

# NSA Presents the 2023 South Western Fastpitch Western Nationals

Modesto, California and surrounding areas

July 26 – 30, 2023



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Thank you to our sponsorship partners as without them we would not be able to hold this great event.

**Western Nationals DATES:** July 26 – July 30, 2023

**DIVISIONS OF PLAY:** 8 & Under 10 & Under 12 & Under 14 & Under 16 & Under 18 & Under Open High School

All teams must be registered with NSA and have properly qualified & validated their berth by playing in their State Championships, excluding Open High School.

Contact your State Director for Information on "How to qualify for the Western Nationals". If you do not know your State Director, visit [www.PlayNSA.com](http://www.PlayNSA.com) and select STATE DIRECTORS under Contact Us or contact the NSA National Office at 859-887-4114

**EVENTS:** Please look for more details below for these events. Addresses are available below.

**Check In/Registration:** Wednesday July 26 Time: **12:00PM – 12:45PM** Location: **Rainbow Fields, Modesto CA**

**Managers Meeting:** July 26 Time: **1:00PM – 2:00PM** Location: **Rainbow Fields, Modesto CA**

**Umpire Meeting:** July 26 Time: **TBD** Location: **Rainbow Fields, Modesto CA**

**Opening Ceremonies/Pin Exchange:** July 26 Time: **3:00 – 6:00PM** Location: **John Thurman Fields, Modesto CA**

**Parking Lot Opens at 3:00PM – Parking Fee: \$10** – Includes game ticket for entire family.

**Gates open at 3:30PM.** Pin Exchange and opening ceremonies start at 4:00PM. We must be off the field by 6:00PM.

**Modesto Nuts game vs. Visalia Rawhides begins at 7:05PM**

Games Begin Play: **THURSDAY July 27 at 8AM**

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** All Fees and paperwork must be received by: **July 17, 2023**

All Forms are online at [www.nsacal.com](http://www.nsacal.com)

**ENTRY FEES:** 8U - 10U - **\$600.00**

12U – 18U & Open High School - **\$900.00**

**Division Play:** "A", "B", "C", and Open High School

**TOURNAMENT ADMISSION:** Adults \$7.00 / Seniors \$5.00 / Children (8-18) \$5.00 / Kids 7 & under Free

Teams are limited to three free coaches -- sign in at front gate.

**ENTRY PROCEDURES:** All Fees and Paperwork go to the Western National Director, Stan Hansen

**DEPOSIT FORM:** \$300 Deposit and Deposit Form is required to reserve a spot in the NSA Western Nationals.

Form is available online at [www.nsacal.com](http://www.nsacal.com) form includes mailing address.

**ENTRY FORM:** Entry Form and procedures are available online at [www.nsacal.com](http://www.nsacal.com)

**Entry Form includes the mailing address for this tournament.**

**Entry Form includes list of ALL PAPERWORK you are required to submit.**

A team will not be allowed to compete if all information is not complete and correct or they fail to validate a berth.

It is the team's responsibility to ensure they meet the qualifying requirements, that the fees and all paperwork are complete with correct information, and that it is received by the Western Nationals Director by the deadline listed in the packet.

**Your "home" State Director will still verify your berth and final roster for the Western Nationals.**

If you do not know your State Director contact NSA @ 859-887-4114 or check PlayNSA.com to view the State Director list.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Stan Hansen 209-620-3377 Email: [stan@nsacal.com](mailto:stan@nsacal.com)

**HOTELS:** Available at: <https://nsaworldseries.com/lodging>

**FORMAT:** The tournament will be a four (4) game format. The format will be a two (2) games pool play and then advance to a double elimination tournament bracket. Teams are required to participate in pool play.

**PARK LOCATIONS and DIRECTIONS:**

<b>Rainbow Fields</b> 3800 Claribel Rd Modesto, CA 95357	<b>Northgate Park</b> 1750 Hoyt Ln Manteca, CA 95336
<b>Arnaiz Stadium</b> 3293 E Morada Ln Stockton, CA 95212	<b>Pedretti Park</b> 2400 N Tegner Rd Turlock, CA 95380

**TEAM CHECK IN: Wednesday July 26, 2023** Time: **12:00 – 12:45PM** Location: **Rainbow Fields**  
The Team Manager will register their team and pick up packets, which will include the pre-set Pool Play schedule. Seeding will be determined by Pool Play into the Official double elimination Tournament Bracket.

**MANAGERS MEETING: Wednesday July 26, 2023** Time: **1:00 – 2:00PM** Location: **Rainbow Fields**  
Only 2 managers/coaches from each team are requested to attend the managers meeting. We cannot emphasize the importance of attendance at the managers meeting. The tournament rules, format and any last minute and necessary changes will be covered. This will also be the only place that you can pick up your team packet.

**OPENING CEREMONIES: Wednesday July 26, 2023** Time: **3:00 – 6:00PM** Location: **John Thurman Fields**  
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**GAMES BEGIN PLAY: THURSDAY July 27, 2023** at 8:00 AM

**SWAPS:** Each team is REQUESTED to bring individual swaps to exchange with the first team they play. A small token such as a souvenir from their area of the country. The swaps will be exchanged at the beginning of each team's first game. If a team has a bye for their first game the team manager can arrange to swap with another team that has a bye.

**NSA SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING:** NSA will award a \$500.00 scholarship to one player participating in the NSA Western Nationals tournament.

**NSA APPROVED EQUIPMENT:**

**BATS: As of JANUARY 1, 2015 - APPROVED BATS & APPROVED BAT COMPANY LIST**

Only companies that have signed the NSA contract are approved for use and listed on the Approved Bat Companies List at [www.PlayNSA.com](http://www.PlayNSA.com) - Click on Equipment Bats & Balls.

1. The bat MUST be from a company on the Approved Bat Company List.
2. Only BATS from these companies with the 2012 NSA Logo or STAMP on them will be allowed.  
(Outline of United States & NSA 2012) The NSA bat logo has been put on bats since 2011.



Note: It is the coaches/players' responsibility to check their bats for the Approved Company and the stamp prior to bringing them into play.

**SOFTBALLS:** NSA black stitched optic yellow softballs are provided. Umpires will control the balls and umpire decisions are final on softballs.

## **INSURANCE - Q & A**

### **Can my team play in the NSA Western Nationals if their insurance is NOT an NSA/Westpoint Insurance Policy?**

**YES**, just supply us with a copy of the current insurance for your team - no matter the company - when submitting your paperwork. We will make sure that your team meets the NSA/Westpoint Insurance requirement for the Western Nationals tournament. Nothing else you need to do and no additional fees for your team.

**PROOF OF AGE:** All managers will be required to furnish proof of age to the tournament committee (copy of birth certificate, driver's license, or government issued photo ID) for any player on their team at any time during the tournament.

**PROTEST:** Umpire judgment calls are final. There will be a \$100.00 CASH ONLY protest fee for rules or per player protest. Bat Protest fee is \$100 cash only. If protest is ruled in your favor, your money will be returned.

**AWARDS:** The awards will include but not limited to the following: First place through fifth place team trophy for each division of play. First place through third place will receive individual awards for each division of play. Additional awards may be presented at any time. Western Nationals Championship patches for the champions in each age division.

**SOUVENIRS:** A variety of official NSA souvenirs (t-shirts, caps and miscellaneous items) will be on sale at designated sites throughout the tournament. Fastpitch Softball Apparel will be on site.

**PLAYING RULES:** NSA rules will govern all play in strict accordance with the NSA Rule Book.

It is the coach/managers responsibility to know the rules & bylaws of NSA. Ignorance of a rule or bylaw of NSA does NOT negate the penalty.

NOTE: ALL GAMES, including CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES will be run with a Time Limit and Mercy/Run Rules.

Reminder: Metal cleats are allowed in the 14U, 16U, 18 Under Division only in this NSA Western Nationals unless turf fields are used.

**CONDITIONS:** The Tournament committee reserves the right to change game times, playing fields, dates or format including eliminating the loser's bracket to complete the tournament. There is an assumption of risk in competing in the Tournament and the Tournament Committee, NSA, and any or all sponsors are not liable for any accidents or injuries. The Tournament Committee will rule on all matters as they occur, including protests. Entry into the tournament constitutes agreement to these conditions.

Additional Information and Updates will be linked to: [www.nsacal.com](http://www.nsacal.com)

Thank you for choosing to play NSA.