 31 opposing batters.

Newton has an 18-2 record on the season with an ERA of less than 1 and a 0.56 walks plus hits per inning pitched (WHIP) average. She has recorded 179 strikeouts in 131 innings in the circle. The starting pitcher is in her fifth year with the Georgia Power DeMarini Gold and holds an 11-1 record in ASA Nationals (14-Under 2010, 2011 and 16-Under 2012, 2013). This week, Newton and her Georgia Power DeMarini Gold team are competing at the ASA/USA 18-Under GOLD National in Oklahoma City.

Week 13 (July 23 - 29): Holly Murray (Carbon Hill, Ala.) – White Lightning 98

Holly Murray (Carbon Hill, Ala.) and her performance at the plate was the driving force behind White Lightning 98, earning her the 13th ASA Junior Olympic (JO) Player of the Week award, presented by Worth Fastpitch and StudentSports.com. The multi-position player had a batting average of .667 (18 for 27), with three homeruns and 12 RBI in the ASA 16-Under Southern National Championship in Clinton, Miss. this past weekend.

Half of Murray’s 18 hits were for extra bases, as she added six doubles to her three homeruns. The uncommitted 2016 graduate also had a slugging percentage of 1.222, and she scored 14 runs to help White Lightning 98 finish seventh.

Holly Murray at bat during the ASA/USA 16U Southern National Championship in Clinton, Miss.
Enjoy exclusive savings on Liberty Mutual Auto and Home Insurance.

As a member of ASA/USA Softball, you could save up to 10% on quality auto and home insurance tailored to your needs.¹

Discounts to Save You Money¹

• **Vehicle Safety Features Discount:** We recognize the importance of vehicle safety features and offer savings for standard features such as Anti-Theft and Anti-Lock Brakes.

• **New to Liberty Mutual Vehicle Discount:** When you add or change a vehicle on your policy, you’ll not only enjoy personalized service and expert advice, you’ll receive savings on your premium.²

• **Multi-Policy Discount:** If you have more than one policy with us, you get additional protection and additional savings.

Valuable Protection You Can Trust

• **Accident Forgiveness:** With Accident Forgiveness, we won’t raise your price due to your first accident if your driving record is accident-free and violation-free for five years, whether you’ve been with Liberty Mutual or a prior insurance carrier. If you qualify, you’ll receive the benefit at no extra cost.⁵

• **New Car Replacement:** If your new car is totaled in the first year, you’ll get the money for a brand new car, not just the depreciated value.⁶

• **Lifetime Repair Guarantee:** When you fix your car at one of our approved repair shops. We’ll even make the arrangements.⁷

Service When & Where You Need It

• **Round the Clock:** 24-Hour Claims Assistance, 24-Hour Roadside Assistance,³ and Emergency Home Repair

• **Business Your Way:** Online, by phone, with your mobile device, or at one of more than 350 local offices

• **Convenient Payment Methods:** Automatic withdrawal from your bank account, recurring credit card payments⁴ and Direct Billing

For a free quote, call 1-800-524-9400 or visit www.libertymutual.com/usasoftball.

This organization receives financial support for allowing Liberty Mutual to offer this auto and home insurance program. ¹Discounts and savings are available where state laws and regulations allow, and may vary by state. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify. ²Not available in NY. ³With the purchase of optional Towing & Labor coverage. Applies to mechanical breakdowns and disablers only. Towing related to accidents would be covered under your Collision or Other Than Collision coverage. ⁴Credit card fees may apply and may vary by state. ⁵Accident Forgiveness coverage is subject to terms and conditions of Liberty Mutual’s underwriting guidelines. Not available in CA and may vary by state. ⁶Applies to a covered total loss. Your car must be less than one year old, have fewer than 15,000 miles and have had no previous owner. Does not apply to leased vehicles or motorcycles. Subject to applicable deductible. Not available in NC or WY. ⁷Coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and its affiliates, 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA.

©2013 Liberty Mutual Insurance
General Tire World Cup
USA Women reclaim the World Cup of Softball title with 5-2 win over Canada

Click here for results from all matchups in the General Tire World Cup of Softball IX

USA reclaimed the World Cup of Softball Gold in mid-July, defeating Canada 5-2 to remain undefeated in General Tire World Cup of Softball play. Capitalizing on a three-run fifth inning, USA combined for eight hits against their northern neighbors.

It was a slow start for the U.S. offense as its batters were retired in order in the top of the first inning. Nevins issued her first strikeout of the game to Joey Lye to lead off Canada’s at-bat. USA’s defense was tested by the next two batters with a groundout to Valerie Arioto (Pleasanton, Calif.) and Nevins.

Both sides retired in order in the second inning to keep the game tied at 0. In the top of the third, Taylor Hoagland (Flower Mound, Texas) led off with a walk but was out at second after a fielder’s choice from Kelsey Stewart (Wichita, Kan.) to Lye at shortstop. The speedy Stewart recorded her second stolen base of the General Tire World Cup of Softball IX and then advanced to third on a walk pitch from Canada’s starting pitcher Jenna Caira. Another wild pitch plated Stewart to and give USA a 1-0 lead.

Canada got their first hits of the game in the bottom of the fourth as back-to-back infield singles put two runners on base with no outs. A sac-bunt advanced the runners on base, but Nevins fired back with two strikeouts to end the threat and keep Canada off the board.

USA tacked on another three runs in the top of the fifth inning as Sam Fischer (Simi Valley, Calif.) led off with a line drive to left field. Destinee Martinez (Corona, Calif.) entered as a pinch runner for Fischer and advanced to second base on a fly ball to center field from Hoagland. A wild pitch advanced the runners a base before Haylie Mclene (Morris, Ala.) hit a hop to shortstop to plate Martinez and stretch the lead to 2-0. Michelle Moultrie (Jacksonville, Fla.) recorded her first hit of the game with a double to left field to score Hoagland, prompting a pitching change for Canada as Sara Plourde entered in relief for Caira. With a runner on, Chavanne singled to plate Moultrie and give USA a 4-0 lead.

Jessica Moore (Sutter, Calif.) entered the circle for Team USA in the bottom of the sixth, and issued back-to-back singles to Lye and Victoria Hayward. A walk to Jennifer Yee loaded the bases for the second time of the game for Canada, who capitalized on a hit batter to score their first run of the game. With the hit batter, Jolene Henderson (Elk Grove, Calif.) took over as pitcher for the U.S., but an infield single from Megan Gurski allowed another Canadian runner to cross the plate and close the lead to 4-2. The bases were still loaded with no outs before a line drive back to Henderson resulted in a double play as she connected with Chavanne at third to get Yee for the second out. The second hit batter of the inning brought Nevins back to the circle for the Red, White and Blue with the bases loaded, until a ground-out to Kellie Fox (San Diego, Calif.) recorded the third out of the inning.

USA rebounded in the top of the seventh inning as McCleneysingled to left field with one out and stole second base. A deep fly ball to right field from Moultrie moved McCleneys to third until Chavanne hit an infield single to score McCleneys and change the lead to 5-2.

Just three outs away from the Gold, an error by Fox at shortstop put Larissa Franklin on first to start the at-bat for Canada, but a ground ball to Arioto at first base got Franklin out at second to record the first out. Nevins issued a walk to Hayward to put two runners on base for Canada. Yee hit a ground ball to Fox at shortstop, who made a heads up play to get Hayward out at second base for the second out of the inning. With runners on the corner, Kaleigh Rafter hit a fly ball to Martinez in left field, who made the catch to end the game and earning the U.S. their seventh World Cup of Softball title.

Nevins picked up the win for USA, pitching six and one-third innings with eight strikeouts and two hits allowed. Caira took the loss for Canada, issuing four strikeouts in four and two-third innings pitched with four hits and four runs allowed.

As a whole, Team USA finished the General Tire World Cup of Softball IX with a team batting average of .361 with Arioto leading the team with 12 RBI and five home runs. Chavanne followed with nine RBI and the team with 13 hits. For the pitching staff, Nevins collected two wins and an ERA of .525.

Follow along with Team USA on their quest for gold at the ISF Women’s World Championship at USASoftball.com.
EVERY DONOR MAKES A DIFFERENCE.  
BE A PART OF OUR LEGACY!

THE USA SOFTBALL LEGACY CLUB PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO USA SOFTBALL NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS AND ATHLETES THROUGH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GIVING. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ASSIST IN SUPPORTING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING TEAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL PLAY AND TRAVEL FOR COMPETITION. LEGACY CLUB MEMBERS ARE FRIENDS, ALUMNI AND ADVOCATES OF USA SOFTBALL WHO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF CONTINUING THE LEGACY ESTABLISHED BY THOSE IN THE PAST WHO HAVE WORN THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

USA SOFTBALL LEGACY CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS EASY AND GRANTS YOU ACCESS INTO A FRATERNITY ALONG WITH WORLD CHAMPIONS AND OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS. EVERY DOLLAR DONATED MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND GOES DIRECTLY TOWARDS SUPPORTING OUR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS.

NEW MEMBERS CAN JOIN ANYTIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND START TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY BENEFITS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE USA SOFTBALL LEGACY CLUB.

To find out more or to join for just $100, contact us at (405) 425-3422, LegacyClub@softball.org or visit USASoftball.com and select Legacy Club under the Team USA
Beginning in March, approximately 625,000 youth participated in over 4,000 competitions that took place across North America. Scotts, the “Official Lawn Care Company of Major League Baseball,” is in its second year sponsoring the grassroots program. Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) invites youth to demonstrate their skills by competing in pitching, hitting and running competitions. PHR participants advance through four levels of competition, beginning at the local level, which is hosted by organizations, leagues, or volunteers within a community, and continuing through sectional and team competitions. All 30 MLB Clubs hosted team championships at their ballparks on weekends from May 31st through June 29th. The top three competitors nationwide from each age group (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) advanced to the 2014 Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run program presented by Scotts National Finals.

**2014 National Finalists**

**7-8 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Madison Hamby (Surprise, AZ)
- Gabriella Emeana (Copperas Cove, TX)
- Liberti Simmons (Waurika, OK)

**9-10 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Lita Vorseth (Mesa, AZ)
- Nina Olivia King (Lee’s Summit, MO)
- Nicolina Pezzone (Struthers, OH)

**11-12 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Madison Hayes (Ooltewah, TN)
- Brooke Denning (WaKeeney, KS)
- Alyssa Ochoa (Baldwin Park, CA)

**13-14 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Amy Jensen (Parker, TX)
- Alicia Zappia (Rancho Bernardo, CA)
- Josie Peterson (Enders, NE)

**Winners of the 2014 MLB Pitch, Hit & Run**

**7-8 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Gabriella Emeana (Copperas Cove, TX)

**9-10 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Nina Olivia King (Lee’s Summit, MO)

**11-12 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Madison Hayes (Ooltewah, TN)

**13-14 Year Old Girls Age Division**
- Josie Peterson (Enders, NE)
You're not just buying lights. You’re buying an affordable system that reduces energy and maintenance costs year after year. That means while decreasing wasted energy, you’ll save money and help protect the environment for her future.

To learn more visit: [www.musco.com/generations](http://www.musco.com/generations)
Create a flyer for your own local association! Email Steven Embree at sembree@softball.org to get yours today!

TOP TEN REASONS TO PLAY INDIANA ASA SOFTBALL

1. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENT PLAY FOR ALL AGES
2. RULEBOOKS, SCOREBOOKS FOR EACH REGISTERED TEAM
3. TRAINING FOR UMPIRES (IN-PERSON CLINICS/SCHOOLS IN ADDITION TO VIDEO SUPPORT)
4. TRAINING (VIDEO) FOR YOUTH SOFTBALL COACHES
5. AFFORDABLE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR COACHES AND OTHER LEAGUE OFFICIALS
6. INSURANCE DISCOUNTS WITH NATIONAL PROVIDER FOR FIELD OWNERS, LEAGUE DIRECTORS, TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS
7. TOURNAMENT (INVITATIONAL, NATIONAL QUALIFIERS, TERRITORY AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP) HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES
8. MARKETING EXPOSURE FOR TOURNAMENTS ON STATE AND NATIONAL WEBSITES
9. ACCESS TO MERCHANDISE (APPAREL, BATS, BALLS, PRIZES) DISCOUNTS FOR LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS
10. EQUIPMENT STANDARDS/TESTING PROTOCOLS AND PLAYER CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM TO ENSURE COMPETITIVE BALANCE

INDIANA ASA - WHERE THE PLAYING FIELD IS LEVEL.
The International Softball Federation (ISF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ron Radigonda as the Executive Director of the ISF. This appointment, approved by the Board of Directors of the ISF, takes effect immediately.

Ron is an experienced administrator, very knowledgeable about the game of softball and sport administration. He served as the Executive Director for ASA/USA Softball for 15 years until his recent retirement and prior to this was the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Sacramento in California (USA).

“We were very fortunate to have a candidate of Ron’s experience and ability available to us at this time. We are going through a time of transition at the ISF and Ron’s ability to lead change and provide senior leadership and guidance to the organization as we forge a new organizational structure under the umbrella of the World Baseball Softball Confederation will be very important to building and maintaining a strong ISF now and in the future,” ISF President Dale McMann expressed about the appointment.

Ron’s first responsibilities will take him to the ISF Junior Men’s World Championship in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, which begins tomorrow, and then to the ISF Women’s World Championship in Haarlem, Netherlands in August.

In commenting on his appointment and attendance at the world championships, Ron said, “I am delighted to be joining the ISF. Under the leadership of President McMann, I believe we have an opportunity to grow the ISF, further develop the sport of softball and by working with other members of the WBSC re-gain our place on Olympic Games Program. I will be meeting with a number of individuals and groups at both world championships to hear first-hand their thoughts on how softball should develop in the coming months and years.”
MY ACTIVE IS...

Find your ACTIVE at ACTIVE.com

What's your ACTIVE?
ASA/USA Softball has relocated the Men’s Super Slow Pitch Championship tournament to Oklahoma City and the tournament will now be held September 26. Moved to Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in downtown Oklahoma City, the Super Championship will now coincide with the Men’s and Women’s Slow Pitch Championship series weekend as well as the Finals of the ASA Long Haul Bombers Stadium Power tour.

“We decided to move the inaugural Super Championship title to Oklahoma City to be a part of our Men’s and Women’s Slow Pitch Championship Series weekend,” said Craig Cress, ASA/USA Softball Executive Director. “We want to take every advantage we can to showcase the highest level of slow pitch to an audience that is engaged and invested in the sport. In addition, the ASA Long Haul Bombers Finals will certainly be quite the show for all teams in Oklahoma City that weekend.”

A series of participating Super tournaments have taken place all summer and ASA will crown the National Champion with $25,000, the 2nd place team with $15,000 and the 3rd place team with $10,000 in OKC in September.

“We really hope that by placing this event with our Championship Series and in OKC participation will grow in the future,” added Chris Sebren, ASA/USA Softball Director of Championships.

In addition, the top five ASA Long Haul Bombers will square off Friday night September 26 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark for the Bombers Finals. After a summer of slugging softball’s at Major League Ballparks across America, the top five sluggers will go head to head, to earn the title as world’s greatest softball home run hitter.

Teams from Combat, Easton, DeMarini and Miken will also compete for the Manufactures Cup as best home run hitting team in the nation. Last season, Team Easton won the Manufactures Cup and Denny Crine of Miken was crowned world’s greatest softball home run hitter.

The ASA Super and the Finals of the ASA Stadium Power Tour will be televised nationally on The CBS Sports Network at dates to be announced. The Stadium Power Tour Finals and the ASA Super can also be viewed on “Softball 360” the week of Oct 7 and 21. For networks and playback times in your region log on to Softball360.com.

For more information about the ASA Super Champi-
Get 5% Back on Bats, Gloves, Cleats & More
When You Join The League by Sports Authority

sportsauthority.com
Click here for results from the ISF Junior Men’s World Championship

The USA Softball Junior Men’s National Team took the field versus Mexico in the consolation finals of the International Softball Federation (ISF) Junior Men’s World Championship and won convincingly, 11-5. With the win, Team USA finished 7-4, their best record in the Junior Men’s World Championship since 1985.

“These guys played hard all tournament long, said USA Head Coach Tim Lyon. “They won more games than any USA Junior Men’s team has won in a long time and that’s something to be proud of.”

Zane Chason (Alma, Ga.) drew the start for Team USA but lasted just 2.2 innings before Philip Zimmerman (New Holland, Pa.) entered in relief. Chason allowed four runs on four hits in his outing and Zimmerman gave up just one run on three hits in the remainder of the game. The duo combined for six strikeouts.

Offensively, USA jumped on the board early with three runs on four hits in the top of the first inning. With Bryce DuCharme (Hudson, Wis.) reaching base on a single to lead off the game, Tyler Stoffel (North Mankato, Minn.) homered to make it 2-0. A Daniel Centeno Jr. (Salem, Utah) RBI double later in the at-bat scored the third USA run of the inning.

Mexico quickly closed the gap in the bottom of the inning scoring two runs on two hits off of Chason. The 3-2 score remained until the bottom of the third when the Mexican National Team again scored two runs on two hits taking a 4-3 lead into the fourth.

Team USA tied it up in the fourth when Tayler Nielson (Lehi, Utah) singled to plate Blaine Milheim (Eaton Rapids, Mich.) from second. In the bottom half, Zimmerman retired the side to preserve the 4-4 score to the fifth.

In their next at-bat, the USA Junior Men rallied to score two more runs on three hits and one Mexico error. The home team got a run back in the bottom of the fifth but USA held onto a 6-5 lead entering the sixth when they opened the game up for good. Tristan Sensenig (Denver, Pa.) opened the inning with a double and scored to batters later on an error. Later in the at-bat, with one runner on, Jimbo Pernetti (Ceres, Calif.) homered to give Team USA a 9-4 advantage.

Zimmerman held Mexico scoreless again in the sixth and the USA batters added two more runs on three hits in the seventh. With an 11-5 lead, the USA defense secured the win in the bottom of the seventh and Team USA earned the Consolation Championship.

In the tournament finals Argentina defeated New Zealand 9-0 in six innings to win their second consecutive ISF Junior Men’s World Championship Gold. Japan took bronze with a loss to New Zealand earlier in the day.

Following the tournament, the ISF flag was presented from the Whitehorse host committee to Dan Highland, member of the USA Softball Men’s National Team Selection Committee, as he represented Midland, Mich. who will host of the next ISF Junior Men’s World Championship in 2016.

Visit USAsoftball.com to view stats, archived streaming and see photos from all of USA’s games at the 2014 ISF World Championship.
Liberty Mutual Insurance is excited to announce our Responsible Sports program is now called the Liberty Mutual Insurance Play Positive™ program.

We will continue to deliver the same great resources and tools driven by our longstanding content partner Positive Coaching Alliance.

• Positive Sport Parent Guide
• Positive Coach Guide
• Videos
• Podcasts
• Email Subscriptions
• Downloadable Tools
• Team Parent Survey

This fall, join the hundreds of youth sport coaches and parents who will take our Play Positive Pledge to promote good sportsmanship in youth sports. Teams that recruit the most supporters have the chance to earn $2,500. Learn more at PlayPositive.com/Pledge.

Inspiration is waiting for you!
PUTTING SPORTSMANSHIP BACK INTO YOUTH SPORTS

Liberty Mutual Insurance started the Play Positive™ program to encourage good sportsmanship and help parents and coaches promote a better youth sports experience.

Visit PlayPositive.com for helpful advice, tools, and resources you can use on and off the field.

Interviews with world-class athletes, coaches, and Olympians
Tips and tools for youth sports coaches
Expert advice and resources for parents
Pledge to promote good sportsmanship

Learn more at PLAYPOSITIVE.COM
The USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team remains the Border Battle Champion for 2014 as a magnificent effort from Brett Helmer (Cicero, N.Y.) spurred Team USA to an 18-9 Border Battle VI win in seven innings over Team Canada.

“We got off to another slow start and run production was a bit low compared to our first eight games,” said Team USA head coach Steve Shortland. “The wind conditions changed a bit compared to the previous two days and it affected both teams ability to hit home runs, but what we lacked in offense was truly made up on defense. There were some unbelievable plays that had everyone shaking their heads in amazement.”

Shortland added, “However, when you have this collection of talent, we shouldn’t be surprised. Overall, this was a competitive game and we hope softball fans enjoyed it. I’m extremely proud of our players not only for the win but how well they represented our nation. They were exemplary ambassadors. I want to say a big thank you to the city of Kitchener, Softball Canada, and Home Run Sports. They were fantastic hosts and we had a great time.”

In the sixth edition of this slow pitch battle, veteran Helmer racked up six RBI on two hits as he homered in the first and third innings. The Red, White and Blue easily handled Team Canada’s pitching as eight hitters combined for 23 hits and 18 runs scored.

Home runs for USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team came when Helmer homered in the first and third innings, Denny Crine (Henderson, Nev.) homered in the third, and six-time USA team member Brian Wegman (Hamilton, Ohio) homered in the fourth inning. Chris Larsen (Vancouver, Wash.) also homered in the seventh inning.

Chris Parr recorded the loss for Canada as he allowed 18 runs in seven innings and walked one batter.

The top of the first saw USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team take an early lead, 3-0. The offense woke up as Bryson Baker (Woodland, Calif.) singled before Helmer homered, bringing home Kevin Filby (Delaware, Ohio) and Baker. After a quick strike from the U.S., Team Canada responded with four runs in the first. Team Canada scored on a two-run single by Francois Henry, a sacrifice fly by Justin Pennell, and an RBI single by Mike McLeod.

USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team never surrendered the lead after the third inning, scoring 10 runs including two three-run home runs.

Three USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team base runners came all the way around to score in each of the fourth, fifth and seventh. In the fourth, USA Men’s Slow Pitch National Team scored on a sacrifice fly by Jeff McGavin (Macomb, Mich.), scoring Luis Reyna (Tampa Fla.).

Team USA tacked on another three runs in the seventh. A single by Reyna ignited the offense, bringing home Kevin Bazat (Columbia, Mo.). That was followed up by Larsen’s two-run blast, scoring Reyna.

For complete scores and game stories from the week-long event for the Team USA Men’s National Slow Pitch teams, log on to the Border Battle Page!
Let our team help you insure your teams!

**THREE EASY WAYS TO INSURE SOFTBALL:**

1. Contact your ASA Commissioner. Visit [www.ASASoftball.com](http://www.ASASoftball.com) for contact info
2. Contact RPS Bollinger Sports—ASA Department, Ph: 800-526-1379 • ASAInfo@Bollinger.com

RPS Bollinger and ASA ~
Teaming up together for more than 50 years!