

23 Years of Serving College Coaches Across the Country

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Derek Allister, and my wife, Joann, and I own OnDeck Softball, Inc. – the most trusted and influential college scouting service in the country. We are in the middle of our 23rd year. We work with hundreds of Division 1 college softball programs, and many smaller schools at the Division 2, Division 3, NAIA, and Junior College levels. I am also the chair of the selection committee for the USA Jr. National Team program.

In order to describe the scope of OnDeck, last Spring 481 former OnDeck players played on one of the 64 teams that made the NCAA tournament. 142 played in the 16 team Super Regionals. And 81 former OnDeck players played on the eight teams in the Women's College World Series. I say this not to promote OnDeck, but to establish the fact that we are very much in tune with the softball world. And we are a highly respected voice from the grassroots level of the game all the way up to the top tier.

Which leads me to the purpose of my letter. I think it is important for you all to know that Rosetta Canyon Sports Park is one of the premier softball venues in the travel ball world. In softball, Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma; Clearwater, Florida; Aurora Sports Park, Colorado; Huntington Beach Sports Complex, California; USSSA Space Coast Complex, Florida; and Rosetta Canyon Sports Park are the premier softball complexes across the country. Say "Rosetta Canyon" to any Division 1 softball coach, and he/she will know exactly where that is located in Southern California. Fly into Ontario and head south on the 15 to Lake Elsinore. Everyone simply refers to these venues as OKC, Clearwater, Aurora, Huntington Beach, Space Coast, and Rosetta. No other softball complexes are as revered as these six parks.

Rosetta is so highly regarded for a reason. Not only is it a beautiful venue. It also has very well-maintained playing surfaces. The five-field complex is comprised of actual fastpitch fields, as opposed to slow pitch. The grounds crew, led by Eric, is top three on the list. Aurora and OKC are the only other venues that can even compare. Travis Cotsenmoyer, who is so instrumental in scheduling, is highly regarded as well and is known for being one of the most respected, fair and honest people in the sport. When you schedule Rosetta, you know exactly what to expect – first class facilities and first class service. And finally the weather is most often a plus. Sure it can get hot in the summer. But I clearly remember a Fall weekend when we were holding our OnDeck Organizational Challenge (OTE). Every other venue in Southern California was rained out that weekend. We were the only event going, and the entire softball world's West Coast focus was on Rosetta and OnDeck. This was all possible because of a fortunate weather pattern; great fields; Eric and his grounds crew; and Travis and his willingness to never give up on his partners.

As a result of these factors, Rosetta plays host to some of the biggest events on the softball calendar. Just a few I can pull off the top of my head - the Alliance Super Cup in January; April's Finest in April; Zoom Into June in early June; OnDeck's Rosetta Canyon Jamboree in June; Triple Crown Nationals in July; Alliance Nationals in July

and August; OnDeck's OTE in October; Don Battles On in November; and many more. It's important to note that these are not just tournaments. Rather they are nationally recognized events on the softball calendar.

It is my hope that you will recognize and truly value the role "Rosetta" plays on the National softball scene. Rosetta is valued as a first class venue run by first class people. I am hoping that this will continue for many, many years to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell phone listed below. Take care and best wishes.

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