



2025 US Police & Fire Championships Softball

Welcome to the United States Police and Fire Championships. This letter will serve as confirmation of your participation in Softball. Softball is scheduled for Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 5th at Santee Sportsplex, located at 9951 Riverwalk Dr., Santee, CA 92071. **Due to the large number on entries in the Men's Open division, Poway Sportsplex will be used as an overflow for games and the Single Elimination tournament.** The Guiding Bodies are the United States Police & Fire Championships and the United States Specialty Sports Association.

Conduct Expected of ALL Participants:

Drinking of alcoholic beverages, unlawful consumption of controlled substances, and gambling is prohibited while competing. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be condoned either before, during, or after competition. Any physical or verbal assaults on officials, competitors, spectators, coordinators or ex-officios will be met **with IMMEDIATE AND SEVERE PENALTIES**, including **EXPULSION** from these and future United States Police & Fire Championships.

Registration:

Each athlete must go in person to the Accreditation Center located at the Marriott Mission Valley. 8757 Rio San Diego Dr, San Diego, CA 92108 prior to their events. **AGENCY IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.**

Registration Hours:

Date	Open	Close
Friday, May 30	3:00 PM	8:00 PM
Saturday, May 31	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday, June 1	6:30 AM	8:00 PM
Monday, June 2	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 3	6:30 AM	5:00 PM
Wednesday, June 4	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday, June 5	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Friday, June 6	6:30 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 7	6:30 AM	10:00 AM

Division Schedule:

Men's Open: Santee Sportsplex Monday, June 2nd & Tuesday, June 3rd
POOLS A-B-C, Monday ONLY

Men's Open: Poway Sportsplex Monday, June 2nd & Tuesday, June 3rd
POOLS D & E, Monday ONLY

Co-ed: Santee Sportsplex-Wednesday, June 4th & Thursday, June 5th

Men's 35+: Santee Sportsplex-Thursday, June 5th & Friday, June 6th

Women's: Santee Sportsplex Friday, June 6th

[TO VIEW THE MEN'S OPEN SCHEDULE, CLICK HERE](#)

[TO VIEW THE CO-ED SCHEDULE, CLICK HERE](#)

[TO VIEW THE MEN'S 35+ SCHEDULE, CLICK HERE](#)

[TO VIEW THE WOMEN'S SCHEDULE, CLICK HERE](#)

Venue:

Poway Sportsplex
 12349 McIvers Ct, Poway, CA 92064

Santee Sportsplex
 9951 Riverwalk Dr.
 Santee, CA 92071

MANDATORY Captain's Meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton (unless otherwise indicated) according to the following schedule

Men's Open: Sunday, June 1st at 5:00 PM

Co-ed: Wednesday, June 4th at 8:00 AM at Santee Sportsplex

Men's 35+: Wednesday, June 4th at 6:00 PM
Women's: 1 hour prior to the first game on Friday, June 6th

Check-in Time: At least **45 minutes** prior to scheduled start of your game. Please make sure that you have both your Agency ID and your USPFC credential to check in for your games.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Captain to disseminate the information to their team members. Captains must immediately notify the Sport Coordinator if there are any errors in the participation information. Captains are responsible for making sure that every player on their roster has paid the proper entry fee and is an eligible player.

Minimum number of players will be defined by ASA Rules and can have a maximum of 20 players plus one non-playing coach on their roster. During play, the Extra Player (EP) is allowed within ASA guidelines.

BRACKETING:

Women, Co-Ed, Men; 35+ tournaments will be played in Round Robin format followed by a Double Elimination playoff.

If 7 or fewer teams enter, the tournament will be a single Round Robin with no additional playoffs.

Men's Open: After Round Robin play, the teams will be divided into two groups depending on their standing. The top two teams will be placed in Division A, the remaining teams will be placed in Division B. A Double Elimination tournament in Division A and a Single Elimination tournament in Division B will follow to determine medal winners.

Division A will be played at Santee Sportsplex on Tuesday

Division B will be played at Poway Sportsplex on Tuesday

In determining standings within each group, the following criteria will be used:

1. Won-loss record
2. Head-to-head
3. Run differential: to determine run differential, the scores of all games within the pool shall be used.
4. Runs allowed
5. Runs scored
6. Tiebreaker game

If two (2) games are forfeited during round robin play, that team will be eliminated from the tournament.

SPORT RULES:

Please refer to our website at www.uspfc.org

All games, except those which determine a medal winner, will be played with the following guidelines:

Time: 1 hour.

Run Ahead Rule: 12 runs after 5 innings.

Ties: All games will be played out to determine a winner (No tie games).

Mat: A mat/home plate combination will be used to define strikes. If the ball lands on the mat or the plate, the umpire will call a strike. The mat is not home plate. A scoring runner must touch the plate.

Bats: ONLY Bats supplied by USPFC will be used for the Softball competition. The provided bats have not arrived to the USPFC office at the time of this writing for the brand to be known.

Foul Balls: A foul ball after two strikes is out.

Home Runs: On fenced fields 5 over the fence home runs are allowed

Courtesy Runners: Courtesy runners are allowed in Men's 35+ and Co-Ed only. Only one courtesy runner is allowed per team per inning. The courtesy runner will be the player on the same team as the batter who made the last out for that team. This substitution does not affect the playing status of the batter. In Co-Ed, the courtesy runner must be the same gender as the runner they replace.

Co-Ed: Five male and five female; only two open players will be allowed per team. Optional: Extra players (EP) may bat as long as there are six males and six females. Positioning: Two males and two females in both infield and outfield and one male and one female as pitcher and/or catcher. Batting order must remain the same throughout the game.

UNIFORMS:

At the minimum, team members shall wear identical jerseys (shirts). Full team uniforms are encouraged. Unique, permanent, individual numbers on all shirts are mandatory. ("03" and "3" are an example of identical numbers). Players without numbers will NOT be allowed to play. Only rubber cleats are permitted. No metal spikes or cleats allowed.

Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgement on the part of an umpire.

Players, coaches, managers or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials or spectators; or, commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes behavior on and off the field at the venue site. The penalty for violations by a player is, at minimum, prompt ejection of the offender from the game. The offender must leave the field. Penalties may also include suspension from future Games. If a player is ejected from the last game of the tournament, the player may be suspended from future Games in the following year.

TEAM CAPTAINS

Any team made up of 3 or more competitors will designate a person to represent the team as Team Captain. The captain must be one of the team members or may be the team's Sworn Non-Playing Coach. If there is a change in a Team Captain, or if the designated captain does not attend the USPFC, another eligible team member must be designated Team Captain. The USPFC must be notified of any change in a timely fashion.

If the named captain does not attend a game/match involving the team, the team must select an Interim Captain to assume the captain's function for that game. The Sport Coordinator shall be notified of this by the Interim Captain.

Captain's Duties:

- ~ Submit and play a legal team, including ensuring that all players are eligible to compete in the USPFC and are duly-entered. A person is not entered into the Games simply by virtue of having their name listed on the Team Roster. Any late entries intended for the team must be entered into the Games prior to the beginning of the first competition in that sport.
- ~ Receive and disseminate information from the Confirmation Letter from the USPFC. If there is missing information, a cancellation or changes in conditions, brackets or venues, the Captain will be the only contact for the Team.
- ~ Attend Captains/Coaches meeting and disseminate pertinent information to the team.
- ~ At the Captains/Coaches Meeting verify the final Roster and if necessary reduce the number of team members to the maximum allowed.
- ~ Be responsible for making team substitutions in a timely manner through the USPFC Headquarters.
- ~ Assume responsibility for determining the team's schedule and for the team's punctual attendance at designated times and venues of competition.
- ~ Ensure that all team members follow correct check-in procedures at the sport venue.
- ~ Collect and turn over to the Credentials Official stationed at the venue, all playing (legal and properly registered) team member's Participant Passes before each game, then recover them after the game. Provide a team line-up/roster to game officials.
- ~ Ensure that all team members are properly attired while at sport venues and other official functions.
- ~ Be available to the Sport Coordinator and Officials before, during and after play to make decisions on behalf of the team and to receive information and Official's rulings that affect play or the team's progress throughout the tournament.
- ~ Assure that team members do not participate in unsportsmanlike and unruly behavior at USPFC venues.
- ~ Be responsible for recording and filing protests in a timely manner.
- ~ Be available to represent the team in case of Protests, Appeals or other inquiry by the USPFC. Please Note: Formal written Protests MUST be submitted to the USPFC within 8 hours of the perceived violation. Otherwise, it shall be disallowed as untimely.

NON-PLAYING COACHES: In specific Team events (usually those with 6 or more on the Roster), the USPFC allows the team to have one Non-Playing Coach (only). The USPFC recognizes two categories of Non-Playing Coaches: Sworn/Paid and Non-Sworn/Not Paid (or Sworn, but not paying Entry Fees). A Non-Playing Coach may be either gender regardless of the makeup of the team. All Non-Playing Coaches must complete a Sports Entry Form and sign the Waiver prior to the Captains/Coaches Meeting. Both categories of coaches may accompany their team to all venues available to the team.

Sworn/Paid Non-Playing Coach: Teams may enter a Sworn Non-Playing Coach who is eligible to receive a medal provided he/she meets the same requirements as all other entrants, submits a Sports Entry Form, pays Entry Fees and participates as a coach. Sworn Non-Playing Coaches will receive the same Accreditation (Participant Pass) as other team members. Sworn Non-Playing Coaches may function as Team Captain. (See Team Captains Duties.)

Non-Paying, Non-Playing Coach: This category of coach may be either Sworn or Non-Sworn.

Non-Sworn coaches do not have to meet entry eligibility requirements, do not pay Entry Fees, and are NOT eligible to receive a USPFC medal. As with all participants, the Non-PAYING, Non-Playing Coach must be in good standing with the USPFC. The Accreditation issued to Non-Paying Non-Playing Coaches shall be similar to, but distinguishable from, the athlete's Accreditation. Non-Paying Non-Playing Coaches may NOT act as Team Captain.

Actions Binding: All Coach's (Sworn or Non-Sworn), Manager's or Second's actions in behalf of a competitor or team will have a binding effect on that competitor or team and will affect that competitor's or team's play, status or eligibility in the USPFC.

Extra Entrants: In all Team sports/events (i.e. Track & Field relays or Soccer), more entrants than the maximum allowed may submit Sports Entry Forms and fees. At the Captain/Coaches' meeting prior to the first competition, the Roster shall be reduced to no more than the maximum number allowed; and shall be submitted to the Sport Coordinator. In all cases the final roster shall be given to the Sport Coordinator by the Team Captain prior to competition in that event (refer to sport rules). NO REFUND REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

For additional information, please contact the Sport Director Larry Collins at Lcollins@cpaf.org

Just A Note:

All athletes are invited to the Athletes' Welcome Reception, Monday, June 2nd from 6-8 PM; outside the Pavilion at the West lawn at the Marriott Mission Valley. 8757 Rio San Diego Dr, San Diego, CA 92108. Join us for food, fun, music and camaraderie.

As an athlete, you are aware that it takes volunteers to assist in putting on the ***United States Police & Fire Championships***. We are counting down the days to our event, and we are looking for some great volunteers. For more information, contact Nicole Matthews at nmatthews@cpaf.org