THE RELAXED ATHLETE My Pregame Softball Routine

Phase	Strategy	Your Mental Game Tasks	Sports-Specific Tasks
Arrive at the field	Expel pressure-packed expectations	 ☑ Identify your expectations about competition one to two hours prior to the game ☑ Replace your expectations with process goals for upcoming competition 	☑ Enjoy favourite music ☑ Start to focus on game
Get equipment	Calm your inner chatter	☑ Recognize when you are engaging in inner chatter quickly☑ Refocus your mind on the pregame warm up	☑ Hang bat bag ☑ Put on cleats and mitt
Team Warm-up	Take control of your confidence	 ☑ Review your confidence resume one hour prior to competition ☑ Shoot down any last minute doubts you may have about the event 	☑ Team run☑ Team stretch☑ Team agilities
Batting and Soft Toss Drills	Rehearse your performance	 ☑ Use mental imagery to review your game plan or strategy for the day. ☑ Use mental imagery to rehearse the situations you will see in the game 	☑ Go through batting warm up
Team Throwing Warm up	Focus on the process	 ☑ Keep your mind on preparation during your warm up ☑ Know what cues to stay focused on during the game ☑ Set one or two process goals for today's competition 	☑ Pitchers/Catchers warm up ☑ Set process goals
Team Huddle	Prepare your mind to win ugly	 ✓ Forget about proper technique during the warm up ✓ Do not assess the quality of your warm up ✓ Remind yourself to perform with a functional mindset – win ugly 	☑ Run off field ☑ Team cheer
Waiting for game to start	Embrace the pregame butterflies	 ✓ Interpret excitement as a sign you are ready to compete ✓ Embrace the pregame butterflies as helpful to your performance ✓ Use the added intensity to help you focus better 	☑ Relax ☑ See yourself performing well