



OCTOBER 17, 2026

NATIONALS YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY

**2026 TEAM ENTRY
AND SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW**

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JOIN US FOR THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MUSHBALL CLASSIC AT THE NATIONALS YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY!

The 2026 Mushball Classic brings together organizations from across the region for an action-packed softball-style tournament that blends friendly competition, team building, and community impact. Teams from every industry will step onto the field to compete, all in support of free year-round youth development programs at the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy.

More than just a tournament, the Mushball Classic is a high-energy day of connection and camaraderie both on and off the field. Participants can explore the Academy campus, enjoy food and drinks in the Player Pavilion, and network with hundreds of professionals from across the Washington region while supporting opportunities for local youth to learn, grow, and thrive.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit the attached pledge form to confirm your team entry. Each organization must fill out a roster with at least 10 players and commit to fielding its team for a minimum of three match-ups on tournament day. At the end of the day, the final two teams will compete in the championship game at Nationals Park!

The Mushball Classic began in 2015. Since then, the event has raised over \$1,000,000 to support the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy through the generosity of thousands of participants representing companies across the region.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

9am - 5pm

Mushball Games, Beer Garden,
And Food Trucks

Nationals Youth Baseball Academy

3675 Ely Place SE
Washington, DC 20019

CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

6pm - 7pm

Two finalist teams compete for championship title.
Spectators from non-competing Mushball teams welcome

Nationals Park

1500 S Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Parking is available

WHAT IS MUSHBALL?

Mushball is a softball game played using a large, elastic shelled ball and modified softball rules to keep play fun and moving fast - most games are around 40 minutes. All players bat in the batting order and defense fields 10 players at a time. Complete rules are provided to team captains prior to the tournament. Players should bring their own gloves and athletic footwear (molded cleats or sneakers) and the Academy will provide all other equipment.



BENEFITS SUMMARY

TEAM ENTRY AND SPONSORSHIP

SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW! PRICES GO UP AFTER JULY 31.

	Presenting	Player Pavillion	VIP Team (Early Bird 7/31)	VIP Team	Standard Team (Early Bird 7/31)	Standard Team	Umpire
TOURNAMENT PLAY	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$5,000
Team Entry (max 16 participants)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Select First Game Time	YES	YES					
Select First Game Field	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Field a Ringer	YES	YES	YES	YES			

EVENT HOSPITALITY

Designated Tented (10x10) Area Including a Stocked Curly W Cooler	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Inclusion on Event Shirt	Logo (Tier 1)	Logo (Tier 2)	Logo (Tier 2)	Logo (Tier 2)	Listing (Tier 3)	Listing (Tier 3)	
Inclusion on Mushball Website	Logo (Tier 1)	Logo (Tier 2)	Logo (Tier 2)	Logo (Tier 2)	Listing (Tier 3)	Listing (Tier 3)	Listing (Tier 4)
Logo on Umpire Shirt							YES
Signage	Observation Deck	Player Pavillion	Tent	Tent			
Mention in Opening Remarks	YES						

PLAYER BENEFITS

Event Shirt	16	16	16	16	16	16	
Food and Beverage Wristband	16	16	16	16	16	16	

NATIONALS AND ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

2026 Nationals Tickets	4 Premium Club						4 Champions Club
Nationals Group Outing* (Selection from one of three predetermined dates)	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Pre-Game On-Field Access**	YES	YES					

*Cannot split ticket allocations across the three dates

**Up to 4 guests

EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIPS AND COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES - CURATE YOUR TEAM'S MUSHBALL EXPERIENCE!

Enjoy a competitive edge at select sponsorship levels and soak up the champion lifestyle if your team goes all the way!

BE A MUSHBALL VIP | \$8,500 *Before July 31*

Enter as a VIP team for a competitive edge and elevated experience - exclusive perks include a dedicated tented space, choice of field for your first game, and the opportunity to add a "ringer" to your roster for one pool play game. Ringers - drawn from the talented Nationals Youth Baseball Academy staff - bring energy, personality, and a spirited competitive edge to the field.

PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$25,000

Partner with the Mushball Classic as the exclusive Presenting Sponsor of this year's tournament! This marquee partnership offers unparalleled brand visibility through comprehensive digital and on-site event promotion, paired with curated hospitality and engagement opportunities designed to create memorable experiences for your team and event attendees alike. In addition to VIP team entry and exclusive sponsor benefits, the Presenting Sponsor will be prominently integrated throughout the event experience, aligning your brand with one of the region's most dynamic and community-driven annual traditions.

PLAYER PAVILION SPONSOR | \$15,000

Serving as the central gathering space for off-field activity, the Mushball Player Pavilion is designed to foster connection, community, and camaraderie throughout the event. From team huddles and participant networking to lunch breaks, lawn games, and tastings from local breweries and beverage partners, the Pavilion creates a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere where players can relax, engage, and connect. Creative brand and product integration opportunities further elevate this sponsorship experience, which also includes VIP team entry and exclusive event benefits.

UMPIRE SPONSOR | \$5,000

Be at the center of the action without fielding a team as this year's Umpire Sponsor! Your brand will get significant visibility on the uniform of every Mushball umpire as they call strikes and outs, track scores, and bring energy to every matchup throughout the day.

YOU COULD GO ALL THE WAY...

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT NATIONALS PARK

The tournament's two finalist teams will take the field at Nationals Park to compete in the Mushball Classic Championship Game. While one team will ultimately raise the championship trophy, both finalists will walk away with an unforgettable Major League experience and lasting memories at one of baseball's most iconic venues. Friends and family welcome!

WINNER'S SUITE NIGHT

The winning team of the championship game will go home with more than just bragging rights and the coveted Mushball trophy. The champions will celebrate their win with a complimentary suite night during the 2027 season.

ENTER YOUR TEAM NOW!

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Since 2013, the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy has served more than 7,000 D.C. youth across a continuum of free programs designed to foster their positive character development, academic achievement, and improved health. Year-round programs at Nationals Academy include:

BASE PROGRAM | GRADES 3-8

A holistic afterschool and summer enrichment program that blends sports activity, nutrition instruction, mentoring, specialized activities, and STEM-focused academic support with social emotional skills development.

YBA PLAY | AGES 5-12

A seasonal league that makes the game more accessible to players in neighborhoods with limited opportunities to play. Modified game rules enable a faster pace of play and recognize effort over skill, allowing for deeper engagement and love for the game.

HUSTLE | AGES 8-14

A program for players eager for higher competition and advanced skill development. Participants play games against local talent and participate in tournaments, showcases, and “pro” workouts to develop skills, discipline, and athleticism.

NATIONALS NIKE RBI | AGES 14-18

A summer baseball experience for high school-aged players that includes training, competition, and community service. Select players from the HUSTLE program and area RBI affiliate programs represent the Academy throughout a full summer season of competition including trips to MLB tournaments like the Commissioner’s Cup and RBI Regional Tournament.

FARMERS MARKET AND FOOD ACCESS

The Academy serves as a community hub for Nationals Philanthropies’ holistic food access program - supporting the delivery of over 1 million meals into the DC region since 2018. Partnership with DC Central Kitchen provides participants with nutritious snacks and meals each day and teaches the basics of nutrition through wellness instruction and cooking classes. The Academy’s teaching and production garden supplements its weekly farmers market - the only year-round produce market in Ward 7 - for community residents, featuring shares of fresh produce at a deeply subsidized rate.



ENTER YOUR TEAM

TEAM ENTRY AND SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

We are pleased to participate at the following sponsor level:

Team Entries

- VIP Team** \$8,500
- Standard Team** \$6,000

Exclusive Sponsorships

- Presenting** \$25,000
- Player Pavilion** \$15,000
- Umpire** \$5,000

I am unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the Youth Baseball Academy.
 \$ _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

 TEAM NAME (AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO BE LISTED)

 STREET ADDRESS

 CITY, STATE, ZIP

 MOBILE PHONE

 EMAIL

FULFILLMENT CONTACT

 NAME

 STREET ADDRESS

 MOBILE PHONE

 EMAIL

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Team entry is not guaranteed until a completed pledge form is submitted and availability is confirmed by our staff. Full sponsor benefits are not guaranteed for payments received after September 15, 2026.

- CHECK** for full amount is enclosed and made payable to Washington Nationals Philanthropies
- INVOICE** for the full amount and payment will be made by September 15, 2026

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT

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