



# *Softball Championship Bulletin*

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## IMPORTANT DATES ALL CLASSES & DIVISIONS

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*This Bulletin is for your benefit. Please read and make sure all necessary parties receive the correct information concerning the event.*

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (By 10:00 PM)	Deadline For 1 <sup>st</sup> And Tied for 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Teams District Final Standing Forms To Be Emailed to: LHSAA Assist. Exec. Director, Mrs. Karen Hoyt ( <a href="mailto:khoyt@lhsaa.org">khoyt@lhsaa.org</a> ) (Form can be found on the LHSAA Softball Sports Page Under Forms & Downloads)
Thursday, April 12, 2018	Brackets Announced For All Classes & Divisions Once Dispute Period Has Ended (LHSAA Handbook Rule 19.7.3)  Deadline To Submit Program Roster Information (Link can be found on the LHSAA Softball Sports Page)  Deadline To Submit LHSAA Softball Coaches Information Form and Link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6ZGOjIVwtsl4Anh92wAtQVMhN2p7i2miZl75Xx6JWuoBVzA/viewform?c=0&amp;w=1">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6ZGOjIVwtsl4Anh92wAtQVMhN2p7i2miZl75Xx6JWuoBVzA/viewform?c=0&amp;w=1</a>
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 (By 10:00 PM)	Deadline To Report <b><u>BI-DISTRICT</u></b> Round Game Results For All Classes & Divisions
Saturday, April 21, 2018 (By 10:00 PM)	Deadline To Report <b><u>REGIONAL</u></b> Round Game Results For All Classes & Divisions
Thursday, April 26, 2018 – Friday, April 27, 2018	State Tournament – Quarterfinal Rounds – Frasch Park, Sulphur, LA
Saturday, April 28, 2018	State Tournament – Semi-Final & Final Rounds – Frasch Park, Sulphur, LA

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
GENERAL INFORMATION

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CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
State Tournament- Dates/Site	Thursday, April 26 – Saturday, April 28, 2018 Frasch Park   Sulphur, LA
Tournament Director	Karen Hoyt Assistant Executive Director, LHSAA Email: <a href="mailto:khoyt@lhsaa.org">khoyt@lhsaa.org</a> Phone: (225) 300-4215
Assistant to Tournament Director	S. Lacy Macdiarmid Administrative Assistant, LHSAA Email: <a href="mailto:lmacdiarmid@lhsaa.org">lmacdiarmid@lhsaa.org</a> Phone: (225) 300-4208
SPAR Director	Steve Gayfield Email: <a href="mailto:spar@sulphurparks.com">spar@sulphurparks.com</a> Office: 337-527-2500 Cell: 337-287-5733
Assistant to SPAR Director	Laurie Koelzer Email: <a href="mailto:sulphurparks@gmail.com">sulphurparks@gmail.com</a> Office: 337-527-2500 Cell: 337-304-2599
Tournament Coordinator (SPAR)	Hannah Veazay Email: <a href="mailto:spar@sulphurparks.com">spar@sulphurparks.com</a> Office: 337-527-2500 Cell: 337-302-5035
Admission <b><u>(CASH ONLY- NO ATM ON SITE)</u></b>	Admission price to the tournament are as follows: - Thursday - \$10 - Friday - \$10 - Saturday - \$15
Other	Official Game Ball – Baden Perfection 2BSFPY (Optic Yellow) 2018 National Federation Softball Playing and LHSAA Rules will be followed

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
SITE INFORMATION

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
Buses	Buses must drop off teams by the South Entrance Gate.
Team Entry & Pictures	<p>Each team must enter through the South Entrance Gate.</p> <p>RomaPics will be in attendance two (2) hours prior to the first game of the first sessions on Thursday and Friday. Each team must take team and individual pictures upon entering the park and before warming up for their game.</p> <p>Non-participating teams <b><i>MUST</i></b> enter with their coach and <b><i>MUST</i></b> be together to enter for free through the South Entrance Gate.</p>
Practice Fields	Contact SPAR (337-527-2500) for availability and day and time to schedule. Contact must be made by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 24, 2018.
Game Fields	<p>Fields 13-18: Infield is turf including the pitcher's mound and home plate. Outfield is natural grass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Note for pitchers - Metal cleats are not allowed on the turf field pitching mounds. Accommodations should be made accordingly. Turf shoes and molded cleats are allowed. <b>NO seeds, gum, tobacco, confetti and/or shelled products allowed. (SEE PROHIBITED ITEMS)</b></i></li> </ul> <p>Fields 19-20: All natural grass</p>
Team Dugouts	The home team (higher seed) shall occupy the third base dugout, and the visiting team shall occupy the first base dugout.
Infield	Each team will be allowed 10 minutes of infield prior to the game. The home team shall take the infield first, followed by the visiting team.
Warm Up & Walk Up Music	Walk up music is not permitted at the state tournament.
Post-Game	<u>Finals</u> : Both schools are required to remain on the field, participate in the awards ceremony until its completion and cooperate and attend. Failure to do so will result in the offending school being fined.
Team Meals	Must be in uniform and present ticket.
<b><i>Travel Information</i></b>	<b><i>Teams and spectators need to check traffic conditions in area to all for enough time to reach tournament site. Please visit <a href="http://Visitlakecharles.org/511">Visitlakecharles.org/511</a> for details.</i></b>

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
SITE INFORMATION CONTINUED

CATEGORY	DATE/INFORMATION
Rain Delays/Postponements	The tournament director has the jurisdiction to postpone or cancel the start of the game. Once the umpire’s jurisdiction begins, they have the sole authority to suspend the game due to inclement weather. Games are scheduled on a day-to-day basis including Sunday, if necessary.
Rain Check Policy	Rain check passes will be issued to anyone who produces a ticket stub, at the entrance to the park. The pass is good only for the session that will be made up. When play is resumed, to re-enter, the pass must be presented to the ticket taker at the entrance.
All-Academic Recipients	All-Academic recipients and their Administrators have been contacted by the LHSAA office. If you have any questions, please contact Renee’ Ballard at <a href="mailto:rballard@lhsaa.org">rballard@lhsaa.org</a>
Prohibited Items/State Championship Souvenir Sales Rule/ Shirt and Shoe Policy <b><u>All schools are responsible for the actions of their students and fans. Unauthorized items will be taken up at gate.</u></b> <b><u>LIVE MASCOTS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED!</u></b> <b><u>NO EXCEPTIONS!</u></b>	<p>All artificial noisemakers, including, but not limited to, such items as bells, horns, drums, jam boxes, amplifiers, and/or megaphones, shall be prohibited.</p> <p><b><u>6.23.2</u></b> Laser beam light devices shall be prohibited at all LHSAA contests.</p> <p><b><u>6.23.3</u></b> A coach, player, and/or bench personnel shall be prohibited from throwing/placing any foreign substances on the competitive surface and out-of-play areas (including locker rooms, hallways, press rooms, etc.) prior to, during, and/or after playing of any game. Substances to include but not limited to all liquids, powders, confetti, glitter, dirt, sand, grass, and streamers. Programs not adhering to the Prohibited Items Bylaw could be fined up to \$250.00 per incident.</p> <p><b><u>6.13.12 State Championship Souvenir Sales</u></b> – A school shall be prohibited from selling any shirts, caps, or other souvenir items connected with an LHSAA state championship event bearing the LHSAA’s logo and/or the tournament name or logo without written permission from the Executive Director. A school found in violation of this rule shall be fined \$1,000.</p> <p><b><u>6.22 Shirt and Shoe Policy</u></b>- Shirts and shoes are required attire for all indoor and outdoor LHSAA-sponsored athletic events.</p> <p><b><u>The following items are prohibited in Frasch Park, including the fields, dugouts and bleachers.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outside Food &amp; Beverages</li> <li>▪ Seeds or Shelled Food Items</li> <li>▪ Gum</li> <li>▪ Tobacco Products (Including vapors and smokeless products)</li> <li>▪ Any and all artificial noisemakers</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pets (Only service animals allowed). The LHSAA follows the strict ADA Service Animal guidelines. For more information please visit <a href="http://adainfo.us/ADAanimals">http://adainfo.us/ADAanimals</a></u></b></p>

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**As official games are scheduled, field assignments will be updated on each individual online bracket.**

QUARTER-FINALS -Thursday, April 26					
FIELD	12:00 PM		2:30 PM		5:00 PM
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QUARTER-FINALS -Friday, April 27					
FIELD	12:00 PM		2:30 PM		5:00 PM
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SEMI-FINALS & FINALS -Saturday, April 28					
FIELD	Semi-Finals 9:00 AM	Semi-Finals 11:30 AM	Semi-Finals 2:00 PM	Finals 5:00 PM	Finals 7:30 PM
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2017-18 MEDIA, SCHOOL YEARBOOK, BROADCASTING  
& GAME VIDEO INFORMATION

CATEGORY	INFORMATION
Media & School Yearbook	<p>- School yearbook/newspaper writers and/or photographers must complete the same credential application as the professional media by April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. In addition to the application, a letter signed by the school’s principal on official school letterhead must be scanned and sent to Tiara Gibson (<a href="mailto:tgibson@lhsaa.org">tgibson@lhsaa.org</a>), requesting a tournament pass for its yearbook and/or newspaper staff member.</p> <p>- <b>Schools are granted two (2) total credentials, either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>One (1) for a student and one (1) for an adult, faculty advisor OR</b></li> <li>▪ <b>One (1) for a photographer and one (1) for a videographer.</b></li> </ul> <p>- The media credential may not be used by parents or friends nor is the credentialed person allowed to take pictures for parents and/or friends with the parents’ and/or friend’s camera. The purpose of the “School Yearbook/Newspaper” credential is to permit a complimentary entrance into the event for which the person is gathering information.</p> <p>- Photos shall be limited to only the school’s team members while in competition and/or presentation of awards. Photos taken during an event may not be sold or used in any capacity outside of the purpose(s) of their school’s yearbook and/or newspaper. The LHSAA has an exclusive photography contract with RomaPics.</p> <p>- For more information on the LHSAA’s Media Policies &amp; Procedures click on link provided. <a href="http://lhsaa.org/affiliations/media-resources/overview">http://lhsaa.org/affiliations/media-resources/overview</a></p>
Radio/Internet Broadcasting & Game Video	<p>-Fee per Game: \$200. If station agrees to do LHSAA sponsor spots, the fee is reduced to \$150. Stations broadcasting will be responsible for change to originating point.</p> <p>-Fields 14, 15 and 16 Finals will streamed live by the NFHS Network at <a href="http://www.nfhsnetwork.com">www.nfhsnetwork.com</a> . DVD’s of filmed games can be purchased at <a href="http://www.nfhsnetwork.com">www.nfhsnetwork.com</a></p>



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

### PARTICIPATING TEAMS ONLY

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LHSAA Softball Coaches Information Form and Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6ZGQjVwtsl4Anh92wAtQVMhN2p7i2miZl75Xx6JWuoBVzA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

#### HOTEL SUPERVISION

- Teams must be supervised at all times! The school will be responsible for any damage to assigned rooms or hotels and their property.

#### HOTEL BOOKING PROTOCOL

- After a team completes their second round game and qualifies to play in the quarterfinals, the head coach or school representative must contact Eric Zartler at the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at (337) 436-9588 or after 5 PM, contact Eric at (337) 513-8063.
- Schools must provide the following information when calling:  
Team Name, Arrival & Departure Date, Rooms Needed (10 guaranteed, 6 doubles, 4 kings), Contact Name, Contact Cell Phone (working number), Email Address.  
Declaration of Payment Method (Cash, Credit Card, Check)
- CVB representative will then email the awarded property and copy the coach to notify them what team is staying there, along with contact information from above. The confirmation number will be communicated at the time for reference.
- Hotel representative will then contact head coach or school representative to collect rooming list, payment information, etc.
- **IMPORTANT:** Coaches, each hotel has their own policies on late checkout, etc. Please confirm these policies with your assigned property at the time of first contact to avoid any surprises upon arrival.
- **IMPORTANT:** Requests for specific hotels will **not** be accepted as we are working to place 96 teams in rooms over this time period. All team rooms **must** be booked through the CVB in order to receive your \$400.00 reimbursement from Sulphur Parks and Recreation. Schools within a 75 mile radius of the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana CVB, located at 1205 N Lakeshore Dr in Lake Charles will **not** be guaranteed hotel rooms and are strongly discouraged from booking, so that traveling teams from further distances can be accommodated. Those schools are outlined on the following page. Only teams traveling farther than a 75 mile radius of the Lake Charles/Southwest CVB will receive a flat rate of \$400.00 from Sulphur Parks and Recreation to help defray their hotel expenses.

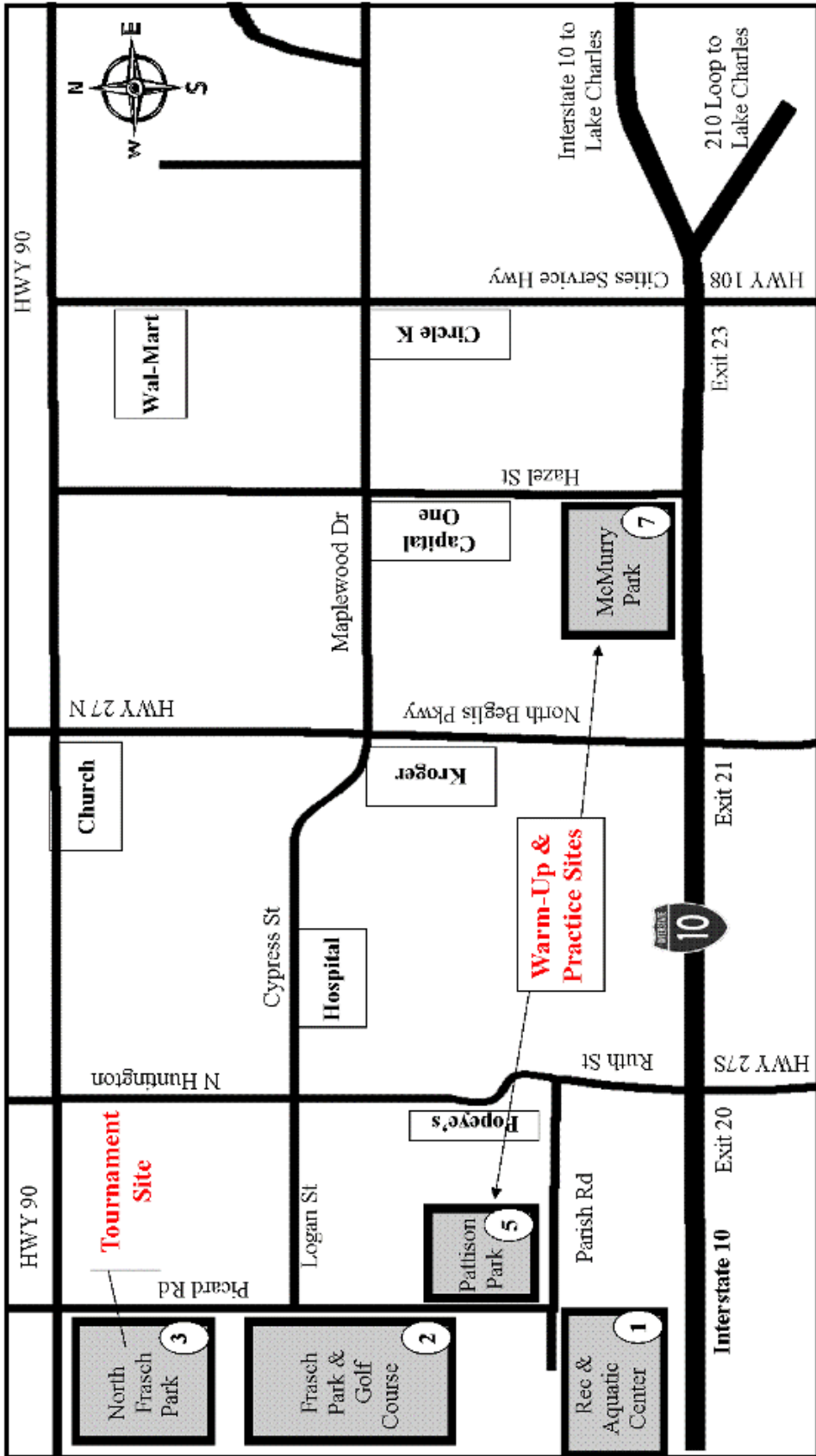
**HOTEL INFORMATION**  
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List of schools within a 75 mile radius of Lake Charles  
(Classification based on information obtained from LHSAA.org)

<b><u>5A</u></b>	<b><u>4A</u></b>	<b><u>3A</u></b>	<b><u>2A</u></b>	<b><u>1A</u></b>
Acadiana	Beau Chene	Abbeville	DeQuincy	Basile
Barbe	Crowley	Church Point	Kinder	East Beauregard
Carencro	DeRidder	Erath	Lake Arthur	Grand Lake
Comeaux	Eunice	Iota	Mamou	Gueydan
Lafayette	LaGrange	Iowa	Oakdale	Merryville
Sam Houston	Leesville	Jennings	Pickering	Oberlin
Sulphur	Northside	Kaplan	Rosepine	South Cameron
	Opelousas	LC College Prep	Vinton	
	Rayne	North Vermilion	Welsh	
	Washington-Marion	Northwest		
		Pine Prairie		
		South Beauregard		
		Ville Platte		
		Westlake		
<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>C</u></b>	<b><u>DII</u></b>	<b><u>DIII</u></b>	<b><u>DIV IV</u></b>
Anacoco	Elizabeth	St. Louis	Ascension Episcopal	Lafayette Christian
Bell City	Hackberry	St. Thomas More	Notre Dame	Opelousas Catholic
Evans	Plainview	Teurlings Catholic		Sacred Heart
Fairview	Singer			St. Edmund
Glenmora	Starks			Vermilion Catholic
Hathaway				Westminster Christian
Hicks				
Lacassine				
Pitkin				
Simpson				
<b><u>DIV IV</u></b>				
Northlake Christian				

# Fast Pitch 56 Locations & Directions

(map not to scale)



**North Frasch Park** **3**

**Frasch Park & Golf Course** **2**

**Rec & Aquatic Center** **1**

**Tournament Site**

**Patisson Park** **5**

**Hopey's**

**Warm-Up & Practice Sites**

**McMurry Park** **7**

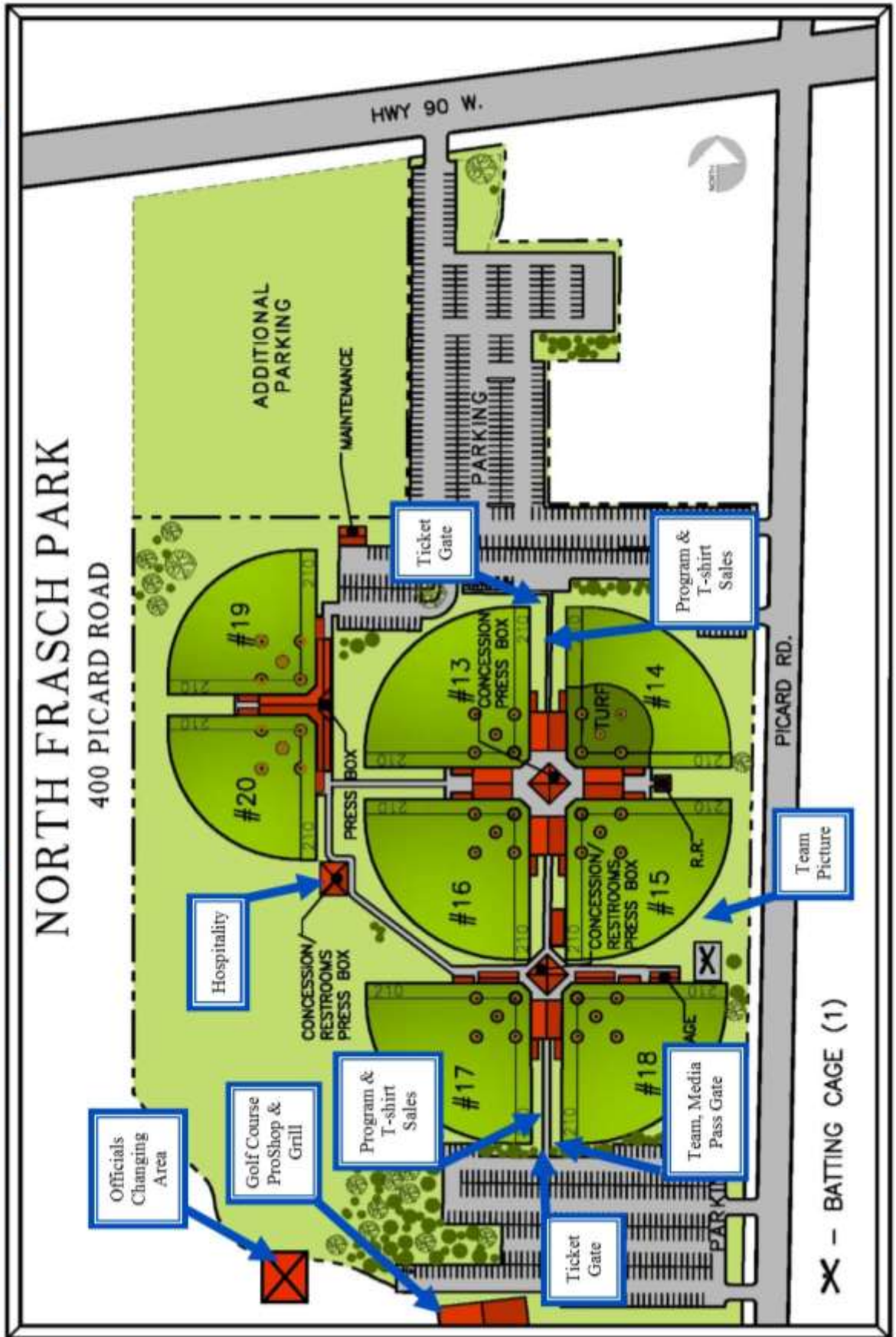
**Rec & Aquatic Center/Waterpark & Administrative Offices**  
**337-721-3040**  
**933 W Parish Rd Sulphur, LA 70663**  
 Exit 20 Travel north on Ruth St for 0.55 mi. Turn left on Parish Rd for 0.62 mi. Rec & A Q Center/Waterpark is on left. **1**

**North Frasch Complex**  
**400 Picard Rd**  
**Sulphur, LA 70663**  
 Exit 20 Travel north on Ruth St for 0.55 mi. Turn left on Parish Rd for 0.58 mi. Turn right on Picard Rd 0.54 mi for south entrance on left & 0.75 mi for north entrance on left. **3**

**Patisson Park**  
**1400 Picard Rd**  
**Sulphur, LA 70663**  
 Exit 20 Travel north on Ruth St for 0.55 mi. Turn left on Parish Rd for 0.58 mi. Turn right on Picard Rd. Park is on right. **5**

baseball  
softball  
picnic  
restrooms  
Play Structures  
walking

# Fast Pitch Championships Tournament Layout







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