

2024 Western Canadian U13 Softball Championship

Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex

Brandon, Manitoba

August 1-4, 2024

Information Package (as of July 16, 2024)

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WELCOME TO BRANDON

The City of Brandon's population in the 2021 Census was 51.313, just over a 5% increase from 2016. Brandon's growth has kept pace with the fastest-growing cities in Canada. It demonstrates the opportunities for individuals, families, and businesses to grow and succeed.

Brandon is known as the Wheat City and is home to Brandon University, Assiniboine College, and a federal agricultural research station. It is also home to excellent cultural facilities, programs, and events, including the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, the Commonwealth Air Training Museum, the Westman Multicultural Festival, and the Dakota Nation Winterfest.

The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba is a Brandon-based non-profit organization established in 1872. It hosts the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair each March, one of only two fairs in Canada to receive royal designation from Queen Elizabeth II. The Provincial Exhibition also hosts the Manitoba Summer Fair in June and the Manitoba Livestock Expo in late October. In addition, Canada's largest indoor agriculture trade show and program, the Manitoba Ag Days, is held mid-January each year at Brandon's Keystone Centre.

The Keystone Centre is a 540,00<mark>0</mark>-square-foot multi-event venue with three full-size hockey rinks, including Westoba Place, home of the Western Hockey League's Brandon Wheat Kings. It also includes an eight-sheet curling rink and ample convention space that allows it to host conferences and events year-round.

A Great Host City

Brandon has a long history of hosting successful sports events that stretches back decades. Events returning to Brandon include the Canada Games (1979, 1997), Curling Canada events (The Brier in 1963, 1982, and 2019, The Scotties in 1993 and 2002, the 1995 Ford World Curling Championship, and the 1997 Olympic trials). In 2010, Brandon hosted the Memorial Cup. In 2016, it hosted U Sports Volleyball National Championships, which will return in 2025. In addition, it hosted the Legion National Youth Track and Field (2017, 2018).

Softball History

Brandon is a long history of hosting Softball events. Still, the 2023 Softball Canada U15 Girls' Championship was the first Canadian Championship held in Brandon since 2000. The Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex opened in 2017 and added lights to its main diamond in the spring of 2022. It has quickly built a reputation as the premier softball facility in Manitoba. In addition to hosting the 2023 Softball Canada U15 Girls Championship, it was also the host venue for the 2017 Western Canadian U16 Championship.

Westman Magic

The Westman Magic is the host team for the 2024 event. The Magic program is one of eight AAA programs under Softball Manitoba and, geographically, draws players from Brandon and a surrounding area of approximately 200 kilometres.



ACCOMMODATIONS

There are blocks of rooms secured by the Host Committee at a variety of hotels available to accommodate teams for the 2024 Western Canadian U13 Championship. A list of the hotels where rooms have been secured is on the next page (Page 6)

To book your rooms, please reach out to our accommodations coordinator Sara Girard at sara@brandonfirst.com or 204-596-4653.

The Host Committee received an event hosting grant from the City of Brandon's Accommodation Tax Grant program in order to host the event. As such, it is vital we are able to track the number of hotel rooms that are booked for the event.



Hotel Name	<u>Address</u>	Distance to ANSC	<u>Website</u>
Canad Inns Destination Centre	1125 18 th Street	3.5 km (8 mins)	https://www.canadinns.com/stay/brandon/
Clarion Hotel & Suites	3130 Victoria Ave	3.8 km (7 mins)	https://www.clarionbrandon.com/
Lakeview Inn & Suites	1880 18 th Street N.	4.2 km (7 mins)	https://www.lakeviewhotels.com/brandon/
Motel 6	815 Middleton Ave	5.5 km (9 mins)	https://www.motel6.com/en/home/motels.mb.brandon.5716.html
Holiday Inn Express	1146 18 th St	3.7 km (8 mins)	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/brandon/ybran/hoteldetail
Victoria Inn	3 <mark>5</mark> 50 Victoria Ave	4.2 km (8 mins)	https://brandon.vicinn.com/



ASHLEY NEUFELD SOFTBALL COMPLEX

The Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex is located at 805 Parker Boulevard in Brandon. The Complex recently hosted the 2023 Softball Canada U15 Girls Championship, and has hosted provincial, regional, and western tournaments in its brief history. We are proud to call it the premiere softball facility in Manitoba.

Ashley Neufeld was a talented local softball star who tragically lost her life on November 1, 2009, when the vehicle she and two teammates were riding in became submerged in a pond in North Dakota where she had been attending college and playing ball. Thanks to local support in her memory, the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex opened in 2017. It was named to celebrate her life and her passion for softball.





Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex Park Policies

- 1. No outside food, beverages, or storage coolers/cooler bags can be brought into the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex aside from one cooler per coach (for their team) and one sealed bottled water or sports drink per player or spectator. Coaches must identify themselves and show a pass to allow the coolers in.
- 2. If someone has a dietary or allergy condition, please tell them to identify themselves at the gate, and we would be happy to accommodate them.
- 3. No outside alcohol is allowed in the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex. If someone with outside alcohol is identified, they will be immediately asked to leave the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.
- 4. The law prohibits drinking alcohol in our parking lot. Any person(s) observed drinking alcohol in the parking lot will be asked to leave and reported to local police.
- 5. People/Teams can picnic in the parking lot if they clean up after themselves and do not consume alcohol. Drinking in the parking lot will result in immediate expulsion from the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.
- **6.** No campers, RVs, buses or other large vehicles are allowed in the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex parking lot.
- 7. Please put all garbage and recyclables in the bins throughout the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.
- 8. No smoking of any kind is allowed in the park. Anyone observed smoking will be asked to stop and, if they persist, will be asked to leave the park. Smoking includes cigarettes, marijuana, and vaping. Note: this is a City of Brandon bylaw.
- 9. Pets are welcome to be with you on your visit to the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex. However, pets must always be on a leash during the visit. Pet owners are responsible for any cleanup of their pet's waste. Due to Health Department regulations, NO PETS are allowed up on the deck area in front of the concession.

Practice and Warm Up Diamonds

Practice and warm up availability will be available onsite on the Rotary Diamond and at the North End Community Centre diamonds, located approximately 0.5 kilometres (five-minute walk) West of the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex. To book practice time, please contact ANSC Facility Manager Brett Turner at 204-573-9470 or brett.turner@mymts.net.

A warmup schedule is being distributed to teams in a separate Excel spreadsheet and will be included in the packages provided to team representatives or coaches prior to or at the coaches' meeting. However, generally speaking, warm up will take place at an offsite diamond for a period of 90 to 30 minutes prior to your game time. Your team will not be allowed on the diamonds at ANSC until 30 minutes prior to your game. To ensure the safety of your players and team personnel and our field maintenance crews, we also ask you refrain from using the infield prior to the start of your games.

Parking Information

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Parking could be challenging during the Championship. Parking of large RVs, Trailers, Buses or other vehicles of this nature will not be allowed in the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex parking lot during the event. Alternative parking for these vehicles is located at the North End Community Centre or at the parking lot at Steve Clark Field. You can be directed to these locations, if required.



TOURISM AND ATTRACTIONS

Upon arrival to Brandon, expect to instantly feel at home and welcomed by the community. Brandon, the second largest city in Manitoba, is a community of just over 50,000 people with all the benefits of a larger center, but with a smaller-town feel. Our uniqueness is felt while exploring the riverbank, experiencing our historic downtown and visiting our locally-owned shops and restaurants that provide a Brandon-only feel.

Riverbank Discovery Centre – This beautiful greenspace is home to an expansive trail system, outdoor art installations, canoe/kayak cove rentals and the Brandon & Region

Tourism Centre – complete with a gift shop! The trail system includes the Red Willow pedestrian bridge which links the paths at Riverbank directly to the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.

Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum - The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum brings you back to the 1940s. This World War II Royal Canadian Air Force training site showcases aircrafts, artifacts, memorabilia, and special exhibits.

Daly House Museum - Step back in time as you explore the original home of Brandon's first Mayor. Built in 1882, the house contains four floors of artifacts and antiques. While visiting the museum enjoy a stroll through the beautiful Victorian Garden.

Day Tripping - Brandon is considered by many to be the regional hub of western Manitoba with many amazing attractions within a quick drive of the city. These include:

Spruce Woods Provincial Park - This park offers a unique sand dune environment and the eerie spring fed ponds of the Devil's Punchbowl.

Riding Mountain National Park – Whether you are seeking adventure or relaxation, Riding Mountain has something for everyone. Explore the extensive trail system, spot a variety of wildlife, or visit the bustling resort town of Wasagaming located on the shores of beautiful Clear Lake.

Visit http://brandontourism.com/ for more information, attractions, and ways to enhance your visit to Brandon.

Brandon Tourism 2024 Visitor Guide (a PDF Document) can be downloaded at: https://brandontourism.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Brandon-Guide-2024.pdf

TRANSPORTATION

WestJet offers a daily flight from Calgary to Brandon and Brandon to Calgary - https://www.westjet.com/en-ca/book-trip/flights/from-brandon-manitoba

getting around

air service

BRANDON AIR SHUTTLE

1335 Victoria Avenue, 204-729-3332, 1-888-884-5533, brandonairshuttle.com

BRANDON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

405 Agnew Drive, 204-729-2166, airport.brandon.ca

bus lines

BRANDON BUS LINES

1838 - 17th Street East, 1-800-571-0231, brandonbuslines.com

COMPASS COACH LINES

1800 - 14th Street East, 204-999-9746, compasscoachlines.com

car rentals

ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR 10 Brandon

Municipal Airport, 405 Agnew Drive, 204-725-1300 2 759 - 1st Street, 204-725-1300, 800-736-8222 3 Murray Chevrolet Buick GMC, 1500 Richmond Avenue, 204-727-7732. Toll-free (all locations) 1-800-736-8222, enterprise.ca

limousine services

TRIPLE CROWN LIMOUSINE

1940 Queens Avenue, 204-570-2525, triplecrownlimousines.business.site

public transport

BRANDON ACCESS TRANSIT

21 - 8th Street, 204-729-2437, brandontransit.ca

BRANDON TRANSIT 21 - 8th Street, 204-729-2300, brandontransit.ca

rail service

VIA RAIL CANADA INC.

Main Street, Rivers, viarail.ca

taxicabs

1RAINBOW TAXI 204-717-4000

4-WAY TAXI 204-727-2500

ABC TAXI 204-726-1600

BRANDON SUNSET TAXI 204-729-9000

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Event Pass:

Adult = \$50.00 Senior (60+) = \$40.00 Youth (14-19) = \$40.00 13 & Under = Free

Daily Ticket Prices:

Adult = \$20.00 Senior (60+) = \$15.00 Youth (14-19) = \$15.00 13 & Under = Free After 4:00 pm (14+) = \$10.00

Please note: Contactless payment methods will be available at the gate.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Opening Banquet for the 2024 Western Canadian U13 Championship will be held on **Wednesday**, **July 31**, **2024** at the Keystone Centre (MNP Hall)

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with supper to start at 6:00 p.m. A taco bar is the scheduled meal for the banquet.

Tickets are \$30 each. Teams should pre-order their tickets by contacting Host Committee representative Sharon Lilley at lilbug@mymts.net or 204-573-5737. If you have any dietary restrictions for team members, please be sure to inform Sharon.

e-Transfer for advance payment of banquet tickets can be sent to softballbrandon1@outlook.com.

Coaches' Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: MNP Hall, Keystone Centre (after Opening Banquet)

Opening Ceremonies

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex, Boston Pizza Diamond

Medal Presentation(s)

Date: Sunday, August 4, 2024 Time: Approximately 3:00 p.m.

Location: Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex, Boston Pizza Diamond

APPAREL

Brandon Source for Sports is the official supplier of merchandise for the 2024 Western Canadian U13 Championship.

A selection of hoodies, crew necks, t-shirts, hats, sweatpants and shorts will be available for pre-ordering in advance of the Championship. In addition, a select amount of merchandise will be available onsite during the event. The website to pre-order for the Championship is https://u13westerncanadians.itemorder.com/

The deadline to submit pre-orders is **July 23, 2024.**



Please Note: Apparel that was pre-ordered can be picked up at the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024. IT MUST BE THE PERSON THAT IS LISTED ON THE PRE-ORDER RECEIPT. Pre-orders can also be picked up at the Brandon Source for Sports tent during regular hours of operation during the Championship.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA/WIFI

For more information on the 2024 Western Canadian U13 Championship, please visit our website at https://softballbrandon.com/. (Dropdown menu at top of page)



You can also feel free to follow the social media channels below.

<u>Instagram</u> @softballbrandon

@westmanmagic

<u>Facebook</u> Softball Brandon Westman Magic

There is free public WIFI available at the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex under **ANSC Public**.



TEAM PHOTOS

Imperial Photo will be taking your official U13 Westerns team photos. Your photo time is scheduled before your first warm-up on **Thursday**, **August 1**, **2024**. Photos will take place at your warm-up field. We appreciate your co-operation on this.

If your team would like to order your official tournament team photo, you may do so by going to http://imperialphoto.ca/store/u13/.

There you will find more information to pay for and order your photos. All team photo orders must be submitted **by Sunday, August 4**. If you order **before Thursday, August 1**, you can save 25% off your total order. Just use coupon code "softball25".

See you at the fields for your team photo!



MISCELLENEOUS

PROGRAMS

The Host Committee will produce a digital official program for the 2024 Western Canadian U13 Championship.

This will feature rosters and photos of all competing teams, the schedule, messages and other pertinent information for the Championship.

A digital copy of the programs will be available online only for the Championship through our website at https://softballbrandon.com/. (Dropdown menu at top of page)



PROGRESSIVE 50/50

The Host Committee will be running a progressive 50/50 during the Championship. This will be a fundraiser to help cover overall costs of hosting the Championship and for future initiatives and projects at the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.

Tickets will be available for:

1 for \$5.00 3 for \$10.00 10 for \$20.00

The draw will made on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ALCOHOL PRICING

A selection of beer and coolers are available for sale during the Championship. The Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex is a licensed facility, so the beverages can be consumed anywhere on site. Beer price is \$6.00, Cooler price is \$7.00.

To re-iterate our Park Policies regarding alcohol, <u>No outside alcohol is allowed</u> in the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex. If someone with outside alcohol is identified, they will be immediately asked to leave the Ashley Neufeld Softball Complex.

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2024 Western Canadian U13 Girls' Championship Schedule

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GM #	DATE	Diam	TIME	VISITOR	НОМЕ
1	Thurs, August 1	BP	10:00 am	BC1 – Tri-City Titans	SK1
2	Thurs, August 1	WSA	10:15 am	BC3 – Pride 2011	SK3
3	Thurs, August 1	BP	12:00 pm	SK2	MB2
4	Thurs, August 1	WSA	12:15 pm	MB1	BC2 – Langley Xtreme
5	Thurs, August 1	BP	2:00 pm	HOST – Westman Magic	BC1 – Tri-City Titans
6	Thurs, August 1	WSA	2:15 pm	SK1	BC3 – Pride 2011
7	Thurs, August 1	BP	4:00 pm	SK3	MB1
8	Thurs, August 1	WSA	4:15 pm	MB2	BC2 – Langley Xtreme
		BP	6:30 pm	OPENING	CEREMONIES
9	Th <mark>u</mark> rs, August 1	BP	7:30 pm	SK2	H <mark>OST</mark> – Westman Magic
10	Fri, A <mark>u</mark> gust 2	BP	10: <mark>0</mark> 0 am	MB2	BC1 – Tri-City Titans
11	Fri, August 2	WSA	10:15 a <mark>m</mark>	B <mark>C</mark> 2 – Langley Xtreme	SK1
12	Fri, August 2	BP	12: <mark>00 p</mark> m	HOST – Westman Magic	SK3
13	Fri, A <mark>u</mark> gust 2	WSA	12:15 pm	BC3 – Pride 2011	SK2
14	Fri, August 2	BP	2:00 pm	SK1	MB1
15	Fri, August 2	WSA	4:00 pm	SK3	MB2
16	Fri, August 2	BP	6:00 pm	BC2 – Langley Xtreme	HOST – Westman Magic
17	Fri, August 2	WSA	6:00 pm	BC1 - Tri-City Titans	SK2
18	Fri, August 2	BP	8:00 pm	MB1	BC3 - Pride 2011

19	Sat, August 3	BP	9:00 am	MB2	SK1
20	Sat, August 3	WSA	9:15 am	SK2	MB1
21	Sat, August 3	BP	11:00 am	HOST -Westman Magic	BC3 – Pride 2011
22	Sat, August 3	WSA	11:15 am	BC1 – Tri-City Titans	SK3
23	Sat, August 3	BP	1:00 pm	BC2 – Langley Xtreme	SK2
24	Sat, August 3	BP	3:00 pm	SK1	HOST -Westman Magic
25	Sat, August 3	WSA	3:15 pm	BC3 – Pride 2011	MB2
26	Sat, August 3	BP	5:00 pm	MB1	BC1 – Tri-City Titans
27	Sat, August 3	WSA	5:15 pm	SK3	BC2 – Langley Xtreme
T1	Sat, August 3	BP	7:00 pm	Tiebreaker(s)	If Necessary
T2	Sat, August 3	BP	9:00 pm	Tiebreaker(s)	If Necessary
C1	Sun, August 4	BP	9:00 am	1 st Place	2 nd Place
C2	S <mark>u</mark> n, August 4	WSA	9:00 am	3 rd Place	4 th Place
C3	Sun, A <mark>u</mark> gust 4	BP	11: <mark>0</mark> 0 a <mark>m</mark>	LC1	WC2
C4	Sun, August 4	BP	1:00 pm	WC1	WC3



Special Operating Rules

- 1. Each team plays 6 games in a modified round robin. The team you don not play, will be from your own province, (if possible).
- 2. In the qualifying round, the Home team is the one the appears on the right side of the schedule. In the championship round, option of being home team will be the highest ranked team based on the standings after the Round-Robin. (In the championship 'final', the undefeated team of the championship round will have choice to be awarded Home Team) 124 113
- 3. The Home team will take third base dugout in all games. Exception: Not necessary to change dugouts in the 'if' game.

Competing Teams

Team 1: BC1 (Tri-City Titans)

Team 2: BC2 (Langley Xtreme)

Team 3: BC3 (Pride 2011)

Team 4: SK1 (?)

Team 5: SK2 (?)

Team 6: SK3 (?)

Team 7: MB1 (?)

Team 8: MB2 (?)

Team 9: HOST (Westman Magic)

2024 Western Canadian U13 Boys' Championship Schedule

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GM #	DAY	TIME	DIAM #	VISITING TEAM	HOME TEAM
1	Thurs, August 1	9:30 am	UCT	MB1 - Cross Lake Red Sox	MB2 – Cross Lake Warriors
2	Thurs, August 1	11:30 am	UCT	MB3 – Pimicikamak Wolves	SK1 – Prince Albert Astros
3	Thurs, August 1	1:30 pm	UCT	SK2 – Parkland Wildcats	MB1 - Cross Lake Red Sox
4	Thurs, August 1	3:30 pm	UCT	MB2 – Cross Lake Warriors	MB3 – Pimicikamak Wolves
	Thurs, August 1	6:30 pm	BP	OPENING C	EREMONIES
5	Fri, August 2	11:00 am	UCT	SK1 – Prince Albert Astros	SK2 – Parkland Wildcats
6	Fri, August 2	1:00 pm	UCT	MB3 – Pi <mark>m</mark> icikamak Wolves	MB1 - Cross Lake Red Sox
7	Fri, August 2	3:00 pm	UCT	SK1 – Pr <mark>in</mark> ce Alber <mark>t A</mark> stros	MB2 – Cross Lake Warriors
8	Fri, August 2	5:0 <mark>0</mark> pm	UCT	SK2 – Parkland Wildcats	MB3 – Pimicikamak Wolves
9	Sat, August 3	10:00 am	UCT	MB1 - Cross Lake Red Sox	SK1 – Prin <mark>ce</mark> Albert Astros
10	Sat, August 3	12:00 pm	UCT	MB2 – Cross Lake Warriors	SK2 – Parkland Wildcats
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T1	Sat, August 3	2:00 pm	UCT	Tiebreakers 2	if necessary
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C1	Sat, August 3	4:00 pm	UCT	1st-Place	2 nd -Place
C2	Sat, August 3	6:00 pm	UCT	3 rd -Place	4 th -Place
C3	Sun, August 4	10:00 am	UCT	WINNER C2	LOSER C1
C4	Sun, August 4	1:00 pm	UCT	WINNER C1	WINNER C3

Special Operating Rules

- 1. Each team plays 4 games in a complete round robin.
- 2. In the qualifying round, the Home team is the one the appears on the right side of the schedule. In the championship round, option of being home team will be the highest ranked team based on the standings after the Round-Robin. (In the championship 'final', the undefeated team of the championship round will have choice to be awarded Home Team)
- 3. The Home team will take third base dugout in all games.

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Competing Teams

Team '1' MB 1 (Cross Lake Red Sox)

Team '2' MB2 (Cross Lake Warriors)

Team '3" MB3 (Pimicikamak Wolves)

Team '4' SK1 (Prince Albert Astros)

Team '5' SK2 (Parkland Wildcats)

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