

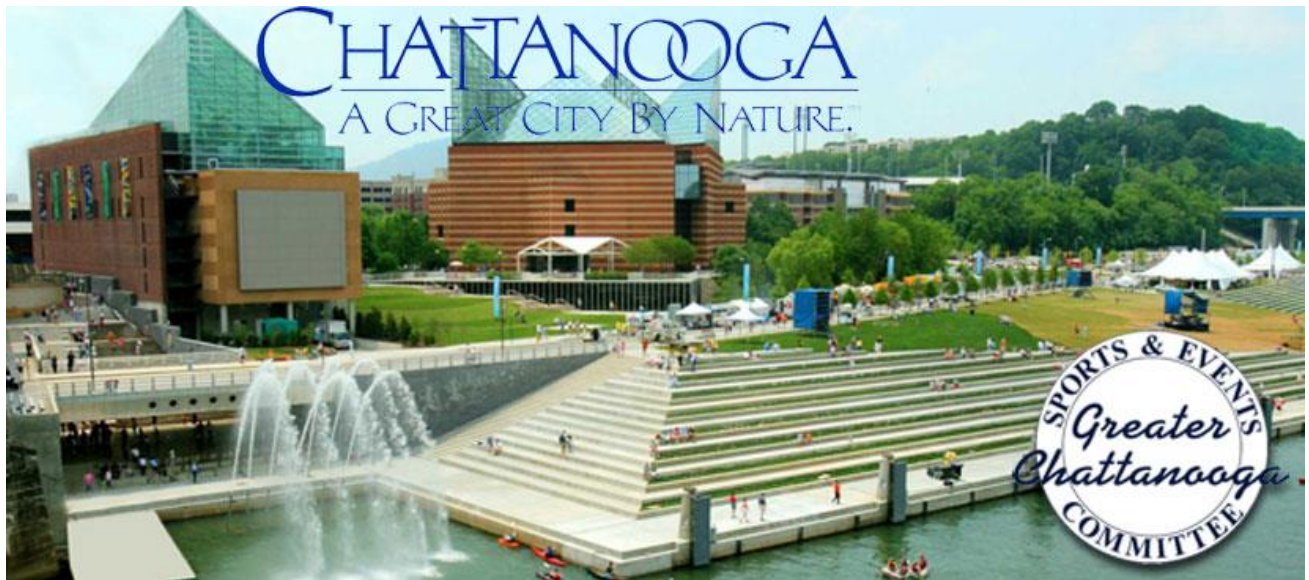


ASA / USA 2013

12U Fastpitch National Championship Tournament Information Package

July 28 - August 4, 2013

Chattanooga, TN



Last Update
Wednesday, May 28, 2013



Coaches & Players:

Congratulations to your team for qualifying to compete in the 2013 ASA/USA 12U National Championship to be held July 28th – August 4th.

Chattanooga Parks & Recreation along with Chattanooga ASA is very proud to host the USA/ASA 12U National Championship and we are committed to providing the 100 plus teams participating, a quality tournament with excellent fast pitch facilities.

The Summit of Softball - 8 fields with shaded bleachers, picnic areas, and plenty of parking. It is located within minutes of Hamilton Place Mall, hotels, and restaurants.

Warner Park/Frost Stadium - A 53 acre community park that offers six ball fields with shaded bleachers, 12 tennis courts, a playground, picnic facilities, an Olympic size pool/waterpark, and lots of shaded grassy areas. It is also home to the [Chattanooga Fitness Center](#) and the [Chattanooga Zoo](#). It is located in downtown Chattanooga and is within a short drive of area hotels, shopping centers, restaurants, the Chattanooga Aquarium, and many other entertainment venues.

The information contained in this packet should answer most of your questions regarding this year's championship. Please read the packet carefully, paying close attention to the listed deadlines and time schedules.

We are pleased to welcome you to Chattanooga, TN on the banks of the Tennessee River. We promise to make this prestigious event enjoyable for your team, fans, and families.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at:

kimberlycswafford@chattanoogaasa.com .

Sincerely,

12U ASA/USA Tournament Directors:

Kim Swafford

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Doug Swafford

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2011 USA / ASA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET

Tournament: 2013 ASA/USA 12U National Championship

Site: Warner Park, 1254 E 3rd St, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404
The Summit of Softball, 8636 Apison Pike, Ooltewah, TN 37363

Tournament Dates: July 28th – August 4th

Tournament Website: www.chattanoogaasa.com

Email Address: kimberlycswafford@chattanoogaasa.com

Tournament Director:

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Tournament Umpire in Chief: Jimmy Derrick – GA ASA

ASA Representative: Kim Townsend – GA ASA

Housing Coordinator: HBC Event Services

Email Address: helenc@hbceventservices.com

Hotel List: [ASA Nationals Hotel List](#)

Headquarter / Host Hotel:

Chattanooga Choo Choo
1400 Market St.
Chattanooga, TN 37402
(423) 266-7331

SEND ROSTER/AFFIDAVIT, ENTRY FORM, HOTEL SELCTION FORM, AND ENTRY FEE TO:

2013 12U ASA Nationals
1418 Walden Forest Rd
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Entry Fee: \$400

Entry Deadline: July 21, 2011

Make Check Payable to: Chattanooga ASA

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Timeline

- Thursday, July 21st** **Deadline** to receive Roster / Affidavit and entry fee. Please call if you will have to hand carry roster form.
Mail To: Chattanooga ASA
1418 Walden Forest Road
Signal Mountain, TN 37377
- Saturday, July 27th**
1:00pm - 5:00pm **Team Check-In:** [Chattanooga Choo Choo – Track 29](#)
1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
All Players Must Be Present at check-in and have their ASA issued picture identification card. All required forms must be turned in at this time.
- Sunday, July 28th**
9:00am - 12:00pm **Team Check-In:** [Chattanooga Choo Choo – Track 29](#)
1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
All Players Must Be Present at check-in and have their ASA issued picture identification card. All required forms must be turned in at this time.
- Sunday, July 28th**
11:30am **Manager's Brunch:** [Chattanooga Choo Choo – Grand Ballroom](#)
1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN 37402
- Sunday, July 28th**
7:00pm **Opening Ceremonies:** Max Finley Stadium
1826 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408
UT Chattanooga's Max Finley Stadium is an outdoor 10,000 seat facility that hosts UTC Mocs football and soccer events.
- Sunday, July 28th**
8:00pm **Pizza & Pin Trading Party** First Tennessee Pavilion (next to stadium)
1826 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408
Free pizza and Coke products for all players and coaches. Family members may join in for \$5.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance.
- Monday, July 29th**
7:30pm-10:30pm **ASA Exclusive TN Aquarium Tour** [Tennessee Aquarium](#)
One Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402
The TN Aquarium will be open exclusively to ASA Nationals visitors only. Advance ticket order form attached to this packet or tickets may be purchased at the door.
- Monday, July 29th – Tuesday, July 30th** **Pool Play:** Warner Park / The Summit of Softball
All pool play games will be scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Teams will be scheduled for one pool play game per day. Gift exchange will be at the first pool play game of the tournament for each team.
- Tuesday, July 30th**
TBD **Bracket Draw:** Warner Park Frost Stadium Office
The Bracket draw will be based upon pool and will be held immediately upon the completion of final pool games at Warner Park. Only one representative from each team is allowed and required to attend.
The final bracket will be posted as quickly as it is completed at:
www.chattanoogaasa.com

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General Information

A. **Tournament Entry** – You must send the Official ASA National Tournament Entry Form signed by the Qualifying Tournament Director or Local ASA Commissioner along with the entry fee of \$400. Entry forms and fee must be received by July 21, 2013.

- a. Make checks payable to: Chattanooga ASA
- b. Send Form and Fee to: 1418 Walden Forest Rd
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Your original ASA Official Championship Roster and signed Affidavit Form should be mailed ahead of time in order to prevent last minute problems. **IF YOU CANNOT MAIL PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, PLEASE HAND CARRY THE ORIGINAL ROSTER SIGNED BY YOUR ASSOCIATION COMMISSIONER TO THE TEAM REGISTRATION.** No team will be allowed to play if the original has not been submitted prior to pool play. After the registration information has been reviewed, all registered teams will be displayed at www.chattanoogaasa.com.

B. **Team Check In** – Saturday, July 27th from 1:00pm – 5pm or Sunday, July 28th from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the [Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel](#), 1400 Market St, Chattanooga, TN 37402. (See Team Check In Procedures Below.) All players must be present and have their ASA issued picture identification card. Unless already submitted, the following forms will be required to complete your registration:

- a. National Tournament Entry form
- b. Entry Fee
- c. Original Signed Roster and Affidavit
- d. Gate Pass Form
- e. Advance Gate Pass order form
- f. Advance order form for Pizza Party

C. **Manager's Brunch** – Sunday, July 28th, 11:30am at The Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel, 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. ***This is a Mandatory Meeting for at least one manager per team.*** One manager is admitted free, additional participants are welcome at a cost of \$15 per person and will need to purchase their tickets in advance, (See Advanced Order Form).

D. **Pool Play and Bracket Play Draws** - The Pool Play draw will be completed prior to the tournament and will be posted at www.chattanoogaasa.com when completed. A Blind Bracket draw will be held as each pool completes. One representative only from each team should report to the tournament directors office at Frost Stadium/Warner Park for bracket placement.

- E. Opening Ceremonies** – Sunday, July 28th – 7:00pm at Max Finley Stadium, 1826 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408. All teams are requested to participate. Please be dressed in uniform or matching team wear of your choosing.
- F. Chattanooga Pizza & Pin Trading Party** – Sunday, July 28th –8:00pm at
First TN Pavillion, 1826 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408.
- G. Pool Play** – Pool play will be held on Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th beginning at 8:00am at Warner Park and The Summit of Softball. Each team will play at least one pool game per day.
- H. Double Elimination Tournament** – The double-elimination portion of the tournament will begin on Wednesday, July 31st at 8:00am.
- I. Team Pictures** – Team pictures will be scheduled on July 28th and July 29th.
- J. Practice Games** - Practice fields for games or practice may be scheduled on Sat, July 27th or Sunday, July 28th. To reserve a practice time, contact:

Pat Sullivan at (423) 240-5497 / plsully5@gmail.com OR
Ken Chernak at (423) 432-0280 / kchernak@smpsfa.com

TEAM CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- All players Must be present at check-in and have their ASA issued picture indemnification card.
- Players are to line up in the order that they are listed on the Official signed ASA roster.
- Pick-up players will be processed after regular roster players. A signed player pick-up form is required. All pick-up players must have an ASA issued picture player indemnification card or some form of picture identification.
- All teams will be required to complete the official ASA Tournament Signature Form. Please print the player's name in the order that it appears on the Official Signed Roster. Players will be required to sign the form at check in. All outstanding forms will be due at this time, (see list above in General Information for a list of required forms).
- All pre-purchased items, (i.e. managers' brunch tickets, pre-purchased event passes), and player/coach passes will be distributed to team manager at check in.
- Coaches will be required to supply the ASA Coaches "ACE" certificate card. Each coach must sign the coaches' certificate form.
- All dugout coaches must have passed a Background Check to be eligible to be in the dugout or on the field during play.

Inclement Weather Policy

Games postponed in the event of rain will be made up as determined by the Tournament Directors. Tickets purchased for games that are rained out will be honored for the designated make-up games only. At the end of the designated game, only the appropriate daily passes will be honored.

Please check with the gate personnel for exact times of the rainout period.

Rainout information will be posted on the tournament website, and a text and email will go out to each coach in the event of delays, however, if you need to speak with an official tournament official, you may call (423)987-4402 or (423)227-8784.

www.chattanoogaasa.com

Rules and Regulations

- A. All playing rules and regulations will be governed by the 2013 ASA Official Guide and Rule Book.
- B. A run rule of fifteen after three, twelve after four innings, or eight after five full innings will apply (ASA Rule 5, Section 9). In pool play, no inning shall start after 1 hour and 40 minutes (ASA Rule 5, Section 10).
- C. Dress Code:
 - 1. Uniforms
 - a. Players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim and style (ASA Official Playing Rules, Rule 3, Section 6 and 7).
 - b. Coaches must be neatly attired, dressed alike or in team uniform, and in accordance with the color code of the team.

Awards

- A. Team trophies – First, Second, Third, Fourth, and two Fifth places.
- B. Individual Awards – First, Second, Third, and Fourth place.
- C. See National Championship Finals, Article 607.B, page 96, for additional award information.

Tournament Pool

- A. Games will be scheduled in a pool play format to begin the tournament. Pool play draw will be completed pre-tournament per Article 511 of the ASA Code. Hard copies of the results will be distributed at the Managers' Lunch.

Other Information

- A. **Format** – Two (2) pool games followed by double elimination tournament.
- B. **Line-Up-Cards** – Tournament officials will provide the line-up cards for each team. An official card must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15-minutes prior to game time.
- C. **Game Times** – Follow the times listed on the official tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to play immediately after the preceding game is completed.

- D. **Infield Practice** – No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up on the outfield grass if time permits. Teams wishing to practice may reserve a practice field by calling Pat Sullivan at (423) 240-5497 OR Ken Chernak at (423) 432-0280.
- E. **Protests** – The Tournament Committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with the rules of the game, including proper protest procedures (ASA Rule 9).
- F. **Inclement Weather** – In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the information hotline, (423) 987-4402 or (423)227-8784.
- Schedule updates, delays, etc. will be posted on Tournament ASA as quickly as possible.

In the event the tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled time frame, the procedures found in Article 510, General Regulations of Championship Play, Section H.02 will determine the official order of finish.

- G. **Home Team** – A team representative should report to the ASA tent in the center of the quadrant at Warner Park or the Tournament office at The Summit of Softball, 30 minutes before official game time for a coin toss and to pick up the game ball.
- H. **Dugouts** – The team at the top of the bracket will use the first-base dugout. The team at the bottom of the bracket will use the third-base dugout.
- I. **Official Game Ball** – The official ball for the tournament has been provided by Anaconda/Trump. All softballs must be approved by the ASA Executive Director in accordance with Rule 3, Section 3, The Official Ball.
- J. **Conduct** – Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field. Any report of damage by hotel management will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee in accordance with Article 510, General Regulations of Championship Play, Section M, Team Conduct.
- K. **Souvenirs** – Souvenirs will be available from Spectator Sports at Warner Park and The Summit throughout the week. T-Shirts, hats, shorts, sweatshirts, and other memorabilia will be available. Advance orders are available as well. —
- L. **Food, Pets, Alcohol, Smoking** – Each team may bring one water cooler into the complex for their players. The cooler must be checked in at the gate by the team manager. The following are not allowed within the complex: outside food items, pets, alcoholic beverages, smoking, or bikes/scooters/skateboards/rollerskates. Smoking is permitted in the designated parking areas of Warner Park.

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Gate Admissions

All spectators, players, coaches, managers, and scorekeepers must present passes in order to enter the complex.

Complimentary passes will be provided to the following individuals:

- All players listed on the team's Official ASA Roster
- 3 Coaches / Managers
- 1 Scorekeeper

ASA Officials – All ASA officials whose cards state “for the year 2013 and is entitled to all privileges of the ASA as prescribed by the ASA code, including admission to all tournaments and/or games of softball conducted by or under the sanction of the ASA” will be admitted free.

All others will be required to purchase passes at the below rates:

Purchased at gate:

Day Passes:

Adult Day Pass	\$10.00 Per Day
Senior Day Pass	\$6.00 Per Day
Child Day Pass (12-17)	\$6.00 Per Day
Children (Under 12)	Free

Tournament Pass

Adult Tournament Pass	\$45.00 Each
Senior Tournament Pass	\$25.00 Each
Child Tournament Pass (12-17)	\$25.00 Each
Children (Under 12)	Free

Advanced Tournament Pass Purchase

Teams may purchase tournament passes in advance through our mail in orders only. Orders should be placed BY TEAM, on one form and a single payment for the entire order. Payment must be submitted with the order form.

Tournament Pass Prices – Advanced Order Only

Advanced Adult Tournament Pass	\$40.00 Each
Advanced Senior Tournament Pass	\$20.00 Each
Advanced Child Tournament Pass (12-17)	\$20.00 Each
Advanced Children (Under 12)	Free

Advance passes may also be purchased at Team Check In.

(See Advanced Order Form Below)

**2013 USA/ASA 12-UNDER FAST-PITCH
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM
(MAIL ORDER OR FAX ONLY!)**

Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home P h o n e #: _____ Business Phone # : _____

Of Adult Passes: _____ X \$40 = _____

Of Senior Passes: _____ X \$ 20 = _____

Of Child Passes: _____ X \$ 20 = _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Note: All Advance sale tickets will be distributed to the team manager at check-in.
No refunds will be will be issued after order is placed or for unused tickets.

Please include one check or money order for entire team order. No Cash Please.

Make checks payable to: Chattanooga ASA

Mail Form and Payment to:

Chattanooga ASA

1418 Walden Forest Road

Signal Mountain, TN 37377

Thank you for your participation in the ASA/USA 12U National Championship!

Sincerely,

Doug Swafford / Kim Swafford

(423) 227-8784 / (423) 987-4402

Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Receipt # _____

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ADVANCE ORDER FORM FOR COACH'S / MANAGER'S BRUNCH

Date: July 28, 2013

Time: 11:30 am

*Location: Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel Ballroom
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402*

Team Name: _____

City _____ State _____

Attendee Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Manager: _____

Home phone _____ Work phone: _____

Each team will receive one complimentary Brunch ticket.

Number of tickets _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

NO CASH, PLEASE!

POSTMARK DEADLINE: July 19, 2013

Amount enclosed \$ _____

MAIL CHECK TO:

Chattanooga ASA
1418 Walden Forest Road
Signal Mountain Road
Chattanooga, TN 37377

Receipt #: _____



**2013 ASA 12U National Championship
PIZZA PARTY AND PIN TRADING
Sunday, July 28th 8:00 PM**

**Following the Opening Ceremonies, head over to the First TN Pavillion
for a pin trading, pizza party.**

Coaches and Players are free.

Extra dinner tickets available for family members- \$5.00 each.

Date _____

Team Name _____

Coach/Manager _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Parents/Family Members _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Total = _____

Teams should register by July 21st.
Parents and families of players are welcome to attend.

**Please make Pizza Party checks payable to the Chattanooga ASA.
Send form and payment to:**

Chattanooga ASA
c/o Doug Swafford
1418 Walden Forest Road
Signal Mountain, TN 37377

