

**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](mailto:nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com)  
Web site: [www.siouxfallsfastpitch.com](http://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](mailto:nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com)

**SFPY President**

Dave Nielsen

**Athletic Trainers**

Sanford Health  
18<sup>th</sup> & 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

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| Wednesday, July 29, 2026<br>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Team check-in at:<br>Sherman Park-Tournament Headquarters<br>12 <sup>th</sup> and Kiwanis<br>T-shirts, Programs, and Passes on Sale  |
| Thursday, July 30, 2026<br>9:00 am – 2:00 pm  | Team check-in at:<br>Sherman Park-Tournament Headquarters<br>12 <sup>th</sup> and Kiwanis<br>T-shirts, Programs, and Passes on Sale<br>(Teams must check-in at least 1 hour before first game) |
| Thursday, July 27, 2012<br>7:00 PM            | Coaches Meeting<br>Zoom Online Meeting   |
| Thursday, July 30, 2026<br>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 –<br>Saturday, August 1       | Double Elimination Games<br>begin at 8:00 a.m. each day  |
| Saturday , August 1, 2026                     | Championship Games Scheduled<br><b><u>Sunday August 2 if weather or number of teams dictate it.</u></b>  |

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| Site(s)  | Sherman Park Complex<br>12 <sup>th</sup> St. and Kiwanis Ave.<br>Harmodon Park<br>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<br>Sherman Park Headquarters | Wednesday, July 29, 2026 5PM-8PM<br>Thursday, July 30, 2026 Start at 8AM   |
| Rosters  | Official USA-USA Softball Tournament Roster must be received by SFPY by <b><u>July 17, 2012</u></b><br><br>Email: <a href="mailto:nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com">nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com</a><br><br>Mail: 2026 A/B Northern National Registration<br>% Rick Graf<br>2901 S Cortland Ave<br>Sioux Falls, SD 57103 |

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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.   |

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| 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   |
| 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. |

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| 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 | <b><u>Players must be present for check-in. Mandatory signature and photo ID to match roster will be checked at team check-in.</u></b>   |
| Questions              | Questions on anything pertaining to this tournament should be directed to the Tournament Director at<br>605-221-1864<br><a href="mailto:nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com">nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com</a> . |
| Forms                  | All forms and checks should be sent to the tournament director at:<br><br>2026 B Nationals<br>% Rick Graf<br>2901 S. Cortland Ave.<br>Sioux Falls, SD 57103  |
| WEB Site               | <a href="http://www.siouxfallsfastpitch.com">www.siouxfallsfastpitch.com</a><br>Please check this web site regularly for any tournament updates.   |
| Email                  | <a href="mailto:nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com">nationals@siouxfallsfastpitch.com</a>   |

Tournament and Program Information Response Sheet  
(This is NOT an Official Roster or Entry Form)

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Mail this sheet for arrival before July 17th

2026 A/B Northern Nationals

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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 \_\_\_\_\_