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TUCSON TO HOST ASA 18 AND UNDER CLASS A WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FASTPITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Arizona Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and Visit Tucson, will be hosting the ASA 18 and under girls fastpitch Class A Western National Championship tournament from July 30 through August 3, 2014. The tournament will be held at Lincoln Park, 8116 E. Escalante Rd, at the new Lincoln softball complex. This complex features 4 lighted softball fields, bleacher seating with roof for shade and a concessions building with restrooms. Other amenities at this location include another 4 field softball complex at upper Lincoln Park, a swimming pool and recreation center, soccer fields, a .6-mile walking path, a ¾-mile multi-use path, ramadas, a playground, and four sand volleyball courts.

There 17 teams from across the west coast that will participate in this tournament. "I commend you for your athleticism, self-discipline and competitive spirit, all of which have brought you to Tucson for this distinguished competition. Welcome to Tucson, congratulations and the best of luck to each of you," said City of Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild.

"We are thankful to ASA for awarding Tucson with the opportunity to host the 2014 18U ASA Western 'A' National Championship," said City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Director Fred Gray. "In Tucson we recognize the tremendous dedication it takes from the players to get to this level and we will do everything in our power to make sure this is an experience that the players and their families will never forget."

With the partnership between Tucson Parks and Recreation, Arizona ASA, and Visit Tucson, we are able to welcome the teams and their families to enjoy a great weekend in Tucson, Arizona. Some of the festivities include a social at Main Gate Square, Opening Ceremonies at Hillenbrand Stadium, and of course the softball games themselves which will take place Thursday through Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild will be throwing out the first pitch. A lot of planning went into making this tournament happen and we hope that this will align Tucson, Arizona and Lincoln Park to become one of the premiere softball tournament sites in the country. Please come check out the elite softball action throughout the weekend. Admission is \$25 tournament pass or \$10 daily pass for adults; \$15 for a tournament pass, \$5 daily pass for youth 17 and under and seniors over 62. Children 8 and under are free.

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“ASA/USA Softball is very fortunate to have several capable and willing hosts for our over 100 National Championship Finals,” said Craig A. Cress, ASA / USA Softball Executive Director. “Tucson, Arizona is a high quality City with very passionate Softball minds and partnered with Arizona ASA, will do an outstanding job and we are very thrilled that they are hosting this event.”

“As the Arizona ASA State Commissioner and ASA Representative, I am extremely excited about the 2014 Girls’ Class A Fastpitch Western National Championship being conducted in Tucson,” said Arizona ASA State Commissioner Don Fishel. “I hope all spectators, fans, players, coaches, managers, umpires, scorekeepers, supervisors, field maintenance staff, the tournament staff and the City of Tucson will always continue supporting and believing in the ASA Program, and this tremendous sport of softball!”

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