

WELCOME TO

2025 USA Wheelchair Softball World Series



Hosted by Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute





USA Wheelchair Softball World Series

August 14-16, 2025
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA



Tournament Schedule

Location: Mall of America® Fields, North Parking Lot
Mall of America®, 60 E Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425

Wednesday- August 13, 2025

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| 3pm-7pm | Equipment Drop - Off | Mall of America® Fields |
| 3pm-7pm | Team Representative Check-in | Mall of America® Fields |
| | | (Weather back up: DoubleTree Minneapolis Airport) |
| 4pm-7pm | New Player Classification review: Coaches Panel | Mall of America® Fields |
| 7:30pm-8:30pm | Team Rep Meeting – in person/zoom | Doubletree Minneapolis Airport |

Thursday - August 14, 2025

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| 7am-10am | Team Representative Check-in | Check in Tent |
| 8am-6pm | Tournament Game Play | Fields 1-4 |
| 8am-6pm | Fine Design 2025 World Series Merchandise Shop | Central Event Zone |
| 8am-3pm | Concessions - Excelsior Masonic Lodge | Central Event Zone |
| 4pm-5:30pm | Military / Veteran Clinic, Scrimmage, Chair Fitting | Field 5 |
| 5:30pm-7:00pm | Military / Veterans Showcase Game | Field 5 |

Friday - August 15, 2025

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| 8am-6pm | Fine Design 2025 World Series Merchandise Shop | Central Event Zone |
| 10am-3pm | Vendor Village | Vendor Village |
| 8am-3pm | Concessions - Excelsior Masonic Lodge | Central Event Zone |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | Minnesota Twins Youth Softball Clinic | Field 5 |
| 1:00pm-2:30pm | Bloomington Parks and Rec All Abilities Open Play | Wright Lake Park |
| 2:30pm -4:00pm | Women's Game | Field 5 |
| 4:00pm-5:30pm | All-Star Game | Field 5 |

Saturday - August 16, 2025

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| 8am-3pm | Tournament Game Play | Fields 1-4 |
| 8am-2pm | Fine Design 2025 World Series Merchandise Shop | Central Event Zone |
| 8am-3pm | Concessions - Excelsior Masonic Lodge | Central Event Zone |
| 10am-3pm | Vendor Village | Vendor Village |
| 11:30am | Championship Games start | Field 1-2 |
| | Coaches Meeting All Tournament Selection (Immediately following Championship Game) | Doubletree Minneapolis Airport |
| 6pm-8pm | Hall of Fame and Tournament Awards Banquet | MOA® North Entrance Overlook Suite (6 th floor) |

[Click here to view the full bracket and game schedule](#)



Welcome

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Dear tournament attendees,

Welcome to the 2025 USA Wheelchair Softball World Series, on behalf of the Adaptive Sports & Recreation Department at Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute and USA Wheelchair Softball.

A heartfelt thank you to all the teams who have traveled to Minnesota for this event. We wish you the best of luck in your games. We also extend our gratitude to the coaches and team representatives for your dedication and efforts in organizing a successful tournament.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the incredible volunteers who dedicated their time this weekend. Your contributions make events like this possible, from loading and unloading equipment to scoring the games. If you have the opportunity, please take a second to pause and thank a volunteer.

Additionally, we want to acknowledge our sponsors and supporters. A special thanks goes to our presenting sponsors, Minnesota Twins and Mortenson, and to our Home Run sponsors Oak Ridge Financial and City of Bloomington. And Toro Companies as our Premier Equipment Sponsor. We are thrilled to experience the overwhelming support of our community for this event! A huge thank you to each and every sponsor and supporter for making this event happen.

We also appreciate Excelsior Masonic Lodge for hosting concessions throughout the weekend. A big thank you to Allina Health Orthopedics for offering athletic training services all weekend long. Lastly, we extend our gratitude to Mall of America® and the city of Bloomington for being such a fantastic hosts for the 2025 USA Wheelchair Softball World Series.

We hope you all enjoy your time in Minnesota. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any Courage Kenny staff during the tournament if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to an enjoyable and competitive tournament!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Kane

Michael Kane, Manager
Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute – Adaptive Sports & Recreation

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July 30, 2025

On behalf of the entire community, I am privileged to welcome the 2025 USA Wheelchair Softball World Series, its delegates, and the 18 teams from around the country to Bloomington. We are proud to host this event at Mall of America from August 14-16, 2025.

In addition to raising awareness and excitement for this thrilling and challenging summer sport, the National Wheelchair Softball Tournament continues to attract more players and fans each year. The City of Bloomington has five wheelchair softball diamonds in the parking lot at Mall of America and is proud to be a key partner for the 2025 World Series. As the home of the Rolling Twins, who have secured 22 National Championships over the years, we look forward to the friendly competition as they seek to repeat last year's National Title victory and extend our best wishes to all participating teams.

While you are here, we hope you will take time to experience all that Bloomington has to offer. Bordered to the south by the beautiful, winding Minnesota River, nearly one-third of Bloomington is dedicated to green space. With more than 90 parks, two golf courses, and miles of scenic hiking and biking trails, including the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Central Park and Hyland Lake Park Reserve, there's plenty to do outdoors this coming weekend.

Bloomington also boasts lodging, dining and entertainment options that are second to none with more than 40 hotels (more than the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul combined), restaurants to satisfy almost any taste, and the incredible variety of shopping and other experiences offered at the world-famous Mall of America.

Our convenient central location with easy access to major freeways and public transportation, including the Blue Line Light Rail running between Mall of America and downtown Minneapolis with a connection to St. Paul, makes Bloomington a great starting point for exploring the Twin Cities, and the perfect host city for your event.

I hope you have a truly memorable visit to our city and a wonderful event. Enjoy your time in Bloomington, and best of luck to all participants!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Busse".

Tim Busse
Mayor
City of Bloomington



Team Rosters

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Tournament Seeding

1. **Courage Rolling Twins**, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2. **Nebraska Barons**, Nebraska
3. **Columbus Pioneers**, Ohio
4. **LWSRA Hawks**, Illinois
5. **San Antonio Parasport**, Texas
6. **Shepard Sluggers**, Georgia
7. **Chicago Wheelchair Cubs**, Illinois
8. **Kansas City Royals**, Kansas
9. **Deep South Hurricanes**, Mississippi
10. **Minnesota Flamethrowers**, Minnesota
11. **Ability360 AZ Diamondbacks**, Arizona
12. **National Wheelcats**, Tennessee
13. **STRAPS**, Texas
14. **West Michigan Rollin Whitecaps**, Michigan
15. **Wheelchair Giants**, California
16. **New York Yankees**, New York
17. **Colt 45's**, Texas
18. **Tucson Rolling Saguaro**s, Arizona

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OFFICIAL SOFTBALL RULES OF THE NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Rules and Regulations of Play | Adult Division | July 15, 2024

The National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA) follows the rules and regulations for 16" softball generally established by USA Softball (see below) with the following additions, modifications, and deletions:

Classification:

1. Teams are balanced by the following point system: Quadriplegic Player (any) = 0 & .5 point; functional classification system will be observed (1.0 - 4.5). Women and Juniors shall play at one classification less than their NWBA woman division classification. NWSA will use the classification system of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) and the United States Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) to determine point values for players.
2. At no time in a game shall a team have players participating with a total value of points greater than 28.
3. The coach, in placing his/her team's roster in the official score book before each game, shall place a number prominently and in a common line between the player's disability classifications. The official scorer shall be responsible for seeing that personnel on the field for either team at any given time does not exceed the above balance rule. This will only have to be checked at the beginning of the game and at time of substitutions. No checking of the total value points will be necessary if an athlete substitutes for the same value. It will only be necessary if substitutes for high point for low point.
4. Quadriplegic Player Requirement. At no time in a game shall a team have players participating with a total value of points greater than 28. If a team does not roster a quadriplegic player or the quadriplegic player cannot continue to play in a game, that team will be limited to 25 classification points and an automatic out will be called at the quadriplegic player's original batting position or every tenth batter. If a team roster's a quadriplegic player, that team is required to have a quadriplegic player in active play at all times.

Rules of Play:

1. If a team cannot field a Quadriplegic player, the team can play with 9 players. Team cannot exceed points of 25 and the tenth batter is an automatic out.
2. The "Chop Hit" is allowed in the National Wheelchair Softball Association.
3. All participants must be in manual wheelchairs with foot platforms.
4. The defensive baseman and the base runner must touch the circle with one or more wheels in order to tag the base, these wheels include the 1-2 front caster wheels and the two rear wheels. Anti-tip casters are not considered as a wheel.
5. The base runner must be seated in his/her wheelchair and may tag or make contact with the base with either one or more wheels, or may tag the base with his/her hand. If a runner is knocked out of his/her chair, he/she may proceed to the previous or next base by any means other than hopping, walking, or running, and make contact with the base with any part of his/her body. A base runner may not place a lower extremity (waist down) on the ground or someone else's chair to stop his/her chair. If he/she does, the play is dead will result in a delay dead ball situation.



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6. No fielder may advance toward or play the ball with any lower extremity in contact with the ground. A player may return to his/her chair and then advance toward the ball. The infraction will be treated as a delayed dead ball, subject to established ASA rules.
7. The hitter cannot have a lower extremity in contact with the ground when hitting. If he/she does, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and all base runners return to the last base achieved before the illegal at-bat.
8. The ASA rule subject to the EXTRA PLAYER (EP) is not legal in wheelchair softball.
9. All 4 infielders must have at least one wheel on the line or on the infield area side of the restraining line until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If any infielder fails to observe the restraining line rule, the umpire will immediately award the 1st base to the batter. The infraction shall be treated as a walk.
10. All outfielders other than the short fielder must remain behind the outfield restraining line until the pitcher releases the ball during a pitch.
11. Lifting is the act of raising the player's buttock's so that both cheeks are no longer in contact with the seating platform of the wheelchair or the cushion where a cushion is used on the wheelchair in order to gain an unfair advantage. The infraction will be treated as a delayed dead ball subject to established ASA rules.
12. Quadriplegic players can bunt in the National Wheelchair Association but must inform the umpire before first at-bat of quad status during any given game.
13. The player classified as a quad may alter their bat to improve the grip. The altered bat must be approved by the head umpire for safety concerns (no sharp or pointed edges, etc.). 16. The player classified as a quad may wear a glove on either or both hands regardless of position (including pitcher).
14. Overthrow. If a pickoff throw by the pitcher or catcher results in an overthrow or blocked ball, runners may advance a maximum of one base after retouching the original base. All base runners may advance at their own risk.

A brief History of Wheelchair Softball and the USA Wheelchair Softball Association

Wheelchair softball began in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with the Sioux Wheelers—the first organized team to take the game to the pavement. By the mid-1970s, the sport spread across the Midwest, with teams forming in Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. In 1976, the National Wheelchair Softball Association (NWSA) was founded, with Dave VanBuskirk as its first commissioner. Under his leadership, the league grew rapidly, adding teams like the Chicago Pacemakers, St. Paul Rolling Thunder, and Omaha's squad. Jon Speake later expanded the league further during his long tenure as commissioner.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, wheelchair softball flourished, especially in Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, and Colorado. Dozens of teams emerged, including the RIC Rollers, Kansas City Slammers, and Colorado Rockies. A groundbreaking sponsorship between the RIC Rollers and Cubs Care set the stage for partnerships with MLB franchises. By the late '90s, the sport reached the East Coast and welcomed women's teams like the American Divas. Despite some programs struggling to sustain growth, the league's reach continued to expand nationally.

In 2014, the NWSA National Tournament hosted international competition making it the first Wheelchair Softball World Series in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The event now features over 20 teams and hundreds of athletes from around the world. In 2025, the 48th World Series will be hosted in Bloomington, Minnesota by Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, home of the Minnesota Rolling Twins. From parking lots to global tournaments, wheelchair softball continues to thrive—powered by passion, resilience, and community.



National Championships

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USA Wheelchair Softball National Championships

Division I

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|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 2024 | Courage Rolling Twins | 2000 | St. Paul Saints |
| 2023 | Team Japan | 1999 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 2022 | Team Japan | 1998 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 2021 | Nebraska Barons | 1997 | St. Louis Rolling Rams |
| 2020 | COVID | 1996 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 2019 | Courage Rolling Twins | 1994 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 2018 | Nebraska Barons | 1993 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 2017 | Nebraska Barons | 1992 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2016 | Nebraska Barons | 1991 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2015 | Nebraska Barons | 1990 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2014 | Courage Rolling Twins | 1989 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2013 | Nebraska Barons | 1988 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2012 | Nebraska Barons | 1987 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2011 | Courage Rolling Twins | 1986 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2010 | Nebraska Barons | 1985 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2009 | Nebraska Barons | 1984 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2008 | Nebraska Barons | 1983 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2007 | Nebraska Barons | 1982 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2006 | St. Paul Saints | 1981 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2005 | RIC Cubs I | 1980 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2004 | Nebraska Barons | 1979 | Courage Rolling Thunder |
| 2003 | Nebraska Barons | 1978 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2002 | RIC Cubs | 1977 | Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 2001 | St. Paul Rolling Thunder | | |

Division II

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|------|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 2024 | Deep South Hurricanes | 2008 | Midwest Cicero Flyers |
| 2023 | Chicago Cubs | 2007 | Tampa Bay Rays |
| 2022 | Chicago Wheelchair Softball Team | 2006 | NEPVA Red Sox |
| 2021 | Minnesota Flamethrowers | 2005 | NEPVA Red Sox |
| 2019 | Minnesota Flamethrowers | 2004 | Wisconsin Badgers |
| 2018 | RIC Cubs | 2003 | EPVA Mets |
| 2017 | National Wheelcats | 2002 | VPVA Wolves |
| 2016 | National Wheelcats | 2001 | Colorado Rockies |
| 2015 | Columbus Reds | 2000 | Blake St. Bombers |
| 2014 | Tampa Bay Rays | 1999 | Blake St. Bombers |
| 2013 | Columbus Reds | 1998 | Wisconsin Badgers |
| 2012 | Chicago White Sox | 1997 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2011 | National Wheelcats | 1996 | Chicago Pacemakers |
| 2010 | Rolling Red Sox | | |
| 2009 | Tampa Bay Rays | | |



Hall of Fame

The USA Wheelchair Softball Association Hall of Fame is more than just an award. It is rarely given out and one must demonstrate certain criteria including a 10-year run to be eligible. The Hall of Fame committee oversees the nomination process. Both competitors and non-competitors are eligible. A full listing of All Tournament section is available on the USA WS website at

www.wheelchairsoftball.org

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| 1988 Dave Van Buskirk, Commissioner | 2012 Pat Driver, Nebraska Barons |
| 1989 Lloyd Zeise, Courage Rolling Gophers | Paul Moran, RIC Cubs |
| 1990 Barry Hite, Courage Rolling Gophers | Dan Price, St. Paul Saints |
| 1991 Milton Smith, Chicago Pacemakers | 2013 Brent Rasmussen, Nebraska Barons |
| 1992 Dave Eckstrom, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | 2014 Matt Johnson, Nebraska Barons |
| Kevin Peterson, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | Ron McGinnis, Umpire |
| Todd Anderson, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | Barry Burke, Courage Rolling Gophers |
| Perry Bender, Chicago Pacemakers | 2015 Zac Niemann, Nebraska Barons |
| 1993 Bob Trotter, Chicago Pacemakers | Dave Christaini, Tampa Bay Rays |
| Steve Kirkwood, Chicago Pacemaker | John Hamre, Wheelchair Sports Federation |
| Larry Labiak, Chicago Pacemakers | 2017 Bob Crowe, Umpire |
| 1994 Scott Roberson, Courage Rolling Gophers | Jesse Gonzales, St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| 1995 Jon Speake, St. Paul Saints, Commissioner | Juan Ortiz, RIC Cubs |
| 1996 Bart Oothoudt, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | 2018 Jason Miller, St. Paul Saints |
| Don Bulman, Chicago Pacemakers | Brendan Downes, Minnesota Twins |
| 1997 George Kiefner, St. Paul Saints | Keith Wallace, Coach, LWSRA Hawks |
| 1998 Earl Jordan, Chicago Pacemakers | Rick Miller, Courage Rolling Gophers |
| 1999 Don Schmidt, Wisconsin Badgers | 2019 Jim Langevin, St. Paul Rolling Thunder |
| Wally Kiffmeyer, Umpire | Paul Krabbenhoft, Nebraska Barons |
| 2000 Dick Crumb, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | Brian Chavez, Minnesota Twins |
| Phil Rosenberg, Wisconsin Badgers | Wataru Horie (Ru), Team Japan |
| 2001 John Wall, Columbus Pioneers | 2021 Joe Wittkamp, Columbus Pioneers |
| 2002 Kurt Greniger, Courage Rolling Twins | Scott Rickford, Minnesota Twins |
| 2003 Dan Hall, St. Louis Rolling Rams | Tom Pugil, Umpire |
| Manuel (Jr.) Guerra, St. Paul Saints | 2022 John Morse, Nebraska Barons |
| Scott Berg, St. Paul Saints | Dino Ramirez, LWSRA Hawks |
| 2006 Ed Brewer, Chicago Pacemakers | Joe Mueller, Umpire |
| 2007 Dale Erickson, St. Paul Rolling Thunder | Al Schank, Umpire |
| 2008 Greg Suing, Nebraska Barons | 2023 Evan Thorn, Minnesota Twins |
| Jerry Anderson, St. Paul Saints | Charles Clausen, Minnesota Flamethrowers |
| 2009 Mike Krato, St. Louis Rolling Rams | Sue Dineen, LWSRA Hawks |
| Jorge Alfaro, RIC Cubs | 2024 Terry Boyd, Columbus Pioneers |
| 2010 Kurt Smith, RIC Cubs | Lance Perez, Nebraska Barons |
| Jeff Gustafson, Courage Rolling Twins | Jena Munson, Nebraska Barons |
| 2011 Bruce Froendt, Nebraska Barons, | |
| Commissioner | |
| Rick Cooper, St. Paul Saints | |

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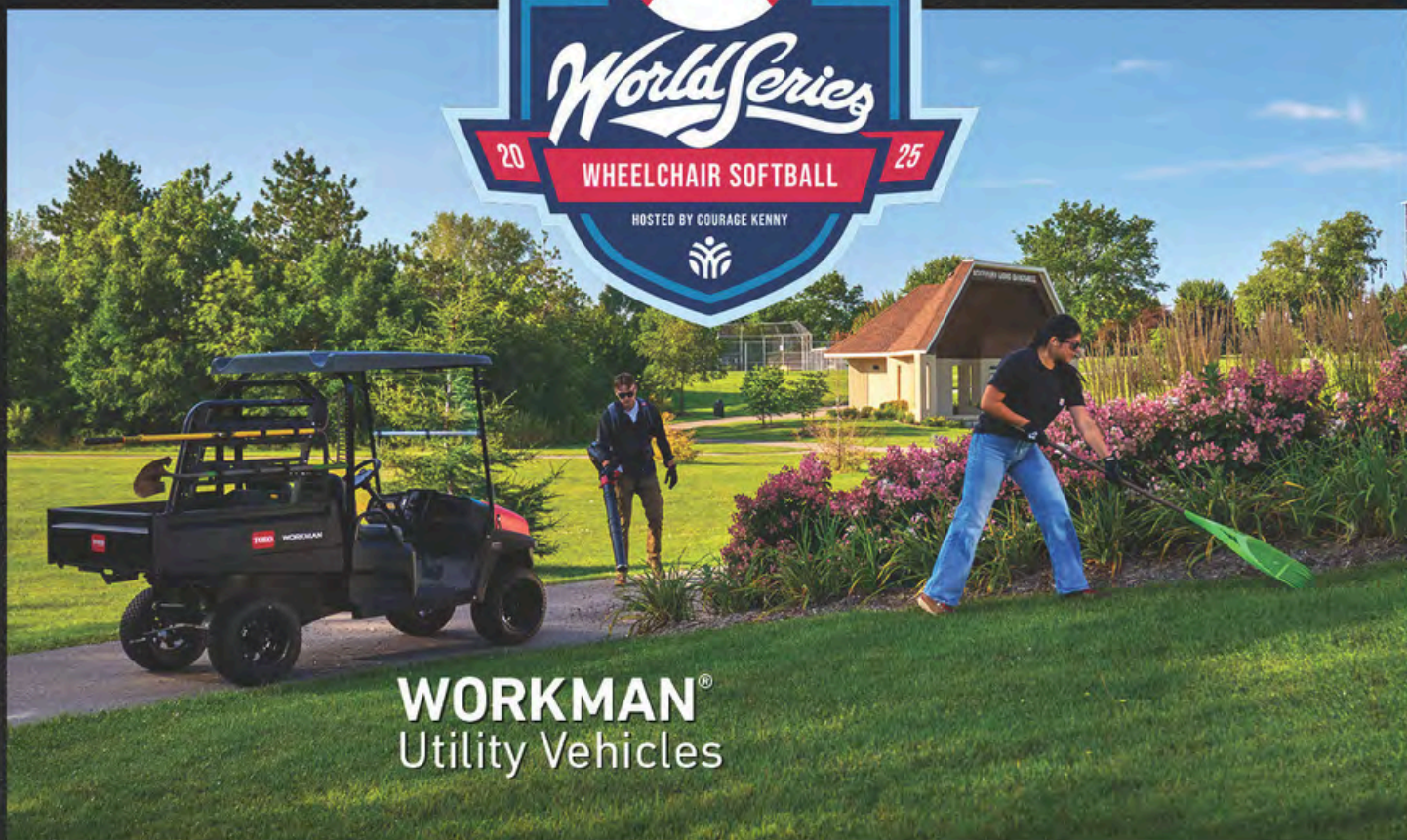
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Friday, August 15
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