

*Iowa Amateur Softball Association
Women's Class C/D Slow Pitch State Tournament
SCORE Recreation Softball Complex – Nevada, IA
July 9-10, 2011*

Tournament Site: SCORE Recreation Complex – 1543 Fawcett Parkway, Nevada, IA (see enclosed map).

The Complex/Rain-out/Cancellation Phone Number is: (515) 382-4352 ext.5

Host Hotels: Host Hotels for the tournament are the **Country Inn and Suites**, 2605 SE 16th St. Ames, IA 50010 800-456-4000 or **AmericInn**, 2507 SE 16th St. Ames, IA 50010 800-634-3444. For hotel reservations, please call the hotel and mention you are with the Iowa ASA Softball Tournament for room block and special room rates that may apply.

Tournament Format: The tournament format will be a double-elimination “Gold” bracket with teams that do not advance past the first complete round of the loser’s bracket going into a “Silver” bracket where they will play single elimination with consolation games.

Rosters: Rosters are due to the tournament director upon arrival at the fields. You must use the roster that was enclosed with the tournament bracket.

Uniforms: In accordance with Iowa ASA code, Article 206, team members are required to wear the same colored shirt with a six-inch number of contrasting colors on the back. If your team qualifies for the national championship tournament, all team members will be required to be in identical uniforms.

Line-Ups: When you check in with the tournament director, you will receive two line-up cards. After your second game, you may pick up a line-up card from the scorekeeper on the field that you are scheduled to play your next game. The line-up card is a four-part form. Please make sure that you are pressing hard enough to complete all four copies. The scorekeepers’ copy of the form must be turned in to the scorekeeper 10 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. The umpires’ copy of the form is to be given to the home plate umpire at the manager’s meeting prior to the game. Please exchange copies with the opposing coach at the manger’s meeting. Please fill the forms out completely, with first name, last name, position, and uniform number on the card. Please list all reserves on the card as well.

Protests: Protests must be filed according to ASA code. The person or the person responsible for making these decisions will rule upon legal protests IMMEDIATELY. There is no fee to file a protest. Protests will only be allowed for rule interpretations and player eligibility. Player eligibility protests may be filed at anytime, however, for a team to advance in the tournament due to another team’s use of an ineligible player, the protest must be filed and acted upon before the protested team’s next game.

Game Time: Game time is forfeit time! Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Teams should be prepared to begin play as soon as the preceding game is completed.

Run Ahead Rule: A 20 run ahead rule will be used after three innings, 15 after 4 innings and a 10 run ahead rule will be used after the fifth inning.

Rain Delay: In the event of rain or any cause that interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager’s responsibility to report to the tournament director for re-scheduling information. The tournament director reserves the right to change field locations, game times, number of innings played, time limits, or revert to single elimination to assist in

concluding the tournament by the set date. If the tournament is unable to be completed on the scheduled date of completion, the following system will be used to determine the order of finish for the tournament:

1. The team that advances farthest in the winner's bracket
2. Won-Loss records, except among undefeated teams
3. If only two teams are tied for a position and they have played each other, the winner of that game.
4. Teams will be ranked by the fewest number of runs allowed per game played.
5. Teams will be ranked by the most runs scored per game played.
6. If a tie still exists, by a coin toss.

Home Team: Home team shall be determined by coin toss, which will be done by the plate umpire at the managers meeting. Teams may acquire additional line-up cards from the tournament director or scorekeeper. Prior to playing your second game please turn in the tournament evaluation to the tournament director. Evaluation forms will be sent via email and will be online following the tournament. **THE HOME TEAM SHALL KEEP THE OFFICIAL BOOK OR IT SHOULD BE PASSED BETWEEN TEAMS EACH HALF INNING.**

Dugout Assignment: The team listed on the top of the bracket shall occupy the third base dugout. If a team plays back-to-back games on the same field, they shall occupy the same dugout in each successive game as they occupied in the previous game.

Game Balls: Game balls will be provided by the Iowa ASA. We will use that Dudley Leather II" WT11RF Optic Yellow Leather ball for all games when possible. Ball specifications will be .44COR/375 Compression.

Conduct of Players, Managers, Coaches and Spectators: All players, managers, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Failure to do so shall result in the offending person being removed from the game. In serious situations, the offending person will be asked to leave the complex for the duration of the tournament.

IOWA ASA CASUAL PROFANITY/UNSPORTSMANLIKE "TEAM OUT" RULE

Casual Profanity Rule - The umpire has the authority to assess ONE OUT per play against the offending team for the use of CASUAL PROFANITY which shall be defined as expletives (Vulgar or Profane Language), which is not appropriate in a recreational sports setting, used by a player, manager/coach or team representative on the field or in the dugout. Words are not directed at any one individual, but rather are made out of frustration or loss of self-control. In the opinion of the umpire, if these words are audible to the umpire and surrounding players or spectators to the extent that it detracts from the values of softball competition based on good sporting behavior and fair play, the umpire may assess a Casual Profanity Out. Actions of players and/or coaches during the teams final out of their term at bat and/or prior to them taking the field on defense shall be carried over to that teams next term at bat. Actions of players and/or coaches during pre-game activities, which occur after the umpires have entered the field of play, will be enforced during the teams first term at bat. All outs (charged either while on offense or defense) will be assessed against the offending team during their term at bat. Only ONE "Casual Profanity" out may be assessed per play with a maximum of two (2) per term at bat. Incidents of vulgar or profane language exceeding these limits will subject the individuals to ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. A player ejected from the game for exceeding these limits will not have a casual profanity out charged to the TEAM. The Casual Profanity penalty "out" will be assessed as a TEAM OUT and will not affect any batter or base runner (all action stands). For scoring purposes, the putout will be credited to the catcher.

Sportsmanship Rule - The umpire has the authority to assess one out per play against the offending team for excessive protests, arguments, complaints or behavior not appropriate in a recreation sports setting. Throwing a bat, glove, rude gestures, insulting or disparaging remarks, or baiting or taunting opposing players or game officials would be examples of such actions. Such conduct exhibited by a player, coach or team representative

will be penalized. Actions of players and/or coaches during the teams final out of their term at bat and/or prior to them taking the field on defense shall be carried over to the teams next term at bat. Actions of players and/or coaches during pre-game activities, which occur after the umpires have entered the field of play, will be enforced during the teams first at term bat. All outs (charged either on offense or defense) will be assessed against the offending TEAM during their term at bat. Only one "unsportsmanlike" out may be assessed per play with a maximum of two (2) per term at bat. Incidents of continued or excessive unsportsmanlike conduct will subject the individual(s) to ejection from the game. A player/coach/ or team representative ejected from the game will not have a un-sportsmanship out called against them. The Unsportsmanlike penalty "out" will be assessed as a TEAM OUT and will not affect any batter or base runner (all action stands). For scoring purposes, the putout will be credited to the catcher. * For the purposes of these rules a Play refers to the duration of one players time at-bat and a teams Term at-bat refers to a teams half-inning, which begins when the third out of the previous inning is made and continues until the third out of the team at-bat occurs.



ATHLETIC FACILITY NO SMOKING LAW

Please remember that smoking is prohibited inside all softball facilities in accordance with the Iowa Smokefree Air Act. Beginning July 1, 2008 all facilities and buildings became smoke free, including Playing, Seating/Viewing areas of outdoor sporting events. This is a reminder of this state law and we respectfully request your cooperation. Designated areas for smoking may be established and must be followed. Please be aware that violators may be asked to leave the facility without refund.

IOWA ASA FAN CODE OF CONDUCT

In the spirit of sportsmanship, fans shall: Conduct themselves in a manner that represents ASA Softball, the participating teams, game/tournament officials and opposing spectators with honor, dignity and respect. Demonstrate the qualities of civility and sportsmanship at all times. Not use vulgar, abusive, racist, sexist, demeaning or intimidating language at any time. Support the players, coaches and officials in a positive manner at all times. Not engage in cheers that are unsporting or demeaning. Be a positive role model for those around you by treating others with courtesy and respect!

Behavior that is in violation of the Iowa ASA Fan Code of Conduct may or may not receive a warning and those that exhibit flagrant misconduct or continue to be in violation will immediately ejected from the venue without refund.

Game Rules: All rules not covered in this document shall be governed by the ASA rulebook. In the event that something contained in this document conflicts with the ASA rulebook, the ASA rulebook shall govern play with the exception of the run ahead rule.

Awards: Team plaques will be awarded to the top 4 teams in the "Gold" Bracket and top two teams in "Silver" Bracket. An All-Tournament Team will be chosen by the top four teams by members of their own team. Champion will receive 4 players and the MVP (5 total), Runner-Up - 4 Players, 3rd Place - 3 players and 4th place - 2 Players. Players are selected however the teams so desire regardless of position and players names and position should be given to the tournament director following the team's completion in the tournament. All-Tournament Players will receive a certificate issued by the Iowa ASA State Office (sent to the team managers) and recognized on the ASA web site in the final tournament results.

Class C & D Advancement: The team that participates in the Iowa ASA State Tournament in Class C or Class D may advance to the Women's Class C and Class D Northern National Tournaments held in North Mankato, MN - Sept, 3-5, The entry fee is \$375 payable to MSF. *If you are going to the National Championship Tournament, you must pay the entry fee for the tournament to the State Tournament Director to the Iowa ASA State Office no later than Aug. 15th. Your roster, entry fee check and entry form (completed by the Iowa ASA Staff) will be forwarded with all required Iowa ASA Staff signatures to the National Tournament Director with all other team entries.* Upon completion of the National Tournament, the top 6 advancing teams will be reimbursed

\$150 of their tournament entry fee provided the team returns the reimbursement form to the Iowa ASA office on or before October 15, 2011.

Order Of Finish (207 C1 a-c)

- a. The top four teams based upon their actual finish.
- b. Remaining teams listed in descending order of finish according to their bracket position when eliminated.
- c. Tied teams shall be determined by:
 1. The team that advances farthest in the winner's bracket
 2. Won-Loss records.
 3. Teams will be ranked by the fewest number of runs allowed per game played.
 4. Teams will be ranked by the most runs scored per game played.
 5. If a tie still exists, by a coin toss.

The completed bracket and Official Order of Finish will be posted on the website following the tournament.

Exception: If there are only two teams remaining and each has one loss, the championship game must be played or the teams shall be declared co-champions.

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