

USA Softball of Oregon

2026 C State Championships!

Wallace Marine Softball Complex
Salem Oregon – 6/26 – 6/28/2026



Key Tournament, Facility and Playing Rules

Check-In Requirements

1. Coaches must check in with USA Softball representatives for **1 hour and 30 minutes prior to their first game** on Friday or Saturday.
2. **Copy of Current USA Softball Championship Roster**
 - a. Coach and Commissioner signature required – this is NOT the normal roster
3. **Tournament Signature Form (players will sign this form at check-in)**
 - a. Please have your players line up in the same order as your current roster to sign this form at check-in.
 - b. Have their Name and DOB filled out. Only player signature should be left blank.
4. **ID Cards of coaches and players in electronic or printed format to receive approved wristbands.**
 - a. **Approved Coaches must wear USA Softball assigned wrist bands throughout the tournament.**
 - b. No Coach or Parent is allowed on the field or in the dugout without a wristband.
5. **Coaches Championship Play Requirements Form**
 - a. Filled out completely and must be signed by your commissioner or the USA Softball of Oregon Tournament Representative at Check-in.
6. **Pick Up Players (Guest Players) are never allowed in the state tournaments**
 - a. Players can be added to a team's Championship roster up to 24 hrs. before your first game.
 - b. Players are only allowed to participate in one (1) State Championship per year.

Complex Rules

- No bicycling, skateboarding, skating, large riding toys, and distracting or artificial noise-making toys, including horns.
- **Smoking or vaping** of any kind is prohibited in all City Parks; this includes the parking lot.
- The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in City of Salem parks, streets, public open spaces, designated sports fields, and recreational buildings.
- NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS, Shelled Nuts or Spitting OF ANY KIND. Strictly enforced by City of Salem staff.
- No cans or glass bottles are allowed.
- **Pitchers must warm up on the warning track on all fields at Wallace Marine Park.**
- Rainout info: I'll text all head coaches by 6am on gameday. My cell is 541.999.1848

Tournament Rules

- USA Softball rules are in effect with exceptions noted below. Only head coaches can attend the "plate talk".
- Home team will be determined by a coin flip at the umpires' plate talk.
- Questioning balls and strikes is strictly prohibited and will result in a warning, then an ejection from that game and the next tournament game.
- Coaches will be asked to intervene when parental or fan unsportsmanlike conduct is identified by umpires. Failure to do so will result in Head Coach being ejected from that game and the next tournament game.
- Tournament is a 3 Game Guarantee – Championship style bracket tournament.
- Team listed on the top of the bracket - **1st Base dugout** unless already occupied.
- Tournament brackets will be seeded based on the "draw" earlier in the week.
 - Selections will be made based upon the following:
 - The most teams, by Oregon region, will draw first, in alphabetical order. All other states follow Oregon.
 - Random TBA assignments have been previously assigned. Teams will be slotted in the TBA position drawn on draft night.

Tournament Rules

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- Time Limit: **No new inning after 1 hr. and 30 minutes including Sunday Championship and “If” Games.** If Home team is winning when time expires, batter will complete their turn at bat.
- **IT IS IMPORTANT to note that games may start 15 minutes early** if umpires and both teams are ready. This will keep on pace with the day-long schedule and help with any heat concerns as we move through the day. **Be prepared to start 15 minutes early whenever possible.**
- Time will be kept by the Umpires and announced on the **first warmup pitch**.
- **Tie Games**
 - If teams are tied at the end of 1hr 30 Mins of play, or 7 complete innings, each new inning will start with runners **on 2nd and 3rd base**.
 - During each half inning of the inning used to enforce the tiebreaker, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with **the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed at second base and the player scheduled to bat next-to-last at third base**.
 - For example, if the number five batter is to lead off, the number four batter in the batting order should be placed on second base and the number three batter in the lineup should be placed on third base.
 - A substitute may be inserted for the runner.
 - An unreported substitute would be legally in the game after a pitch has been thrown, or a play has been made if not reported at the start of the inning.
- There will be a **5 run per-inning run rule in effect** throughout the Tournament.
 - There are no “open” innings in the C State Championships.
 - **Important: Only 5 runs per inning** regardless of final at bat when more than 5 runs are scored.
 - Please note that if a team cannot *come from behind* and win due to the 5 run per inning rule, normal game time of 1hr 30 minutes **will still be played**.
 - Exception: if the run rule “Mercy Run Rule” is applied.
- Mercy Run Rule in effect: 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 8 after 5

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- Teams can **bat the roster** throughout the Tournament.
 - If you are **NOT** batting the entire roster, **only one EP (Extra-Player)** can be inserted into the lineup thus allowing you to bat 10 players. The DP/Flex can still be used (Flex listed in last position in the lineup).
 - Any player in the lineup can play defense.
 - Substitutions for the Pitcher and Catcher **must be reported**.
 - If **YOU ARE** batting the roster, **Courtesy Runners for Pitcher/Catcher** will be the **last available batter in the lineup**.
 - If you are **NOT** batting the roster and have substitutes, **substitutes must be used for your courtesy runners**. Once all your subs have been used, no other courtesy runners are allowed.
- **Line-up Cards: First AND Last Name of players; starting positions of pitchers/catchers and player numbers** must be listed on line-up cards. Subs should be listed on the bottom of the lineup (not off to the right of your starting lineup).
 - **Line-up cards will be accepted, but teams are required to return First Name and Last Name**
- Players that leave the game (injury, illness, etc.) **may not return unless being replaced by a substitute**.
 - If substitutes are available, one must be used to replace the injured player.
 - The player that left the game player may re-enter the game one time when they are replaced by a substitute.
 - If a player that left the lineup cannot be replaced by a substitute, the lineup will be **"compacted"** with **no out associated with the injured player when their turn at bat comes up**.
 - **The player that left the line cannot return to the lineup once the lineup is compacted**.
- Checking Bats and Helmets for this tournament will be the responsibility of the coaches.
- **Softballs are at a premium this year.** It is the responsibility of the offensive team to chase foul balls rather quickly....(please).
 - **Home Run Balls** may be purchased at the Tournament Directors desk for \$10 and will be donated to the Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament to be held in the fall.

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- **Music:** The team on OFFENSE is allowed music. No music is allowed when your team is on defense. Music must be appropriate and volume reasonable.
- **No one is allowed in the team dugout that do not have a wristband which means they are NOT certified by USA Softball.**
 - **Parents that are not certified, to include bat boys and bat girls, are NOT allowed in the dugouts.**
 - **All coaches must have wrist bands when on the field and in the dugout.**
- All protests will be decided before the next pitch is thrown. All protests will be settled by the site UIC / Tournament Director and are final.

Administrative

- An \$80 administration fee will be charged on all refunds.
- There will be no refunds after the schedule is published.
- Should the tournament be canceled or partially canceled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, a \$100 refund will be issued per games not played.
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Finally, thank you so much for participating in the 2026 USA Softball of Oregon C State Championships!

All the best and good luck!

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