



## NAGAAA and the Gay Softball World Series Celebrate 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Dallas

*The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance brings over 5,000  
to the Dallas area August 29-September 3*

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**DALLAS, TX** (August 29, 2022) – The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) returns to Dallas this week for the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Gay Softball World Series (GSWS). NAGAAA, the GSWS Dallas host committee, City of Dallas officials, and the Dallas Sports Commission joined together today to recognize the anniversary. The City Councilman Omar Narvaez presented NAGAAA and the GSWS with an official City of Dallas pride flag.

An estimated 5,000 competitors, fans, and softball enthusiasts will travel to North Texas for the tournament. The event will run from Monday, August 29th to Saturday, September 3rd, and is expected to draw over 250 teams from NAGAAA's 48 member cities across the United States and Canada.

"NAGAAA has a rich history of bringing people together for the last 45 years," John Deffee, NAGAAA Commissioner said. "Each year, our teams travel to participate in the annual Gay Softball World Series, and we're thrilled to have the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament in Dallas. Our growth since 1977 is outstanding, and we hope to continue to grow our community of athletes for years to come."

"On behalf of the local 2022 Gay Softball World Series Executive Host Committee, we are thrilled to finally see 3 years of collaboration, sacrifice, and hard work come to fruition as we welcome 250 LGBTQIA+ teams to our vibrant city of Dallas and our surrounding communities," said Ryan Holdhusen, Executive Director of Gay Softball World Series Dallas. "Our Committee and Host-Volunteers are ready to provide some unforgettable Texas hospitality as our guests from 48 member cities compete on the field by day, and enjoy nightly social events structured to celebrate and bond our diverse softball community. Dallas GSWS also looks forward to contributing up to \$100,000 back to local grassroots, non-profit organizations focusing on the LGBTQIA+ community at the completion of the event, with many thanks to our corporate and individual partners who have made it all possible."

Dallas has previously hosted the event three different times in 1988, 2004, and 2014. This year's event was originally supposed to be held in Dallas in 2021, but it was delayed a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All GSWS games will be held on fields among four different sports complexes within 15 to 40 minutes of Downtown Dallas. The complexes include The Parks at Texas Star in Euless, Kiest Park in South Dallas, Waxahachie Sports Complex in Waxahachie, and McInnish Park in Carrollton.

"We're honored that NAGAAA and the Gay Softball World Series chose to return to Dallas," said Monica Paul, Executive Director of the Dallas Sports Commission. "Dallas is an ideal location for amateur sporting events, and the growth of Gay Softball World Series year after year is evidence of that. We are excited to once again have the opportunity to show off our great city to the athletes and fans."

For more information on the 2022 GSWS, [Click Here](#).

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