

NACA

National Tournament Planning Packet

Softball

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Dear Coach,

Thank you for your interest in the NACA Nationals. As our NACA family continues to grow across the country, we look forward to seeing you in Dayton, Tennessee. We anticipate a premier tournament, and our staff is already preparing and praying for your student athletes.

In the following pages you will find updated information to help you register for our event. Please follow the instructions carefully and fill out the necessary forms to help us continue the same quality of service and fairness of competition.

Once again, thank you for your support of the NACA. Please call us if you have any questions.

Pursuing the Ultimate Prize,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Sekura". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dave Sekura

Executive Director

NACA – The Next Generation of Champions!

The National Association of Christian Athletes in Dayton, Tennessee, was established in 1980. The rich tradition of the NACA Nationals continues with its mission to influence young people for Jesus Christ through the avenue of quality national tournaments.

The NACA hosts one of America's premier tournaments for Christian schools in baseball, basketball, cross country, cheer, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Over 3,000 athletes from 200 schools participate yearly. The NACA experience has been a career highlight for thousands of student athletes.

This booklet is designed to take you step-by-step through the process of registering and attending one of our tournaments. If you have any questions or need more information, call our NACA office at 423-775-0488.

The Road to the NACA Nationals

Step 1: The following must be received by the date indicated on your paperwork in order to secure your place in the tournament:

1. Contract Agreement – All signatures **required**.
2. Entry Fee – The registration fee of **\$295** for each Softball team participating may be paid by school check or credit card. **This fee is non-refundable.**
3. Remaining Balance Payment -
 - a. 20% of payment due 60 days prior to event
 - b. 50% of payment due 30 days prior to event
 - c. Final Payment due 1 week before NACA event

Step 2: We must receive the following by the date indicated:

1. Team Roster & Schedule – These forms will be emailed to you as a google sheet to fill out. You will not need to send back to NACA as they will have access to the form. The roster form is due **3 weeks** prior to event. The schedule is due **2 weeks** prior to event.
2. Health Forms – **The NACA Health Form** must be completed by everyone participating in the tournament including athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches. All Health Forms are due **3 weeks** prior to the event. Athletes under the age of 19 must have their legal guardian(s) sign the form.

Step 3: Secure transportation to and from the NACA as well as to and from various local venues as not all games are held onsite.

Step 4: View the brackets online at www.nacasports.org before your tournament begins. Brackets are subject to change without notice.

Step 5: Check-in is Tuesday from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Eastern Standard Time unless otherwise indicated.

***All registration materials must be completed before arrival.** This includes the following:

1. **Original Contract** – All necessary signatures are required.
2. **Remaining Balance Fees** – Your balance may be paid with a cashier's check, money order, or credit card. *No personal, business, church or school checks will be accepted.*

Fees:

\$195 Per person lodging in the Brown Deer Lodge at Fort Bluff Camp– includes all meals, tournament fees, and admission to all games.

\$155 Per person lodging in dorms on campus at Fort Bluff Camp – includes all meals, tournament fees, and admission to all games.

\$90 Per athlete and coach lodging off-campus – includes meals, tournament fees, admission to all games.

Statisticians, managers, etc. who stay off campus must purchase a meal pass to eat on-campus meals. We are unable to accommodate small children under school age. There is no pro-rating of prices.

**No team will play their first game until their registration balance is paid in full.*

3. **On Campus Teams** - It is the coach's responsibility to check out before departure. This includes: Sweeping your room floor including under beds, checking under all bunk mattresses for trash or personal items, gathering up trash into the container, wiping out microwave and refrigerator if in a lodge room, and reporting any damage to the main office. **Housing keys are to be turned into the office upon departure. Keys not returned will be charged a fee.**
4. **Insurance** – The school, organization or parent(s) must have health/medical insurance for all athletes attending our national tournaments. If an athlete does not have health/medical insurance, please contact the NACA prior to your arrival.

Home and Guest Team Uniform Colors

Softball: Home Team – Light Guest team – Dark

Items for Coaches to Bring

1. Practice balls for warm-up
2. Schools which send more than one team during one particular week of tournaments need a coach and separate transportation for each team.
3. First-aid Kit

Evening Youth Rally

Youth rallies are held the Wednesday and Thursday evening of each tournament to which attendance is **mandatory**. These rallies are often the highlight of the tournament. If a team is playing in the first game following the rally, uniforms and warm-ups may be worn to the rally.

Accommodations and Housing

Teams competing may stay at Fort Bluff Camp, the headquarters for the NACA. The facilities include the Brown Deer Lodge, dorms and bunkhouses equipped with bunk beds. Lodging assignments are given during Registration. Housing is based upon a needs-met basis. We try to honor housing requests, if possible. During full weeks, those who pre-pay last are subject to alternate housing at other locations. *If a school or coach secures their own housing at another location, they are still subject to tournament fees.*

If a coach chooses not to stay with his or her team, an adult chaperone must stay with the team.

Guest Housing

The Lake Haven Cabins are fully furnished with central heat and air, fully equipped kitchen, one bedroom and an open loft, one bath and a mountain stone fireplace. Early registration is strongly recommended. No athletes may stay or visit the Lake Haven Cabins.

Guests may stay in the dorms with their teams for \$155 or in the Brown Deer Lodge with their team for \$195. This cost includes admission to the games, meals in the Dining Hall, and lodging for the duration of the tournament. Guests need to be included in the attendance count on the team's Contract.

Offsite Housing

Please go to our website www.nacasports.org for a list of offsite housing.

Tournament Tickets – for those who did not pay a tournament fee.

<i>Single Game Pass</i>	Student \$3	Adult \$5	Family \$15
<i>Single Day Pass:</i>	Student \$5	Adult \$8	Family \$20
<i>Tournament Pass:</i>	Student \$10	Adult \$16	Family \$45

Meal Tickets – for those staying off campus and who did not pay a tournament fee.

Ages 6 and older

Breakfast	\$ 8
Lunch	\$ 10
Dinner	\$ 12

Children 5 and under are free for all meals when accompanied by a paying adult.

What to Bring

1. Pillow, sleeping bag or twin-sized sheet set or blanket
2. Alarm clock
3. Towels, washcloths, and personal toiletries
4. Bible
5. Several changes of clothes – there is no laundry service available at the camp
6. Jacket, light coat, or sweatshirt
7. Spending money for the Canteen and Store

Directions

Our address for GPS devices is 370 Fort Bluff Camp Road, Dayton, TN 37321. Within $\frac{1}{10}$ mile from the top of the mountain there is a road to the left called Morgan Creek. Your GPS might tell you to turn there. **Do not take this road.** Continue straight ahead to the crest of the mountain and turn left on Ogden Road instead. There is a large, lighted, green and white sign on the left indicating the place to turn.

Directions For Games:

The tournament will be held at Camp Jordan in East Ridge, Tennessee. Camp Jordan is located approximately an hour south of NACA in Dayton, and close to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Teams can still stay at NACA throughout the tournament, or choose their own off-site housing near Camp Jordan.