

18th ANNUAL



Presented By



2023 PROGRAM



WELCOME

Welcome to the 18th annual Softball Carpenter Cup presented by Nike. Like its baseball counterpart, this tournament is named in honor of former Philadelphia Phillies' owners Bob and Ruly Carpenter, and its goal is to give the best softball players in the area the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of college coaches.

The creation process of the Softball Carpenter Cup began in early 2004 when the Phillies partnered with the Fairmount Park Commission to create two new softball fields in FDR Park. Funding was donated to the project by former Phillies left fielder Pat Burrell, the Phillies Wives who raised money through a Mystery Ball promotion – in which fans paid to pick a concealed baseball autographed by one of the Phillies players, coaches or alumni – Phillies Charities and Turkey Hill Dairy who donated 5 cents per carton sold of Phillies Graham Slam Ice Cream.

After the creation of the fields, a Softball Carpenter Cup Executive Committee was formed in February 2005 to create the rules and format of the tournament. The Executive Committee members are all well respected and knowledgeable people dedicated to the game of fastpitch softball. The Executive Committee has worked hard to create a strong tournament. They identified franchise contacts, met with coaches and assigned umpires and they will be on hand throughout the Softball Carpenter Cup to ensure that everything runs smoothly. They have all volunteered their time to make this tournament a reality. The members are:

Ed Jones
Allison Munch
Bill Streets
Monica Clark

Thank you to the Softball Carpenter Cup Executive Committee, MLB Phillies Urban Youth Academy, FDR Park and the Fairmount Park Commission, the umpires who volunteer their time and the franchise contacts and coaches who have all worked hard to make this tournament a reality for these very talented softball players.

SOFTBALL CARPENTER HISTORY

Carpenter Cup Franchises

The Softball Carpenter Cup is composed of 16 teams. The franchises are:

- ❖ Berks County/Lancaster Lebanon
- ❖ Burlington County
- ❖ Chester County
- ❖ Delaware County ^ #
- ❖ Delaware North
- ❖ Delaware South
- ❖ Inter-Ac
- ❖ Jersey Shore
- ❖ Lehigh Valley
- ❖ Mercer County #
- ❖ Mid-Penn
- ❖ Olympic Colonial
- ❖ Philadelphia Catholic
- ❖ Philadelphia PCCAF -
- ❖ SOL/BAL >
- ❖ Tri-Cape

Franchises were responsible for selecting their team and coaches.

Mercer County rejoined the tournament, and Delaware County East and West merged back as one.

^In 2017, Delaware County divided into Delaware County East & Delaware County West.

+ In 2016, Mercer County folded.

- In 2015, Philadelphia Public/Charter regrouped with AACAF/Friends to become Philadelphia PCCAF.

> In 2012, SOL American & Continental and SOL National/Bicentennial merged to form the Suburban One League/Bicentennial franchise, Berks County included Lancaster Lebanon, and Mid-Penn entered to become the 16th franchise.

> In 2011, SOL National Bicentennial was unable to field a team.

- In 2010, Philadelphia Public (formerly AACAF/Philadelphia Public/Friends) became its own entity.

* In 2008, the Inter-Ac/Friends team became the Inter-Ac Franchise. Friends' teams were given the opportunity to play with the Philadelphia Public/CCA team.

SOFTBALL CARPENTER CHAMPIONS

2022	Mid Penn
2021	Delaware South
2020	<i>Canceled due to the Covid Pandemic</i>
2019	SOL/BAL
2018	Delaware South
2017	Berks/Lancaster Lebanon
2016	Berks/Lancaster Lebanon
2015	Burlington County
2014	Tri-Cape
2013	Delaware South
2012	SOL/Bicentennial
2011	Mercer County
2010	Jersey Shore
2009	Delaware South
2008	Lehigh Valley
2007	Jersey Shore
2006	Lehigh Valley
2005	Delaware South

SOFTBALL CARPENTER MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

2022	Elizabeth Gaisior
2021	Madge Layfield, Delaware South
2020	<i>Canceled due to Covid Pandemic</i>
2019	Samantha Nunerviller, SOL/BAL



presented by



Softball Carpenter Cup Classic
Rules of Play 2023

Tournament Format

1. The Softball Carpenter Cup Executive Committee will determine rules of play. Franchises will not be able to question rules or rulings made by the Committee at any point.
2. The Committee has a right to review and revise the rules at the conclusion of each Softball Carpenter Cup.
3. The tournament will consist of 3 pool play games per team. There will be 4 Brackets of 4 teams each. The top 2 teams from each bracket will advance to a single elimination tournament on Day 3. The brackets will be determined prior to the tournament. More details can be found below.
4. Pool Play: No new (top half) inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes have elapsed from the start of the game. Innings that start prior to 1 hour and 45 minutes must be completed.
 - a. Time will begin once the first warm up pitch is thrown.
 - b. No delay of games will be permitted. If a team is found to be trying to run out the clock, an out will be awarded against that team if they are batting or last batted out for the other team will be awarded first base if fielding. This will be left up to the discretion of the umpire.
5. All games will follow Federation rules. With the exception of the following:
 - a. There will be no EH. DP/FLEX player will be allowed.
 - b. Courtesy runners will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher only. Courtesy runners must be a player who has not been in the game yet. If all players have been used already, courtesy runner will be last batted out. The same runner cannot run for both the pitcher and the catcher.
 - c. Pitching will follow USA rules. Pitchers do not have to begin with two feet on the pitching rubber but at least one. The pitching distance is 43 feet.
 - d. All players are permitted to wear metal cleats.
6. International tiebreaker is in effect if the game is tied after the 7th inning and there is still time on the clock.
7. Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 4 innings in a regulation game. If the game goes into extra innings, a pitcher may pitch 1 additional inning for a total of 5 innings maximum.
8. Mercy Rule - A game will end any time after 5 innings, or after 4 ½ innings, if the team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

9. If a game is called because of rain or darkness and the home team is leading after 4½ innings or if the away team is leading after 5 innings the game will be considered a complete game.
10. If a game is called because of rain or darkness and 4 ½ or 5 innings, depending on who is leading, have not been played, the game will be considered suspended and resume at the point of suspension.
11. Teams have 90 seconds between innings. For the defensive team this includes warming-up pitchers and fielders and for the offensive having the leadoff batter step into the batter's box. Teams will receive a warning the first time they exceed the time limit and after that the batter will either be given a strike or a ball depending upon which team is in violation.

Single Elimination Seeding

1. The top 2 teams from each bracket will move on to Day 3 and play a single elimination tournament format
2. There will be no time limit for any of these games. All 7 innings will be played.
 - a. If there is a tie after 7 innings the international tiebreaker will be in effect
3. Teams will be ranked based on record after 3 pool play games
4. Tie Breaking Rules-In the event that there is a tie in seedings the following steps will be used to finalize top 4 seeds for each day
 1. Head to head competition
 2. Lowest defensive runs allowed ratio* *(Total number of runs allowed divided by number of 1/2 innings played on defense)
 3. Total runs scored

* Sequence will reset after first advancing team is determined, i.e. if three teams are tied, the team with lowest defensive runs ratio advances. Process resets after each advancing team is determined.

Day 3 Format

1. Bracket C #2 Seed @ Bracket A #1 Seed
2. Bracket B #2 Seed @ Bracket D #1 Seed
3. Bracket A #2 Seed @ Bracket C #1 Seed
4. Bracket D # 2 Seed @ Bracket B #1 Seed

Home team will be the higher seed. If teams are the same seed at any point a coin flip will be used to determine home and away teams for that game.

Franchise Structure and Rules

1. The Softball Carpenter Cup is composed of 16 franchises.
2. There will be a maximum of 4 coaches per team plus a manager who will be the franchise spokesperson. The coaches should not all be from the same school. Each franchise can decide on the method to select the coaches. They can be selected via a vote or another method. There will be no limit on the number of years that an individual can be a coach for Carpenter Cup. However, if a franchise so chooses, a year limit can be placed upon their coaching staff.
3. **NO SENIORS** can be included on your roster.
 - a. Franchises will have the opportunity to carry and play up to 17 players on their

- roster.
- b. Your roster for each game must be completed and handed in **20 minutes** prior to your game.
 4. The method a team is selected is up to each individual franchise. The team can be selected using each league's All-Star team or via tryouts.
 - a. When selecting your roster, **you are only allowed 3 players from one school.**
 5. The Scorekeeper must check-in one hour prior to the first game of the tournament at the Carpenter Cup Tent to receive the tournament shirts, game ball and line-up card. After the first game, the scorekeeper must hand in their line-up 20 minutes prior to their next game. **The only exception will be if your team is playing back-to-back games.**
 6. Changes must be given in advance to the press box not the umpire. We need time to update the scorebook and the iPads. By turning in your substitution cards in a timely fashion, you are benefiting your players as the information provided to us is downloaded and sent to the papers. If you don't get us your substitutions cards a player may not receive credit for an accomplishment. A substitution is not just a player entering/exiting a game; it is also a player who is switching positions defensively.

Conduct and Presentation

1. All players must be in uniform and look presentable. The uniform will be determined by each individual franchise.
2. Each girl must submit a player profile form that will be published in a booklet to be distributed to colleges.
3. Players, coaches, family, and friends must respect the officials, the members of the Carpenter Cup Committee and each other. If we feel that anyone is being disrespectful, they will be asked to leave on that day and could be banned for the remainder of the tournament.

Carpenter Cup Executive Committee Rule

The Carpenter Cup Executive Committee will make decisions on a case-by-case basis regarding roster make-up and game procedure. Any rulings made are final and not open to challenge.

Bracket A: SOL, Jersey Shore, Philadelphia Catholic, Philadelphia PCCAF
Bracket B: Tri Cape, Delaware North, Berks L/L, Chester County
Bracket C: Delaware South, Mid Penn, Delaware County, Mercer County
Bracket D: Olympic Colonial, Lehigh Valley, Inter-Ac, Burlington County



2023 Softball Carpenter Cup Classic Schedule

FDR Park – Broad & Pattison, Philadelphia, PA 19145

MONDAY, JUNE 19

TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
8:00 am (Game 1)	SOL @ Jersey Shore	5
8:00 am (Game 2)	Philadelphia Catholic @ Philadelphia PCCAF	6
10:00 am (Game 3)	Philadelphia PCCAF @ SOL	5
10:00 am (Game 4)	Jersey Shore @ Philadelphia Catholic	6
12:00 pm (Game 5)	Tri Cape @ Delaware North	5
12:00 pm (Game 6)	Berks L/L @ Chester County	6
2:00 pm (Game 7)	Philadelphia PCCAF @ Jersey Shore	5
2:00 pm (Game 8)	Philadelphia Catholic @ SOL	6
4:00 pm (Game 9)	Berks L/L @ Tri Cape	5
4:00 pm (Game 10)	Chester County @ Delaware North	6
6:00 pm (Game 11)	Tri Cape @ Chester County	5
6:00 pm (Game 12)	Delaware North @ Berks L/L	6

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
8:00 am (Game 13)	Delaware South @ Mid Penn	5
8:00 am (Game 14)	Delaware County @ Mercer County	6
10:00 am (Game 15)	Mercer County @ Delaware South	5
10:00 am (Game 16)	Mid Penn @ Delaware County	6
12:00 pm (Game 17)	Lehigh Valley @ Inter-Ac	5
12:00 pm (Game 18)	Burlington County @ Olympic Colonial	6
2:00 pm (Game 19)	Mid Penn @ Mercer County	5
2:00 pm (Game 20)	Delaware South @ Delaware County	6
4:00 pm (Game 21)	Olympic Colonial @ Lehigh Valley	5
4:00 pm (Game 22)	Inter-Ac @ Burlington County	6
6:00 pm (Game 23)	Inter-Ac @ Olympic Colonial	5
6:00 pm (Game 24)	Burlington @ Lehigh Valley	6

Top 2 Teams from each bracket make it to Day 3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

TIME	TEAMS	FIELD
9:00 am (Game 25)	Bracket C #2 Seed @ Bracket A #1 Seed	5
9:00 am (Game 26)	Bracket B #2 Seed @ Bracket D #1 Seed	6
11:00 am (Game 27)	Bracket A #2 Seed @ Bracket C #1 Seed	5
11:00 am (Game 28)	Bracket D # 2 Seed @ Bracket B #1 Seed	6
1:00 pm (Game 29) *	Winner Game 25 vs. Winner Game 26	5
1:00 pm (Game 30) *	Winner Game 27 vs. Winner Game 28	6
3:00 pm (Game 31) *	Winner Game 30 vs. Winner Game 29	5

Rain Dates June 22, 26, & 27 or others if necessary

*Home team will be determined by higher seed. If teams are same seed coin flip will determine home and away.