



## IMPORTANT

**Photo I.D.'s with *date of birth* are required each day or a participant will not play!**

September 2018

Dear Softball Team Captain,

Congratulations on qualifying for the Senior Games State Finals Softball Tournament to be held at Thomas Brooks Park on October 5-8. The linked/enclosed information details how the competition will be conducted, the procedures for check-in, etc. Please read this information closely and **bring it with you** to the tournament. **It is your responsibility to share this information with your team members. We suggest that you make copies for those teammates who do not have internet access. We will send it to all players that have email.** The Preliminary Format and Schedule are posted on the NCSG web site at [www.ncseniorgames.org/teams.htm](http://www.ncseniorgames.org/teams.htm). Please remind **all** players on your team that they must have a photo I.D. **each day with proof of date of birth!**

**Team Captains:** Each team must have a "Captain" who is a participant. Our records show that's **you**. Coaches may be non-participants and are eligible for a medal.

**Required Team Captains' Meetings:** All team captains are required to attend one, **and only one**, Team Captains' Meeting *before* their first scheduled game of the tournament. We will meet at the 3<sup>rd</sup> base bleachers on the field closest to the check-in area. Teams without a Team Captain (or registered team representative) at the Team Captains' meetings may be cancelled from the tournament. For your convenience, four different meetings are scheduled. The Team Captains' meetings will include a review of rules, policies, final details and a time for questions.

### **Team Captains' Meeting Times**

Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

Monday at 9:30 a.m.

### **Important Information**

**Proof of age requirements:** Each player is **required** to present a valid photo ID each day and proof of date of birth. **Please note: Date of birth will be verified and individuals with a date of birth that does not meet the age requirements of their team will be disqualified from participating in the tournament.** Individuals may present a valid or expired photo driver's license or special identification card issued by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles or a photo driver's license or special identification card issued by other states. They may also present a valid military photo ID or an unexpired, stamped photo passport from any country.

**Team Roster:** If you receive this via email, linked will be all team rosters sorted by gender and age. If you receive this via U.S. Mail, enclosed is your team roster. If your team needs another player, refer to the pick up list on the [NCSG website](http://www.ncseniorgames.org). **September 24 is the last day to add an eligible, registered player to your team.**

**Player Check-in Times / Locations:**

Location	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Center of Complex	8:45am-2:30pm	8:00am-1:30pm	8:00am-2:00pm	8:00am-11:30am

**General Rules and Regulations** (from page 6 of NCSG Official Rules Book):

*Team Sports:*

**Team Player Pickup** – All additions must be made in writing and meet the published deadline stated in the Entry Packet. A maximum of three (3) players for Basketball and five (5) players for Softball may be added to team rosters following qualification if they meet **one of the following two requirements:**

**Requirement #1:** A player may have participated in that event on a team at a Local Game in North Carolina in the same qualifying year. A player may change teams if the team captains of both teams (the qualifying team and the adding team) approve.

**Requirement #2.** Participants that are practicing and playing regularly with a team after Local Qualifying games are eligible to be added to Torch 1.0 as qualified team members by Local Coordinators and may register for State Finals until the **August 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline.

**Official NCSG Softball Tournament Rules:** The rules from the 2018 edition of the North Carolina Senior Games Rules Book will be used for play. In the event the NCSG Rules Book does not cover a particular rule, ASA rules will apply. Official NCSG Softball Tournament Rules are enclosed/linked.

**Rain Plan:** October 9th is scheduled as a rain date. If inclement weather delays game play, the tournament will be continued on this date.

**National Qualifying:** Every team that comes to the tournament will be qualified for Nationals. Every individual that registered for State Finals will be qualified for Nationals.

**Softball Tournament: Bats: Rule 20:**

Bats:

All bats must have either a manufacturer installed non-slip grip surface, or a minimum of one wrap of tape. Altered bats may not be used.

In addition, bats must meet **one of the following two criteria**, not both, to be considered legal for play.

Criteria 1: Bats stamped with a BPF of 1.21 or less will be legal for play.

Criteria 2: Bats stamped with a 2000, 2004 or 2013 ASA Certification Mark and do **not** appear on the most recent ASA Banned Bat List will be legal for play.

Officials should check bats prior to each game. If a team suspects a batter is using an illegal or altered bat during a game, the captain should protest while the batter is at the plate. If the Protest Committee determines the bat to be illegal or altered, an out is recorded and that player is ejected from the game. The illegal or altered bat will then be kept in the possession of tournament officials for the remainder of the offending team's participation in the tournament.

**All bat decisions for 2018 are final. NCSG will review this policy along with other NCSG Softball Rules for 2019 after State Finals.**

**Softballs: NCSG will provide balls for the entire tournament. 2018 Softballs:** For Women, the 11” Worth Green Dot .44 COR, 375 Compression, optic yellow ball will be used at State Finals. Men 80+ will use 12” Worth .52 COR, 300 Compression, optic yellow balls. Men 65+, 70+ and 75+ will use 12” Worth .44 COR, 375 Compression, optic yellow balls. The balls for each male age group were selected based on specific responses from Team Captains.

**Base Distances:** Base distance is 65 feet and the pitching distance is 50 feet. Pitchers can pitch from up to 6 feet from the back of the rubber.

**Pitch Count:** Batters will each start at bat with a 0-0 count. This rule may be adjusted if inclement weather requires a change in tournament format.

**Home Runs:** In the event a ball is hit out of the park or a four base award is granted, the batter must run the bases.

**Warm-up Time:** Warm-up time will be provided prior to each game at the conclusion of the previous game on the assigned field. Weather permitting, the outfield of fields not in use for game play may be used for practice.

**Parking and Admission: Both are free!** Parking is available on both sides of the complex.

**Directions:** See [Driving Directions](#) on the State Finals page of the NCSG website. Directions include both entrances to the park and parking locations. Check-in will be located near the concession area in the center of the complex each day. Please share these details with your team.

**Extra Items to Bring:** NCSG highly recommends that you bring plastic bags as ice bags for your players and a nice size box of assorted Band-Aids. Ice and water will be available in the dugouts, but cups disappear quickly. We suggest your players bring their own water bottles, coolers and personal cups to use during the tournament.

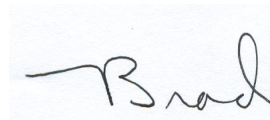
**Spectators:** All spectators must stay outside the fenced field area. There is plenty of room for friends and family. Only players, coaches and scorekeepers will be allowed on the field. **Pets are not allowed anywhere in the complex.**

**Evaluations:** We welcome all feedback that can make our tournament sports better for the future. An evaluation card will be available at the registration area so that you and your players can share comments with us.

Sincerely,



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Sports Coordinator



Brad Allen  
President and Executive Director

cc: Local Games Coordinators

Enclosures/Links:

[Team Rosters](#)  
[Tournament Format and Schedule](#)  
[Official NCSG Rules Book or NCSG Softball Rules](#)  
[NCSG Softball Tournament Pool Play Tie-Breaker Rules](#)  
[Thomas Brooks Softball Complex](#)