

National Convention



NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION | *December 10-13, 2025*

Viva Las Vegas!



Harrah's Las Vegas & Caesars Forum

THE FUN never stops at Harrah's Las Vegas. This center-Strip hotel features fresh new rooms, an expansive casino area, exciting nightlife and entertainment. Guests have convenient direct access to the 550,000-square-foot Caesars Forum conference center, which offers 300,000 square feet of flexible meeting space and the two largest pillarless ballrooms in the world, each accommodating up to 10,000 attendees. The center also boasts a 100,000-square-foot outdoor Forum Plaza, which together make it easy for attendees and exhibitors to collaborate, learn and network.

You get all this ...

- ◆ Speakers, speakers & more speakers
- ◆ Mentoring & unlimited networking
- ◆ Two-day Exhibit Show
- ◆ Special educational tracks
- ◆ Caucus & committee meetings
- ◆ Hall of Fame Banquet
- ◆ Happy Hour
- ◆ Awards Brunch
- ◆ Post-Convention video access
- ◆ Fireside Chats
- ◆ Opening Reception
- ◆ Legal Counsel access
- ◆ Two breakfasts
- ◆ Exclusive attendee gift
- ◆ Late-night socials
- ◆ Memories that last a lifetime!



Daily Highlights

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY ... NFCC 402A: Advanced Analysis of Pitching & NFCC 406: Coaching Dynamic Team Practices (additional cost) \$

WEDNESDAY

1:00 PM-10:00 PM

- Choice of **2** Pre-Convention seminars \$
- Rookie Orientation
- "First Pitch" Opening Welcome
- Opening Reception 🍷
- Committee meetings
- Equality Coaching Alliance: LGBTQ+ gathering
- Choice of **2** Fireside Chats

THURSDAY

7:00 AM-10:00 PM

- NFCA breakfast 🍷
- Caucus meetings
- Visit the Exhibit Hall
- Drills, Drills, Drills session
- Head Coach Track
- **6** featured speaker sessions
- Happy Hour & evening social 🍷
- Mentoring Workshop
- Choice of **2** Fireside Chats
- Batting cage sessions in Exhibit Hall

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THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE AND LINEUP OF SPEAKERS.

FRIDAY

7:30 AM-10:00 PM

- NFCA breakfast 🍷
- NCAA Playing Rules session
- High School & Travel Ball Caucuses
- **20** featured speaker sessions
- Visit the Exhibit Hall & raffles
- Softball Summit
- Director of Ops programming
- New Coach Track
- NFCA Hall of Fame Banquet 🍷
- Batting cage sessions in Exhibit Hall

SATURDAY

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

- Coffee with Emeriti group members
- Drills, Drills, Drills session
- NFCA Awards Brunch 🍷
- **9** featured speaker sessions
- Director of Ops programming
- Resumé building opportunity
- NFCC Course 402B \$

SATURDAY/SUNDAY ... NFCC 402B: Advanced Analysis of Hitting & Short-Game Skills (additional cost) \$

Pre-Convention Seminars

THE SHORT GAME: EXECUTE & DEFEND

◆ Caitlin Lowe (Arizona) ◆ Lauren Lappin (Arizona)
◆ Natasha Watley (NWF)

This interactive session offers a comprehensive deep dive into the art and science of the short game. Moving beyond basic bunting drills, we will explore the short game from a 360-degree perspective—integrating strategy, execution, and mental preparation. Gain a holistic understanding of how to use the short game as a powerful offensive weapon, while simultaneously exploring shifts and other trending defensive countermeasures.

This session is designed for coaches at all levels. You'll leave with a comprehensive framework, practical drills, and a strategic mindset to master the short game and win more games.

BEYOND MECHANICS: HOW MOTOR PREFERENCES ARE REDEFINING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

◆ Katie Browder (South Carolina) ◆ Suzy Willemssen (VA Glory)
◆ Matt Swope (Maryland Baseball)

Motor Preferences™ is transforming how athletes are developed — starting with how they're wired to move. This groundbreaking information helps coaches identify each player's unique coordination blueprint based on how their brain and body naturally organize movement.

Whether it's hitting, pitching, throwing, or fielding, Motor Preferences™ gives coaches the tools to tailor instruction to each athlete's design — unlocking more power, consistency, and adjustability across the board. Join us for this eye-opening session and stay ahead of the curve in player development.

* additional cost for these courses



NFCC CONVENTION COURSES *

Pre-Convention: December 9-10

COURSE 402A: ADVANCED ANALYSIS OF PITCHING

◆ Megan Brown (Longwood) ◆ Christian Conrad (Arizona) ◆ Lori Sippel (Nebraska)

This course will provide two days of in-depth information on the technical aspects of pitching; serving to enhance your ability to analyze and teach selected fundamental individual skills to today's pitcher.

COURSE 406: COACHING DYNAMIC TEAM PRACTICES

◆ Instructors: TBD

Championship teams run championship practices. Learn how to design and implement practices from small group and individual segments to full team sessions that allow for skill development in a competitive atmosphere.

Post-Convention: December 13-14

COURSE 402B: ADVANCED ANALYSIS OF HITTING & SHORT-GAME SKILLS

◆ Chris Malveaux (Auburn) ◆ Cory Robertson (Texas Blaze) ◆ Olivia Watkins (Duke)

This course will enhance your ability to understand, analyze and teach selected fundamental individual skills on the offensive side of the ball. Two days of in-depth information will be delivered by instructors who are some of the best offensive minds in the country.

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Hall of Fame 2025



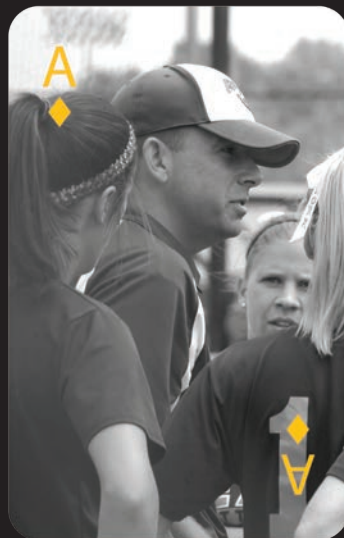
Lu Harris-Champer
Georgia (retired)

- 1,168 career coaching wins
- 20 straight NCAA berths at Georgia
- Guided both Georgia & Southern Miss to Women's College World Series
- Seven DI WCWS trips overall, including three in final five seasons at Georgia



Judy Lawes
Kutztown

- 1,175 career coaching wins
- NCAA DII national runner-up in 2013
- NCAA DII national semifinalist in 2022
- Third among active DII coaches in wins
- 23 NCAA tournament trips
- 24 PSAC playoff berths



Mike Reed
UT Tyler

- 981 career coaching wins
- Back-to-back DII titles in 2024 & 2025
- Led UT Tyler to 2016 DIII championship
- 2001 NCCAA runner-up at ETBU
- 11 divisional World Series appearances
- Winning record all 24 seasons as coach



Suzy Willemssen
VA Glory

- 1,300+ career coaching wins at high school & travel ball levels
- Five high school state championships
- Five-time Virginia Independent Schools Athletics Association Coach of Year
- Founder/owner of VA Glory



HOW TO REGISTER FOR CONVENTION

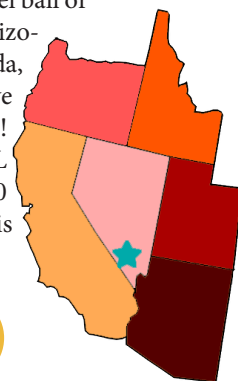
REGISTER online at [NFCA.org](https://www.nfca.org), or you can download and email or physically mail in your registration form. You can also renew your membership and choose add-ons like Pre-Convention seminars or National Fastpitch Coaches College courses when signing up. Prices increase after Nov. 1, so be sure to lock in the best rates by signing up sooner than later.

Attendee refund policy

Refund requests must be sent via email to [events@NFCA.org](mailto:events@nfca.org). Cancellations received on or prior to Nov. 8 will receive a full refund, minus an administrative fee of \$75. Cancellations received between Nov. 9 and Nov. 23 will receive a one-half refund. There will be NO refunds for cancellations made on or after Nov. 24.

SURROUNDING STATES SPECIAL!

ANY high school, travel ball or youth coach from Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon or Utah can receive \$50 off 2025 Convention! However, you **MUST CALL** the NFCA at (502) 409-4600 by Nov. 1 and ask for this discount.



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