

We look forward to the Sunflower Showcase on July 23-26, 2015, and bringing a quality event to Lawrence, in terms of talent for fans to watch, and subsequent spending in Lawrence with food, lodging and entertainment, for teams, families and fans.

However, we encountered an overlap with hotels during the time of the tournament with the USSSA softball tournament, which despite efforts, couldn't be alleviated during that weekend. As a result, a lot of teams will be staying in Bonner Springs, Topeka and Kansas City.

The NCAA permits games starting at 8 am, with the final start time at 9:59 pm. However, with the hotel situation, we can't have 14 different teams (seven courts) with an 8 am start time, arriving at 7:15 am, leaving their hotels at 6:45 am and getting up before then. Then the same the following day, bringing a total of 28 teams (14 games) that would be affected. It won't go over particularly well with parents / teams and obviously retention for following years is a goal!

One way to make up for the lost 14 games on Friday and Saturday is to have an exemption for use of the eighth court on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. This will ensure the number of games and teams for the tournament, as well as assisting with the hotel situation that unfortunately developed.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation to date - second to none!

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