

National Fastpitch Coaches Association



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

#NFCADay

Coaches are the lifeline of our sport.

On April 20th, help us celebrate softball coaches around the country.

What: NFCA Day. We invite you to celebrate NFCA Day on your field, campus, and in your community. Join NFCA member coaches around the country as we build the coaching profession and move our sport onward and upward!

When: April 20, 2024 | Rain Date: April 21, 2024

Where: Home or away, near or far. Use your platform to recognize coaches in your community.

Why: This day will be used to celebrate and raise awareness for the softball coaching profession, the NFCA, and your school's softball coach. The softball community will join together to show appreciation for the coaches in our sport across all divisions.

Head to [NFCA.org/nfca-day](https://nfca.org/nfca-day) for more information, tips on marketing, sample videos, and custom graphics.

ABOUT THE NFCA

THE NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING COACHES STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1983, THE NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION (NFCA) IS THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH ORGANIZATION FOR FASTPITCH SOFTBALL COACHES FROM ALL COMPETITIVE LEVELS OF PLAY. ALTHOUGH COLLEGIATE COACHES COMPRISED THE MAJORITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE EARLY DAYS, TODAY THEY ARE JOINED BY HIGH SCHOOL, TRAVEL BALL, PROFESSIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COACHES, ALONG WITH UMPIRES, CLUBS, COMPANIES AND FANS OF FASTPITCH SOFTBALL. GROWING FROM 40 MEMBERS IN 1983 TO OVER 7,000 TODAY, THE NFCA BOASTS MEMBERS FROM ALL 50 STATES AND SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES.

THERE ARE MANY SERVICES OFFERED TO THE MEMBERSHIP, HIGHLIGHTED BY EDUCATION, EVENTS, AWARDS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES. ALL-AMERICA TEAMS, SCHOLAR-ATHLETE ACCOLADES, COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS, OFF-THE-FIELD CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE UP A ROBUST AWARDS PROGRAM. AN ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION, EIGHT REGIONAL COACHES CLINICS, IN-PERSON SEMINARS (NFCCS), TOURNAMENTS AND CAMPS CONTRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S CONTINUED EVENT PRESENCE. VIEW OUR MEMBER BENEFITS HERE.

IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, EDUCATION REMAINS THE TOP PRIORITY. ITS ROBUST FEATURING A GRASSROOTS COACHING TOOLS PACKAGE COMPILED OF PRACTICE PLANS, DRILLS AND EVALUATION FORMS, THE NFCA ALSO DISSEMINATES PODCASTS, FORUMS, A DIGITAL EDUCATION LIBRARY, VIRTUAL COACHES CLINICS, WEBINARS, A MENTORING PROGRAM, PUBLICATIONS, A DRILLS DATABASE, LEGAL COUNSEL AND ACCURATE AND CREDIBLE INFORMATION SURROUNDING THE SPORT.

HEADQUARTERED IN LOUISVILLE, KY., THE NATIONAL OFFICE IS THE HOME BASE OF 12 EMPLOYEES, 19 BOARD MEMBERS AND SEASONAL INTERNS.



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#NFCADay PROMOTION

Social Media

Leverage your presence on social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Snapchat. Post photos of your coaches, share information about their coaching journey, and encourage others to do the same. Create a Facebook event for your game day and invite other coaches and school administrators to attend the game to celebrate the coaching profession.

Be sure to use and promote #NFCADay and tag @NFCOrg.

Honor Your Coaching Journey

Whether it's by recognizing those who blazed the trail before you, encouraged you along the way, or continue to be motivation in your life - use #NFCADay to shout out their accomplishments and thank them for their efforts. Support staff, don't be afraid to do the same for the coach at the helm of your program.

Get Your Student-Athletes Involved

This day is for coaches but student-athletes can get involved too. Use the day as a platform to thank your coaches. Let everyone know what your coach means to you. Marketing and Information offices are encouraged to create videos, posts, and appreciation stories about their coaches.

Gear Up!

Using NFCA logos, sport custom NFCA gear on April 20th during practice, warm-ups, or on game day to show your appreciation for softball coaches everywhere! Download our logos at [NFCA.org/nfca-day](https://www.nfca.org/nfca-day) and customize your own apparel, temporary tattoos, eye black, helmet stickers, wristbands, patches for your uniform, banners, a field stencil, or any other marketing materials using your own team colors.

Need examples? Visit [NFCA.org/nfca-day](https://www.nfca.org/nfca-day) !

HOW TO CELEBRATE - QUICK HIT IDEAS

HOME TEAM

- Make a video montage of your softball athletes thanking their coach.
- Coaches, post and share "what the NFCA means to you."
- Download the NFCA logo to create and wear custom apparel.
- Gift an NFCA membership to your assistant/colleague/competitor for 50% off on NFCA Day for first-time members.
- Media offices, do a feature on your softball coach's journey.
- Pre-game ceremony - recognize the opposing coach and their contributions to the sport of softball.
- Use the NFCA logo to create custom field stencils, helmet decals, and more!
- Use the NFCA script to during your game to share in the celebration or make your own and include fun trivia about your coaching staff.
- Post an "NFCA Day" sign during your game.
- Invite coaches from all levels to attend your game - use the NFCA membership flyer to gift those coaches 50% off a new membership for first-time members.

VISITING TEAM

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- Invite coaching colleagues in the area to attend the game.