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### **Wounded Warrior All -Amputee Softball team to appear at World Cup and Border Battle games**



OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --- The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America and USA Softball is thrilled to announce the Wounded Warrior All-Amputee men's slow pitch team will be in attendance during next week's World Cup of Softball VI and Border Battle III at ASA Hall of Fame Complex. The team is an all male slow pitch softball comprised of young Veterans and active duty soldiers who have suffered an injury resulting in amputation while serving in the military/war and protecting the United States.

"This is a great honor to have the Wounded Warrior softball team come to Oklahoma City and be a part of our event. They contacted us months ago in hopes of becoming partners with ASA/USA Softball and we knew immediately this was something we wanted to be a part of," said Holly Krivokapich, ASA/USA Softball Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications. "These men are heroes and to see them continue to play softball despite being amputees is going to be inspiring for us all."

With arrival on Wednesday evening, the Wounded Warrior team is scheduled to participate in an inner-squad scrimmage on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. with the men's USA slow pitch team as well being introduced on Friday, military appreciation night, with the USA women's fast pitch team. On Friday, fans are encouraged to wear Red to support the military and the first 1,000 fans who enter the stadium that day will receive a camouflage magnetic frame. Gates open at 9 a.m. with World Cup action beginning at 10 a.m.

"We have completed our rehabilitation and now we are ready to show the world how active, athletic and competitive we are in the sport of softball. Our goal is to play charity/celebrity softball games around the country to display awareness of our injury/amputation, rehabilitation and the highly skilled physical activities we can now perform," said team representative David Van Sleet. "The team is extremely excited and looking forward to playing at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex and supporting both our USA Men's and Women's national softball teams."

For more information on the Wounded Warrior team please visit:

<http://www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org/>. The Wounded Warrior Team will be featured HBO Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel on Tues., July 19<sup>th</sup>. Check out your local programming for more information.

For a complete World Cup schedule visit [www.usasoftball.com](http://www.usasoftball.com). Single session general admission tickets for the World Cup can be purchased now by calling 1-800-654-8337 or by visiting [SoftballOutlet.com](http://SoftballOutlet.com). Single session reserved seating tickets are only sold the day of the event at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium box office.

All-session tickets, which are \$275 for the Ultimate Fan Zone seating in the first three rows of the stadium, \$75 for other reserved seating and \$40 for general admission seating, are also on sale now. The Ultimate Fan Zone package also includes a private autograph session and breakfast with the 2011 USA Softball Women's National Team, only open to Ultimate Fan Zone ticket holders, as well free parking and a replica USA Softball jersey.

### **About ASA**

The Amateur Softball Association, founded in 1933, is the National Governing Body of softball in the United States and a member of the United States Olympic Committee. The ASA has become one of the nation's largest sports organizations and now sanctions competition in every state through a network of 76 local associations. The ASA has grown from a few hundred teams in the early days to over 210,000 teams today, representing a membership of more than three million. For more information on the ASA, visit <http://www.asasoftball.com/>.

### **About USA Softball**

USA Softball is the brand created, operated and owned by the ASA that links the USA Men's, Women's, Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' National Team programs together. USA Softball is responsible for training, equipping and promoting these four National Teams to compete in international and domestic competitions. The USA Softball Women's National Team is one of the only two women's sports involved in the Olympic movement to capture three consecutive gold medals at the Olympic Games since 1996. The U.S. women have also won nine World Championship titles including the last seven consecutive as well as claimed four World Cup of Softball titles. For more information about USA Softball, please visit <http://www.usasoftball.com/>.

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