

**2009 USA/ ASA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
GIRL'S 12 A  
NORMAL, IL  
JULY 27-AUGUST 2  
INFORMATION SHEET**

**1. Tournament Director**

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**Tournament Web Site**

[www.softball.normal.org](http://www.softball.normal.org)

**Mailing Address:**

Normal Parks and Recreation Department  
611 S. Linden St.  
Normal, Il 61761

**2. Travel**

**Air** - Bloomington-Normal has a fantastic Regional Airport, 309 663-7373. Flights are scheduled throughout the day to and from Chicago and St. Louis. Teams in need of a chartered bus for a one day trip to Chicago or to use throughout their stay can contact Peoria Chartered Bus Co. 1 800 448-0572

**3. Hotels / Motels**

Rooms have been blocked at a number of properties. Visit tournament web site listed above for hotel rates and information

**4. Team Check-in    PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT AT CHECK-IN**

Normal Community West High School    501 N. Parkside Rd. Normal  
Sunday, July 26    9:00am – 4:00pm  
Cafeteria

**Managers must provide birth certificates and photo I.D.'s for each player listed or ASA cards for each player on the roster.**

**Players must be present at check -in!!**

**Entry fee of \$325.00, team roster, and national entry form must be received by the tournament director no later than July 20 at 5:00pm. Checks made payable to Town of Normal**

## 5. Managers Meeting

**Sunday, July 26, 4:30pm** Normal Community West High School's Cafeteria. Two managers per team are invited to attend.

## 6. Opening Ceremonies

**Sunday, July 26, 7:00pm**

Illinois State University - Hancock Field

Light snack will be served to all teams immediately following ceremonies.

### Special Event –

Immediately following Opening Ceremonies (8:30- 8:45pm) A tremendous show will conclude opening ceremonies. Quick Change is a performance that will excite and amaze all ages. You don't want to miss this.

### Pin Trading -

for teams wanting to participate, will be held at the conclusion of the opening ceremonies special event.

## 7. Team Pictures

**Pictures will be taken during pool play, July 27-28.**

Managers will be expected to have their team picture taken prior to the end of pool play. Team pictures will be taken outside of the left field fence on diamond #2. Individual and action photos will be taken during the first several days of play and can be purchased throughout tournament play.

## 8. Opening Games

Pool play begins Monday, July 27, 8:30am.

Pre tournament draw conducted on Tuesday, July 21

Draw information will be available on tournament web site, July 22 12pm

During pool play the tournament committee is asking each team to provide a volunteer who will either announce or operate scoreboard during their teams two games. **In return each coach will be given an adult tournament pass to be given to this volunteer.**

Double Elimination begins Wednesday, July 29 8:30am

Championship Game – Sunday, August 2 2:00p (If game 4:00p)

Draw into elimination play will held on Tuesday, July 28 7:30pm

Normal Community West High School –Cafeteria,

## 9. Official Game Ball

The official game ball is provided by Worth Sporting Goods. Dream Seam Softballs will be available for resale (\$5.00) for those teams wanting to practice with the official game softball.

## 10. Practice Fields

Fields will be made available for practice or practice games on Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26. All practice requests must be emailed to [bwielgopolan@normal.org](mailto:bwielgopolan@normal.org) beginning July 6. Requests will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Teams wanting a practice game must pay \$40 in advance to cover umpire expenses. No charge for a team practice. Both practice games and practices will be set up for 90 minutes and held at Champion Fields-Maxwell Park.

## 11. PLAYING FIELDS - Champion Fields

Champion Fields at Maxwell Park is a 10 diamond lighted facility. Outfield fence 200'-225'

The tournament will offer a wide variety of concession foods. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE ADMISSION GATES.**

Each dugout will contain a water cooler with water, ice, cups. **NO OUTSIDE WATER COOLERS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE COMPLEX.**

## 12. Alcoholic Beverages

All alcoholic beverages are **prohibited** in the softball complex and parking areas.

## 13. Warm-up Areas

Prior to games teams are required to warm-up outside the fenced in areas. There is ample room outside of the gates for team's warm-up. **NO THROWING OR SWINGING OF BATS WILL BE ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE FIELD OF PLAY. This is for the safety of all.** Only exception is bullpen areas for teams playing.

**No infield practice will be permitted prior to games.**

## 14. Run Ahead Rule

15 after three innings, 8 after five innings.

### **15. Time Limit Rule**

**POOL PLAY ONLY** - no inning shall start after 1 hour and 40 minutes.

### **16. Tie-Breaker Rule**

If, after the completion of seven innings of play (or 1 hour and 40 minutes for pool play) the score is tied, starting with top of the eighth inning a runner will begin the inning at second base.

### **17. Line-up Cards**

Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line-up card must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. **Please list player's first names as well as last names.**

### **18. Coin Flips**

Tournament officials will conduct a coin flip at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time. **Home team will occupy third base dugout.**

### **19. Awards**

Team trophies and individual awards to National Champion, Runner-up, third, fourth and fifth place teams.

### **20. Coach & Player Passes**

Each team will be given up to **four** coaches passes and **one** pass for each player attending the tournament who is listed on the roster.

Passes must be shown each time entering the facility.

**Even when in uniform!!!**

**Lost passes will be replaced at the tournament price**

### **21. Tournament passes go on sale beginning at team check-in and will be sold at the gate. Passes sold at team check-in can be purchased with a credit card (Visa or MC)**

**All other pass sales require cash**

*Adult pass	\$45.00	** Daily Adult	- \$ 12.00
*Senior pass (65+)	\$30.00	** Daily Senior (65+)	- \$ 8.00
*Youth pass	\$30.00	** Daily Youth	- \$ 8.00

Children 5 & Under FREE

**\*Each tournament pass receives five - \$1.00 tickets good for the purchase of food/drink at the concession stands.**

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**22. Souvenirs**

A wide variety of items sure to excite players, coaches, and families will be available for purchase throughout the week. Sales begin prior to tournament play at team check-in and Opening Ceremonies.

**23. Gift Exchange**

Teams will exchange gifts prior to the first pool play game. Gift should be symbolic of each teams home town and have a value of \$10.00 or less.

**24. Inclement Weather**

If, for any reason, weather suspends games the tournament directors will reschedule games and adjust the schedule accordingly to keep the tournament on schedule.

**Tournament Information Line, 309 433-3434 category 4**

Call this information line during the tournament when the weather is inclement to find out up to the minute information on games.

**25. Protests**

The tournament UIC and Assistant UIC will rule on all protests. As manager, please be familiar with the rules of the game including proper protest procedures.