



# **WFEC** **COACHES** **HANDBOOK**

# **2025**



# World Fastpitch Championship

July 14-19, 2025

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# Welcome Message

USA Elite Select would like to welcome you to the World Fastpitch Championship! We hope this event becomes the premier amateur fastpitch championship that offers the entire fastpitch community a week of championship play, growth, and development on and off the field, and camaraderie from all levels.

USA Elite Select was launched eight years ago by USSSA with the mission of creating opportunities for elite fastpitch players to showcase their skills in competitive settings; enhancing the education of athletes, coaches, and parents off the field; and uniting our fastpitch community.

USA Elite Select, the elite division of USSSA Fastpitch, is committed to sanctioning events with the athlete and growth of the game in mind. We hope you enjoy your time at the World Fastpitch Championship, and we appreciate you supporting our goal of enhancing the elite fastpitch game and athletes.

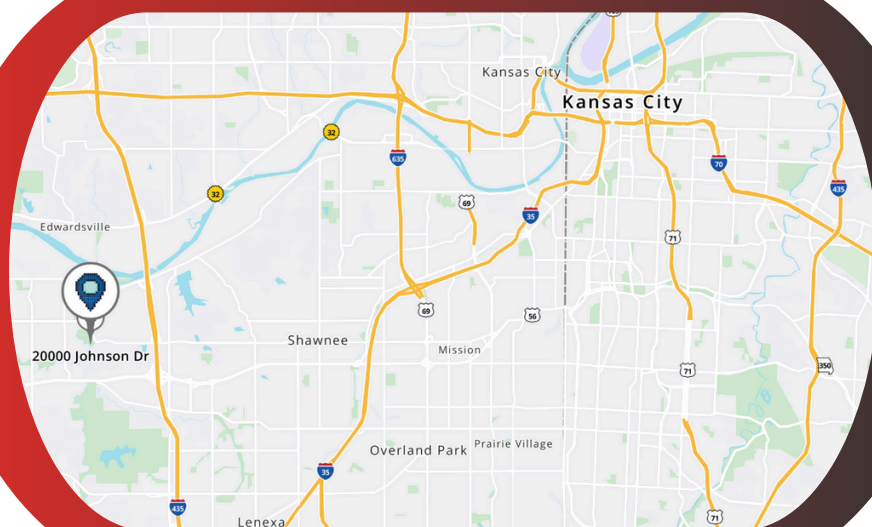




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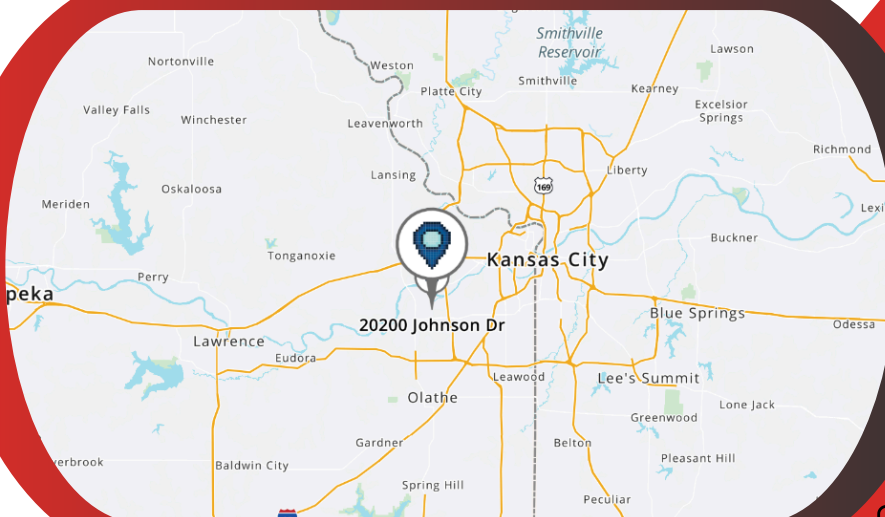
## Playing Facilities



**Mid-America Sports Complex (Listed as MASC 1-10 on brackets)**  
20000 Johnson Dr  
Shawnee, KS 66218



**Mid-America West Sports Complex (Listed as MW 21-26 on brackets)**  
20200 Johnson Dr.  
Shawnee, KS 66218





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# Event Itinerary

### Monday, July 14

4:30 PM-6:00 PM - Coaches Check-In  
6:00 PM-6:45 PM - Manager Meeting  
6:45 PM-7:30 PM - Coaches Panel Q&A  
7:30 PM-8:30 PM - Coaches Social

#### Location:

Shawnee Town Hall  
11600 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203

### Tuesday, July 15

All Day, 8AM Start: 14U/16U/18U Pool  
Play

### Wednesday, July 16

All Day, 8AM Start: 14U/16U/18U  
Pool/Bracket Play

### Thursday, July 17

All Day, 8AM Start: 14U/16U/18U  
Bracket Play

### Friday, July 18

All Day, 8AM Start: 14U/16U/18U  
Bracket Play

### Saturday, July 19

All Day (8AM Start): 14U/16U/18U  
Bracket Play Concludes



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# RULES SUMMARY

### ✓ PRE-GAME MEETING

10 minutes prior to your game time, please have a team representative meet directly behind scorers table on the field you will be playing on. Please have complete lineup card with FIRST and LAST names and POSITIONS. The umpire will conduct a coin flip and accept lineups. This will be our process for pool and exhibition play.

Upon entering the field please place EVERY bat that will be in the dugout on the fence OUTSIDE of the dugout for the umpires to inspect. A questionable bat will be taken to the UIC and final termination will be made. If the bat is deemed illegal the bat will be tagged with your team's name and you will retrieve it from the Tournament Director at the end of your tournament.

Within 5 minutes of entering the dugout after previous game completes, the home team should be ready to take the field and begin the game.

### ✓ GAME FORMATS & TIMING

**POOL PLAY GAMES** - Pool Play games will be played with a 90 minute time limit. It will be finish the inning. Pool games can end in ties.

**BRACKET GAMES** - Bracket games will be 7 innings unless a run spread occurs.

### ✓ SHORTHANDED RULE

When you submit your lineup for 9, 10 or 11 batters -- you are committing to maintain your batting order at that number for the entire game. However, you are allowed to play SHORT-HANDED -- dropping 1 player for any reason (except one). When you drop a player, this creates an ABSENT PLAYER position in the batting order. Any time the absent player is due to bat, an automatic out occurs.

If a batter or runner is injured, for that baserunning opportunity only, the last completed at bat not on base can take her place. EXAMPLE: no subs, batting everybody, #9 hitter slides into 2B and breaks her ankle. The #8 hitter (skip back to #7 if necessary) takes her spot to fulfill her baserunning duties. But from then on, you have to take an out in the #9 spot.

USSSA rules allow you to START with 8 players and an ABSENT PLAYER in the 9th position. One final note on the shorthanded rule -- it is not available if you lose a player by EJECTION (Shorthanded, Rule 5-2, pp 28-29).



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## ✓ LINEUPS

1. Let's begin with a basic 9 person lineup. Using that is very straightforward – all 9 of those are playing offense AND defense.

2. You can add to that up to 2 more batters, so that you are batting 10 or 11. Those are called Additional Players (APs). The APs don't have to bat in the 10 and 11 spot – they can be ANYWHERE in batting positions 1-11. Of those 11 (or 10 if only 1 AP), ANY 9 MAY PLAY DEFENSE at any time (with certain restrictions for a pitcher) – so in any particular inning, you can sit the RF and CF, for example, if the APs are playing defense (APs, Rule 5-3, p 29).

3. Another option is using the DP/FLEX, which operates the same as the DP/FLEX in every other major code. The DP is listed somewhere in batting positions 1 through 11 (if using 2 APs), and the FLEX is listed LAST (12th if using 2 APs). The FLEX must play defense if she is listed as FLEX in the last position – that takes up 1 defensive spot – the other 8 defensive positions may be played by any other players in the lineup, including the DP.

So if you have a 12 person lineup – 11 batters plus a FLEX – the FLEX HAS to be on defense, but you have 11 other players in the lineup to use to fill the other 8 defensive positions.

The FLEX and DP are tied together. The only way the FLEX can move from the last spot (the FLEX position) into the batting order (positions 1 through 11 if using 2 APs) is to put the FLEX into the batting order for the DP. In that case, the DP has left the game and you have dropped from a 12 person lineup to 11. If you re-enter the DP (or sub in a new DP), you can send the FLEX back to the 12th spot (playing defense only) (DP/FLEX, Rule 5-4, pp 29-30).



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## ✓ COURTESY RUNNER

USSSA allows a Courtesy Runner for your pitcher and catcher of record (the person who last physically played the position). You can request a CR at any time after they reach base (provided they reached base by some means other than substitution). The CR must be: a substitute who has not been in the game in any other capacity (an unused sub). The same person may CR for BOTH the pitcher and the catcher, just NOT IN THE SAME INNING.

If you replace your pitcher or catcher please make that change through the home plate umpire.

Example: you have 2 unused subs on the bench – Speedy Sally and Leadfoot Lucy. Sally can be the first CR used each inning – pitcher one inning, catcher the next -- she's not tied to one position or the other. But, because a CR MUST be an unused substitute – if you are batting everybody or have played everybody – then you have NO CR OPTION (Courtesy Runner, Rule 8-3, p 40).

Judgment calls are not able to be placed under protest. If you wish to protest a rule, please indicate the specific ruling in question to the home plate umpire and the site UIC will be called to the field. A \$100 cash protest fee will be assessed for a protest that is upheld. Please have your \$100 protest fee ready upon your request to protest a ruling.

Remember! We have a goal – Zero Ejections! Please approach each umpire with professionalism and a calm demeanor. If you wish to discuss a call with an umpire, please ask a question. “Can you go for help?” is not an appropriate question. Please ask a specific question. I.E. “Can you ask your partner if 1B pulled her foot?” “Can you ask your partner if she dropped the ball?” Remember you are the adult setting an example for young people. Also remember that you are a professional. Please conduct yourselves accordingly. Umpires have been instructed to be professional and approachable, and they have this goal as well!





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# WFC Media

## ALL THINGS WFC

We have a website dedicated to all things WFC. You can find schedules, social media, stats, scores, updates, etc.  
<http://usaeliteselectwfc.com>

## Connect

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# Inclement Weather Rainout Line

In the event of inclement weather, we have a weather app that will help communicate to you the changes that are occurring in the event. You will be able to subscribe via an Android or iPhone App to receive all updates on your phone.



### Mobile Phone App

1. Download the appropriate platform App (iPhone or Android)
2. Search for "USSSA Kansas City"
3. Select USSSA Kansas City and choose the star to mark it as your favorite.
4. Once you choose USSSA Kansas City, you will see all of the parks that we are participating at for the week and can see their updates.



### Website

[www.RainoutLine.com](http://www.RainoutLine.com)

Log on to the website at [www.RainoutLine.com](http://www.RainoutLine.com). Search "USSSA Kansas City"

1. Search for USSSA Kansas City.
2. Choose the USSSA Kansas City page, then click the star to keep us locked in as one of your favorites.
3. Select the park or parks you wish to view an update for and read/listen to the update.



### Text/Email Notifications

You can subscribe to the parks you are playing at and receive instant updates on your mobile phone. You can subscribe to each venue that you will be playing at for a weekend, a month, or continuously until you decide to unsubscribe.



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# Tournament FAQ

### Park Rules

All parks allow team coolers. Parks do not provide water in the dugouts.

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### Golf Carts

We have golf carts at each park to assist in rides for those that need them. Please find a site director and someone will be around to assist.

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### Park Opening

Parks will open 90 minutes prior to the first game of the day.

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### Scorekeepers

Home team is the official scorekeeper during the game.



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# In case of **Emergency**

While you are in Kansas City, if the need arises, here are the closest hospitals and urgent care facilities to each park. It is going to be hot this week!

Shawnee Mission Medical Center  
4401 Wornall Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64111

North Kansas City Hospital  
2800 Clay Edwards Dr.  
North Kansas City, MO 64116

KU Midwest Urgant Care  
7405 Renner Rd.  
Shawnee, KS 66217

Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City  
9100 W 74th St.  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66204