

**USA 10,12,14,16,& 18 GIRLS FASTPITCH
Class A & B Northern Nationals
July 30 - August 2, 2026**



**Hosted by
Sioux Falls People for Youth
Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

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May 19, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Your team has qualified to participate in the 2026 USA Girls Fastpitch Northern National Championship in Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Falls People for Youth is proud to be hosting this great tournament the week of July 30 – August 2, 2026. We look forward to having your players, coaches, parents and fans as distinguished guests in our community.

Enclosed please find several documents pertaining to your participation in this tournament. ***Please make note of the deadlines for each of the following.***

- 1). USA Tournament Entry Form. *Please obtain this form from your Commissioner.* This form must be completed and returned to the tournament director at the address shown below, along with your entry fee of **\$950.00** (made payable to Sioux Falls People for Youth). ***This form must be signed by your State Commissioner or his/her designee.*** The deadline for this form and entry fee is **July 17, 2026.****

- 2). Official USA Championship Roster. *Please obtain this form from your Commissioner.* Please complete this form and return it to the tournament director as well. ***This form must be signed by your State Commissioner or his/her designee.*** The deadline for this form is **July 17, 2026.****

- 3). ACE Certified Coach.** An ACE Certified Coach is required to be with the team during the tournament. Certification must be provided at time of team check-in, per USA code. All other dugout personnel must provide proof of background check.

- 4). Safe Sports** All adults who will be in contact with youth team members must be Safe Sports Certified.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to all of these documents and deadlines. We are excited and anticipate enjoying a great tournament!

Sincerely,

Dave Nielsen
President – Sioux Falls People for Youth
605-221-1846
Email: nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com
Web site: www.siouxfallsfastpitch.com

Mail Registrations to: 2026 A/B Nationals
% Rick Graf
2901 S. Cortland Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

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VIP's for South Dakota

South Dakota USA Commissioner	Keith Morell
South Dakota USA Commissioner Emeritus	Gary Young
South Dakota Youth Commissioner	Travis Young
South Dakota & Regional Umpire-in-Chief	Steve Riswold
SD Junior Olympic Umpire-in-Chief	Brett Distel

Sioux Falls People for Youth

Sioux Falls People for Youth is a group of volunteers devoted to the support of youth fastpitch softball. We host a national qualifier tournament each year, as well as the International Ringneck Tournament. The Ringneck Tournament is one of the largest tournaments held in the Midwest, with 132 teams participating from SD, NE, MN, IA, CO, WI and Canada.

Tournament Director

Rick Graf
Phone: 605-221-1846
Email: nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com

SFPY President

Dave Nielsen

Athletic Trainers

Sanford Health
18th & Euclid
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

SFPY

Sioux Falls People for Youth
PO Box 541
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101-0541

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Team check-in at:
Sherman Park-Tournament Headquarters
12th and Kiwanis
T-shirts, Programs, and Passes on Sale

Thursday, July 30, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Team check-in at:
Sherman Park-Tournament Headquarters
12th and Kiwanis
T-shirts, Programs, and Passes on Sale
(Teams must check-in at least 1 hour before first game)

Thursday, July 27, 2012
7:00 PM

Coaches Meeting
Zoom Online Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 2026
8:00 a.m.

Pool Play Games

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Coaches Draw for Double Elimination Tournament to occur at the end of your last pool game at Tournament Headquarters when their division is complete. Ex. 18 and Under B

Friday, July 31 –
Saturday, August 1

Double Elimination Games
begin at 8:00 a.m. each day

Saturday , August 1, 2026

Championship Games Scheduled
Sunday August 2 if weather or number of teams dictate it.

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General Information

Site(s)	Sherman Park Complex 12 th St. and Kiwanis Ave. Harmodon Park 5721 E. 41st St
Date	July 30 – August 2, 2026
Host	Sioux Falls People for Youth
Tournament Director	Rick Graf
Umpire-In-Chief	TBD
Assistant Umpire-in-chief	Brett Distel, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
USA Tournament Representative	TBD
Entry Fee	\$950 - Checks payable to <u>Sioux Falls People for Youth</u>
Entry Deadline	July 23, 2026
Tournament Check-in Sherman Park Headquarters	Wednesday, July 29, 2026 5PM-8PM Thursday, July 30, 2026 Start at 8AM
Rosters	Official USA-USA Softball Tournament Roster must be received by SFPY by <u>July 17, 2012</u> Email: nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com Mail: 2026 A/B Northern National Registration % Rick Graf 2901 S Cortland Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Structure	Pool Play with Double Elimination as per USA Code

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Awards	Team trophies shall be presented to the top teams. Individual awards shall be presented to players on the top 2 placing teams.
Official Balls	Baden 2A312FLY 12”.
Uniforms	All players and coaches must comply with the USA uniform code.
Rules and Regulations	All playing rules and regulations will be governed by the 2026 USA Softball Official Guide and Rule Book and the 2026 USA Code.
Coaches	Dugout staff 18 year or older must be certified by Safe Sports, Background checked, and at least one ACE certified.
Team Dugouts	The team listed on the top bracket shall occupy the third base dugout. Exception: a team playing back to back on the same field will stay in the same dugout.
Coin Toss	TBD by the UIC
Official Lineups	Official line-ups are due at the time of coin toss.
Parking	Parking is free.
Souvenirs	Souvenirs will be available at check in, opening ceremonies, and at the fields during the week.
Alcoholic Beverages	NOT PERMITTED!
Team Housing	HBC is the official Housing bureau see link on either USA South Dakota site or Sioux Falls People for Youth site.
Coaches Meeting	Thursday, July 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. online meeting link will be provided

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Evaluation Sheets	Will be given out at team check-in. It is mandatory they be turned in prior to the start of double elimination tournament play.
Map	See Sioux Falls Official 2026 Visitors Guide provided with tournament information packet.
Practice Fields	Locations of fields will be available at team check-in.
Players Identification	<u>Players must be present for check-in. Mandatory signature and photo ID to match roster will be checked at team check-in.</u>
Questions	Questions on anything pertaining to this tournament should be directed to the Tournament Director at 605-221-1864 nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com.
Forms	All forms and checks should be sent to the tournament director at: 2026 B Nationals % Rick Graf 2901 S. Cortland Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57103
WEB Site	www.siouxfallsfastpitch.com Please check this web site regularly for any tournament updates.
Email	nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com

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Tournament and Program Information Response Sheet
(This is NOT an Official Roster or Entry Form)
(Can be emailed to nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com)

Mail this sheet for arrival before July 17th

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Sioux Falls SD 57103
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Association _____

Team Name _____ City _____

Coach _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone H () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Coach email address _____

Ace Certified Coach (Registration Number) _____

Assistant Coach _____

Phone Cell (____) _____

Hotel Will You Be Staying At _____

How Many Rooms _____