

2018 USA Softball of Indiana /Worth-Miken Power Series

Goal: To develop a competitive, consistent and sustainable tournament series for USA Softball of Indiana slow pitch teams that will contribute to the growth and development of USA Softball and the game in general. Every effort will be made to ensure a fair and competitive tournament series.

Event Schedule:

The tournament series schedule is posted on www.usasoftballindiana.org. Events are also posted on www.tournamentusasoftball.com. Any changes to the schedule will be updated, as they occur, on the website. Results for each tournament will be posted on the website by the Series Coordinator on Mondays following each completed event.

Format:

Tournaments will use the official double-elimination brackets or Three-Game Guarantee brackets and will be drawn in the same manner as the State Tournaments. Every effort will be made to separate local teams into different parts of the brackets.

Entry Fees/Deadlines

Entry fees may vary by site. Entry deadline is 5pm on Wednesday night before each tournament. Events may fill up before the deadline. In those events, registration may close earlier than the Wednesday deadline. Enter on www.tournamentusasoftball.com

Rosters/Player/Team Classification:

Teams will play in their USA Softball of Indiana classification wherever possible.

Player eligibility will be checked, prior to player participation, as it is for state tournament play. Teams/players should check their classification on the Adult Slow Pitch Classification section of the USA Softball National Website www.teamusa.org prior to entering each tournament. Tournament Directors will also be verifying team/player classification prior to each tournament. The USA Softball of Indiana classification database will aid in the proper placement of teams into the series and “keep the playing field level” for all teams participating.

Tournament sites will use the Official USA Softball Championship Roster or those sites using Tournament USA Softball will enter online. Forms are available on the USA Softball website www.usasoftballindiana.org For tournaments using Tournament USA Softball management software rosters must be entered online at www.tournamentusasoftball.com Rosters for the State Tournament portion of the series are locked seven days prior to the date of the event. The points and award packages for the series will remain with the team manager until the conclusion of the series for that particular year.

Rules:

Play will be conducted in accordance with USA Softball of Indiana Championship Rules except where noted. There will be tournaments that may make rule adjustment to coincide with the local rules that their organization has deemed necessary. These “Local Rules” will be posted in advance of the tournament to allow participants ample time to adjust. For example, “Local

Rules” may allow for changes to the stealing rule; steel cleats or other rule modifications deemed necessary by the host tournament director.

Equipment:

Bats: Any **Legal** Association stamped bat, not on the ASA non-approved bat list, subject to Rule 3.1, that passes the barrel compression test, is eligible for use in Adult Slow Pitch in USA Softball of Indiana sanctioned events. Exception: No Senior Bats allowed. Bats will be tested at all Series sites.

Balls: Participating tournament sites will use the Worth “Hot Dot” ProComp (composite cover) 52/300 balls for all games.

Points: Points for each tournament will be awarded according to the chart listed below.

<u>Teams</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5t</u>	<u>7t</u>	<u>9t</u>	<u>13t</u>	<u>17t</u>	<u>25t</u>	<u>33t</u>	<u>49t</u>	<u>65t</u>	<u>97t</u>
2-4	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-6	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7-8	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-12	480	400	320	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-16	640	500	400	320	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-24	720	600	480	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-	-
25-32	840	700	560	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-	-
33-48	960	800	640	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-	-
49-64	1080	900	720	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-	-
64+	1200	1000	800	600	540	480	420	360	300	240	180	120	60	-

If a tournament is conducted with combined classes, points will be awarded according to the class. The highest finisher in each class will earn the maximum points. For instance, if a D team finishes 3rd in a 10-team tournament and is the highest finisher in their class, they will receive 480 points. This will aid in the point distribution in the tournaments that are combined classes. The points awarded will be based on the total number of teams entered in the tournament regardless of whether classes are combined.

All USA Softball of Indiana State tournaments, with the exception of the Coed Novice, will be worth “double-points”.

In the case of a complete rain-out, all registered teams will receive the minimum number of points (60) for entering. Partial rain-outs will end in appropriate point distribution based on the order of finish. All remaining teams will share equally the points for the places that remain undecided.

Awards:

Individual sites will provide their own awards for winning teams at each respective event.

Continuing in 2018:

- To be eligible for the end of season Series Prizes, a team must compete in a minimum of two Series events in the 2018 season.
- Based on feedback from teams that participated in the first four years of this event, Series award packages will include options for teams that place in the final Series Standings to “customize” their awards package to suit their respective team. A list of prize options and values of those items will be determined by the Slow Pitch Series Committee and will be posted on the website before the beginning of each season. The prizes are funded from \$20.00 from each team’s entry fee at each tournament. These packages will include Worth/Rawlings and Miken products, not limited to bats, uniforms, gloves, batting gloves, bags and other apparel. Worth/Rawlings/Miken Sports is the official sponsor of the USA Softball of Indiana Series.