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# Merchandise

## Grand Park

1004 Meyers Ave.  
Myrtle Beach

## Ned Donkle Recreational Complex

3204 N. Oak St.  
Myrtle Beach

## North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex

251 Champions Blvd.  
North Myrtle Beach



# Welcome

Welcome to sunny Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the host city of the 2022 East Coast Summer Nationals. Triple Crown Sports and the city of Myrtle Beach would like to thank the players, coaches, fans, and team parents for coming to the 11th annual TCS East Coast Summer Nationals. Now in its 12th year, our fastpitch program began in 2009 with thirty-two top caliber teams and has grown to over two-hundred teams from twenty-six states & Canada.

The long term objective for the TCS East Coast Summer Nationals is to continue to grow this spectacular event. Triple Crown, with the help of its unique franchising system, has grown its Triple Crown Girl's Summer Nationals to over two-hundred teams from twenty-six States. Each Triple Crown event is special throughout the year and we are always striving to advance the game.

Triple Crown Sports, Inc. along with the city of Myrtle Beach wishes all teams the best and encourages everyone to exhibit great sportsmanship on and off the field. The city of Myrtle Beach has been preparing for your arrival and would like to remind all teams to treat the streets, facilities and fields, dugouts, hotels, restaurants and citizens with the utmost respect. Please keep things clean and leave no trace.

Thanks again to all the teams for supporting the Triple Crown Series and for participating in the 2022 Triple Crown Summer Nationals!

## Good Luck & Play Ball!

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The City of  
North Myrtle Beach  
Parks and Recreation

Welcome players, coaches, and softball fans to the City of North Myrtle Beach!

The City of North Myrtle Beach is excited to welcome you to our beautiful park for the 2022 Triple Crown Summer Nationals where you will get to win big on and off the field! The softball complex at the [North Myrtle Beach Park and Sports Complex](#) is home to 6 softball fields (each equipped with [live feed cameras](#)), 8 batting cages, a warmup area, concessions, playgrounds, shelters, and friendly helpful staff. When you play in North Myrtle Beach, the fun is only just getting started at the fields!

Whether you are looking to unwind after a full day of games, or treat yourself to some adventure on a slow day, North Myrtle Beach has everything to offer to make your trip one to remember! In your time away from the fields, make sure to check out our gorgeous beaches, numerous shopping options, fantastic dining, and exciting entertainment. For an easy online location for all things entertainment, attractions, and restaurants in North Myrtle Beach, please refer to [Explore North Myrtle Beach](#) and get access to great local discounts with our [Sports Pass](#)! We are excited for you to explore all the amazing things that make North Myrtle Beach the ideal family vacation and place to play!

We look forward to seeing you out at the fields!

- The City of North Myrtle Beach Parks and Recreation Department

#### Shark Wake Park



- The Shark Wake Park, located within the Park and Sports Complex, is offering a team **\$5 discount** per person for either the inflatable water obstacle course or the cable Wakeboarding Park.
- Please email [info@sharkwakepark.com](mailto:info@sharkwakepark.com) for more details



CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



WELCOME

As Mayor of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to the over 275 girls' softball teams from across the country that together make up the 2022 Triple Crown Sports Summer Nationals! We are thrilled to have you here!

On behalf of City Council, our residents and our businesses, welcome back and thank you for choosing Myrtle Beach for the 13th year to host the 2022 Triple Crown Sports Summer Nationals at Grand Park Athletic Complex and Ned Donkle Field Complex. Two six-day events run from July 19-31, 2022, and will follow the Opening Ceremony at Plyer Park. We wish you a safe and successful event.

I am proud to say that the scenery here is attractive and the people are friendly. I know that our volunteers and city staff will make you feel right at home.

Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand welcome over 20,000,000 visitors every year, with good reason. The Grand Strand offers a huge selection of both exciting and relaxing opportunities, from our 60 miles of shoreline to our excellent dining, golfing, shopping and entertainment options. From our Southern hospitality to our abundant natural resources, Myrtle Beach is one of the nation's premier destinations, as you will soon discover.

Again, on behalf of the city's 34,000 permanent residents and the greater Myrtle Beach area, I am excited to welcome you to our home. During your stay, take advantage of the outstanding practice and competition facilities along with countless options to train, team-build and explore all that Myrtle Beach has to offer. I am confident that you will find plenty to enjoy and experience during the 2022 Triple Crown Sports Summer Nationals!

Sincerely,

Brenda Bethune  
Mayor

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# Directions

## Central Park

Possum Trot and Outrigger Rd.

North Myrtle Beach, SC

Off of Hwy 17 (King's Hwy) on west side - between Possum Trot and 13th St. on Outrigger Rd. 3 Fields all within 1 block Central Park #1- 11U and 12U enter parking lot off of Outrigger Rd. Butler Field #2- 9U and 10U-11U and 12U enter parking lot off of Outrigger Rd. Mackey Field #3- 9U and 10U enter off of Possum Trot just west of Outrigger Rd.

## Grand Park

1004 Meyers Ave.  
Myrtle Beach, SC

Crabtree Gymnasium Location for the new Grand Park from your hotel: head south on Kings Hwy (Hwy. 17 Business). You will pass Myrtle Beach International Airport on the right. At the next major intersection (can't miss it), take a right (west) into the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. Stay on this road for just over a mile and Meyers Ave. will be on your right just past the Red Cross building on the left. Turn right onto Meyers and look for the appropriate field.

## (Ned Donkle) Pepper Geddings Recreational Complex

3205 N. Oak St.  
Myrtle Beach, SC

From your hotel, head north on Kings Highway (Hwy 17 Business) & turn left on 33rd Ave. North (west). Follow 33rd Ave. N. until it dead-ends into a parking lot. That is the parking for the facility. From there, you can walk to the appropriate field.

## North Myrtle Beach Park & Sports Complex

251 Champions Blvd.  
Myrtle Beach, SC

Southwest side of the intersection of Robert Edge Parkway and Hwy 31.

# Hospitals & Grocery

## Hospitals

### Grand Strand Regional Medical Center

809 82<sup>nd</sup> Parkway  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572  
(843) 692-1000

## Urgent Care

### Doctors Care

1714 Hwy. 17 South North  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
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Mon-Fri | 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
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### Doctors Care

1600 Hwy. 17  
North Surfside Beach, SC  
29575

(843) 238-1461

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### Beach Urgent Care

9672 N. King Hwy.  
Myrtle Beach in the Galleria  
Shopping Center

(843) 497-2273

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Sat & Sun | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Grocery

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

### Walmart SuperCenter

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### Food Lion

631 N. Kings Hwy.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

### Food Lion

7751 N. Kings Hwy.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

# Rules & Triple Crown

## Federation Tournament Rules

Any player who has played on a college roster (JUCO, NAIA, NCAA) or has completed college coursework after high school, is NOT eligible to play in this event.

## General Triple Crown Fastpitch Tournament Rules\*:

Triple Crown is not a sanctioning body, but in several events will follow basic National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball rules with a few modifications that are listed below..

## PITCHING MODIFICATION:

While the pitcher takes the signal, her stride foot may be on or behind the pitcher's plate as far back as desired. Once the pitcher initially sets the toe of her stride foot, she CANNOT move it to increase the distance behind the pitcher's plate. In addition, the pitcher must take or appear to take a signal while in the pitching and signal-taking positions.

## INTENTIONAL WALKS:

All pitches including a pitchout must be legally pitched to the catcher and ball is live.

**COURTESY RUNNER:** We will be using the written NFHS courtesy runner rule, which states the courtesy runner must be an eligible sub that has not been in the game at any capacity.

## LINEUP MODIFICATIONS:

Any option listed below may be used:

Option 1: Straight nine- Those nine can play any position on defense without reporting to the umpire.

Option 2: DP/Flex- 10 players are listed on the line-up, but only 9 bat. The DP can bat for any player that you designate prior to the start of the game. That player is designated as the Flex and should be listed in the 10th spot on the line-up card. Any of the 10 players can play on defense. Option 3: EH/EP- This gives you the option to bat 10 players and any 9 can play defense. This player can be placed anywhere in the line-up.

Option 4: DP/Flex and the EP/EH- This allows you to have 11 players listed on the lineup, only 10 will bat any 9 of these players can play defensively. The Flex is listed at the bottom of the lineup.

## RUN RULES and GAME TIMES:

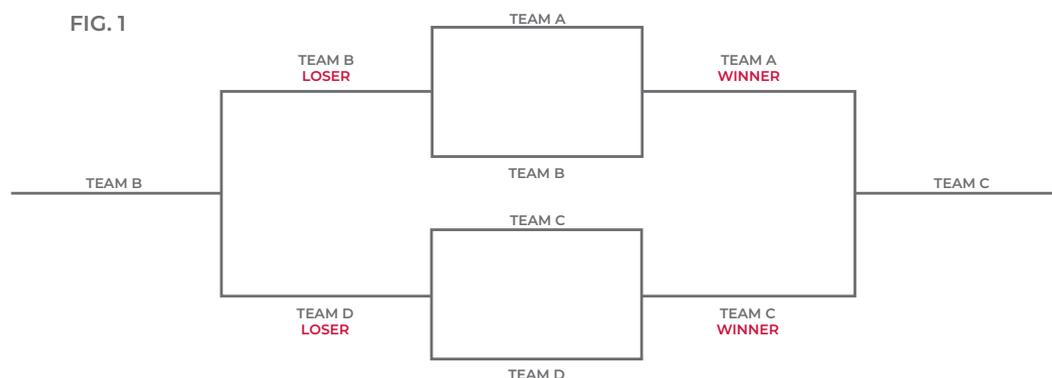
Run Rule for all age groups is 10 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings.

Bracket play tie breaker - International tie breaker

Game Time Limits: 1 hour 30 minute,

**Triple Crown Staff**  
Carrie Rivera (CO)

**Umpire-In-Chief**  
Tommy Lewis (SC)



# Thank You to Our Partners

## Partners

City of Myrtle Beach

Pamela Stone, Tim Huber, Jennifer Shaffer,  
Kevin Morris, and Parks & Recreation Staff

City of North Myrtle Beach Parks & Recreation Staff

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North

Baymont by Wyndham N. Myrtle  
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## A company is born

Triple Crown Sports® CEO Dave King is a dreamer. He and his wife Annette, avid slow-pitch softball players, had competed in one too many poorly organized tournaments. They were tired of substandard facilities, undesirable awards, lack of professionalism, and poor communication on schedules, weather, and tournament updates. After speaking his mind to a tournament director one weekend, the director shot back with a challenge: “If you think you can do better, why don’t you do it yourself?”

On the long drive home, Dave and Annette started dreaming about the perfect tournament experience. It was in a location that ballplayers and their families would want to visit; it included quality awards, professional staff, and “spin events” for teams to enjoy when not playing ball. Building such an event seemed unlikely . . . and nearly impossible once they calculated the cost.

In 1982, they decided to give it a try and the first Triple Crown event, a slow-pitch softball tournament, was held in the quaint mountain community of Meeker, CO. The trial tournament had so much success that in 1983 Steamboat Springs and Grand Junction were added to the series. The format led to the name Triple Crown, which was incorporated as Triple Crown Sports in 1987.

The company would evolve from running three slow-pitch softball events in the first few years to more than 100 tournaments by 1991 with 3,000 teams participating. As the Kings began to build a viable business, they wanted to instill family values and create an honest work environment

anyone would be proud to join. These core beliefs remain at the foundation of the company to this day.

In 1992, the Triple Crown brand began to grow into additional sports when the Baseball Series and Fastpitch Series were introduced. The company would also begin producing tournaments internationally with events in Australia, Canada, England, Guam, Ireland, and Mexico. Additionally, Triple Crown began producing 3v3 basketball, roller hockey, and soccer tournaments, as well as developing USA Sports Rankings.

Over the next twenty years the organization would continue to grow into a thriving and innovative company leading the charge in the youth sports industry. Some of this growth included the decision to televise a handful of elite championship games each year. In 1993, Triple Crown televised its first event on ESPN, a slow-pitch softball championship in Steamboat Springs. In 2004, the company began producing its own broadcasts and six years later created TCTV. That same year it joined forces with CBS Sports Network, resulting in nationally-televised broadcasts and live webcasts of different events each year.

### Professional, Predictable, Consistent

The goal at Triple Crown remains the same as it was in 1982 when Dave and Annette decided to build a better tournament. The company continues to perfect the nuances that come with running a professional and organized tournament. The phrase, “Professional, Predictable, and Consistent”

was established to ensure teams would get the same experience no matter if they were playing in Myrtle Beach or San Diego.

Triple Crown now manages roughly three-hundred youth events across the country in baseball, basketball, drift car racing, fastpitch, slow-pitch softball, and volleyball. The company is still family owned and employs nearly sixty full-time staff in its corporate headquarters in Fort Collins, Colorado. Triple Crown hires approximately four-hundred seasonal employees to facilitate the production of events each year and has individually-owned franchises in territories across the U.S.

Triple Crown also owns and produces college basketball tournaments with the annual mens' and womens' Cancun Challenge in Mexico over Thanksgiving break and the Preseason and Postseason Womens' NIT. The Cancun Challenge is regarded as one of the top reseason Division I basketball tournaments in the country. A few of the past tournament participants include: (Mens') Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Virginia, VCU, and Wichita State; (Womens') Arizona State, Baylor, Duke, Iowa, Kansas State, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Purdue. The WNIT was created in 1994 and is the second longest-running postseason event in womens' college basketball history.

#### Building premium events

Triple Crown transformed the youth sports market with the creation of premium destination championships. Triple Crown offers major events in multiple sports across the country. These championships are strategically designed for teams to combine a quality tournament experience with a family vacation.

Triple Crown employees work hard to develop events for teams and their families that create life-long memories. Teams attending a Triple Crown national championship will experience more than just a well-organized tournament. Special events like opening ceremonies, All-Star Games, skills challenges, concerts, contests, live webcasts, and nationally televised games create a festival atmosphere and provide countless activities for teams to enjoy when not at the ballfield, gym, or race track.

The company prides itself on producing highly-organized and professionally-produced

tournaments while deliberating exceptional communication to coaches, players, and parents. With a sophisticated web platform and mobile website, Triple Crown makes it easy for teams to receive game schedules, weather updates, and seedings before and during tournament play. Triple Crowns' real-time technology and tools allow coaches and parents to receive updated information from the dugouts and bleachers during an event on their smart phone and other mobile devices.

The future is bright for Triple Crown Sports. The company will continue to grow in the coming years with the addition of new national championships, exciting and innovative spin events, and the persistent drive to improve current tournaments for coaches, players, and families. While Triple Crown is no longer a Mom 'n' Pop operation, it carries the core family values and beliefs that Dave and Annette embraced in 1982.



Triple Crown Sports founders Annette and Dave King

# WELCOME TO THE BEACH



Thank you for joining us this week at The Beach! We are so pleased that your team is spending time with us on the Grand Strand. Our tourism partners also wish to welcome you to their locations by providing special offers to your team! These one-of-a-kind offers in the VIP Group Passport will help you make the most of all the great attractions, restaurants, and retail locations Myrtle Beach has to offer.

Be sure to follow the instructions and save the page to your home screen so you have access to these special offers during your stay – No apps to download! Enjoy your time at The Beach and best of luck in your events.

## HOW IT WORKS



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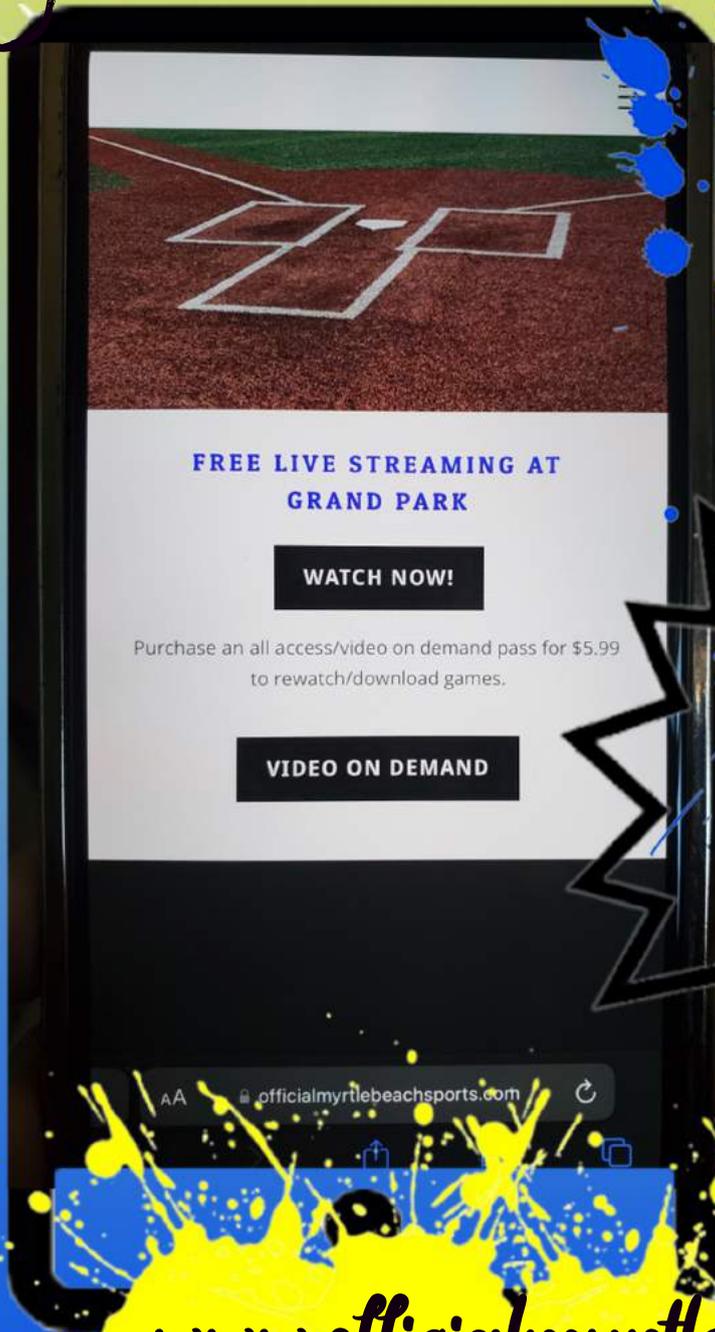
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