



The City of Burlington welcomes you to the  
ASA Softball Girl's 16 & Under Class A  
Northern National Fast Pitch Tournament  
Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007



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**Souvenir Program**

Send us your team's picture to be included in the souvenir program, available at the Tournament! E-mail digital photos in their original format (please do not downsize the originals) by Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to be included in the program. Either color or black and white photos are fine. Include the team name, City, State, Team Record, and identify the players by row in the body of the e-mail. Team photos should be sent to [danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com](mailto:danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com) BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> to be included in the program.

Questions about team photos or the tournament program? Contact Kirk Danforth at (319) 758-9419 or e-mail [danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com](mailto:danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com)

**EntryDeadline/Rosters/EntryFee**

The entry deadline is Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 5 p.m. Checks should be made out to "City of Burlington."

The three items below must be mailed to the Burlington RecPlex by the entry deadline:

1. Official Entry Form (must be signed by your state commissioner or his/her designee.
  2. \$300 entry fee (payable to City of Burlington)
  3. Championship roster/affidavit (must be signed by your state commissioner or his/her designee)
- Mail to/Tournament Director Contact Information:

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## **Hotels/Lodging**

The City of Burlington Parks and Recreation and the Greater Burlington Iowa Convention and Visitors Bureau have negotiated guaranteed quality and prices with select properties. These select properties will honor committed availability, have been screened for quality, and have locked-in prices. You may go outside the select properties, but rooms will likely be more expensive. Please contact the housing coordinator Kirk Danforth at 319-758-9419

### **The Host Hotel is:**

**Best Western Pzzaz Fun City, 3001 Winegard St, Burlington, IA 52601 (800) 373-1223**

### **Other Participating Hotels:**

Comfort Suites Hotel-Burlington

**Phone:** (877) 424-6423

Fairfield Inn-Burlington

**Phone:** (800) 228-2800

- Access the Greater Burlington Iowa Convention and Visitors Bureau reservation system online at: <http://www.visit.burlington.ia.us/>
- Click here to download a map of Burlington.
- **Pre-tournament Team Manager check-in** - Host Hotel - Fun City Pzzaz - Tuesday, July 31, 12:00pm (noon) - 6:00pm and Burlington RecPlex Softball Complex, 501 S. Broadway St. Burlington, IA on Wednesday 8:00am - 11:30am. This check-in is for managers ONLY. Players check in and sign the tournament sign-in sheet prior to their first game.
- **Manager's Meeting** - Tuesday, July 31, 6:00pm., [Best Western Pzzaz Fun City](#), 3001 Winegard Dr., Burlington, IA Tournament draw and rules will be discussed at this **mandatory meeting for managers**. Food is provided for one team manager and one additional meal may be purchased for \$8 at the door.
- **Opening Ceremonies** - Wednesday, August 1 at 12:00pm (noon) [Burlington RecPlex](#). Representatives from all teams are expected to attend in full uniform. We encourage you to bring your state's flag to the ceremony and team banner if you have one. Teams should line up at 11:30am on the soccer field area to the right of the walk way as you enter the enter the complex.
- **Team Pictures** - Each team is required to have their team picture taken. Pictures and action shots will be for sale during the tournament and order forms will be handed out after your team picture is taken. Picture times are Wed. Aug. 1st from 9:00am - 11:30am and following opening ceremonies. The order that pictures will be taken will be handed out at the managers meeting.
- **Opening Play** begins Wednesday, Aug. 1st at 2:00 p.m. with Pool Play games.

### **Player Identification**

Each member of a Junior Olympic team competing at all ASA Championships must provide proper identification to the tournament director before the start of competition. This may be done on site at check-in. Proper identification includes a current photo, player's signature and proof of age. Acceptable age verification includes: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, photo ID card issued by a local ASA commissioner and/or their designee or a valid passport. [See ASA Code 2004, Article 501 for further explanation.](#)

## **Gift Exchange**

It is customary to have a gift exchange between teams. This will occur one time, before the first game you play in pool play. Each girl and two managers will exchange with a designated team at opening ceremonies. Please plan for 18 players and three managers. Suggestions include food items, pins and/or t-shirts. Gifts should not exceed \$12.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Awards**

Team awards to first, second third, fourth and two fifth places; individual awards to the top two teams. (based on 33-48 teams)

### **Format**

Two pool play games and double elimination is the standard format specified for ASA Northern in 2007. Pool play begins Wednesday, August 1 at 2:00 p.m. and is scheduled to end Thursday night. Pool play results determine placement in double elimination brackets. Barring rain, the earliest a team could be eliminated from the tournament is late Friday, August 3.

### **Playing Fields**

The Burlington RecPlex (4 fields) 501 S. Broadway St. and Southeast Community College Softball Field (1 field) located at 1500 W. Agency Rd. in West Burlington will be used during the running of this event. A [Map](#) and directions to will be provided upon arrival.

### **Draw Procedure**

Article 511 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The pool play draw will be done in advance of teams arriving and posted on the Web page no later than Monday, July 30 at 5 p.m. The region with the most teams will be drawn first and placed in pools away from each other unless the teams in a region outnumber the pools. Pool play results determine seeding and placement into double elimination. The double elimination draw is done at the conclusion of your pool play.

### **Uniforms**

All players competing at the Northern National shall properly wear uniforms that are alike in color, trim and style. Short or long pants may be mixed. Coaches must be neatly attired or dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. Please see the ASA official playing rules (Rule 3, Section 6) for complete information.

### **Line Ups**

Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line up must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game's scheduled start time.

### **Game Times**

Please follow the times listed on the tournament bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the preceding game is completed. One hour and 40 minute time limit on pool play; no time limit on double elimination.

### **Infield Practice/Pre-Tournament Practice**

No infield practice will be permitted. Warm up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass if time permits. Warm up is allowed in soccer field area is NOT permitted in the area between 225' temporary fences and 300' permanent fences. Teams wishing to practice may reserve a practice field on Tuesday, July 31st between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in one-hour increments by calling the [Burlington Rec Plex Office](#) at 319-758-9419.

### **Bench Area**

Players, 3 coaches, scorekeeper and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area.

### **Protests**

The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedures. See ASA Playing Rule 9.

### **Run Rule**

The 15-after-three-innings and 8-after-five-innings rule is in effect.

### **Rain Delay**

In the event of rain or any cause which interrupts a game, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was stopped. It is the manager's responsibility to call the Rain-Out Hotline at 319758-9320 or visit the information area for rescheduled game information.

### **Team Seating**

The team at the top of the bracket will use the first base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will use the third base dugout.

### **Official Game Balls**

The official balls for the tournament are 12 inch, optic yellow, 47COR, 375 Compression Dudley SB12LRF-FP softballs.

### **Game Rules**

All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2007 ASA Official Guide and Rule Book.

### **Conduct**

Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players, parents and supporting spectators both on and off the field. The tournament committee will deal with any report of damage by hotel management. Spectators that become abusive or generally vulgar to umpires, opposing players or fans will be handled in a three-step process:

1. notification to the manager during a break in the game
2. direct warning to the violator/s
3. suspension of the game and ejection of the individual from the facility within a two-minute time period

### **Eligibility**

Please see the [2007 ASA Code, Article 501](#) for clarifications and interpretations.

### **Player Passes**

Player passes will be issued to rostered players and **three** coaches/managers. **All participants must have a pass to gain entrance to the softball complexes.** Participants without player passes will be required to pay the daily admission price. The player passes and two coaches/managers passes will be distributed at the team check-in. We do not allow bat persons, scorekeepers or more than three coaches/managers free admission. More coach's passes may be purchased at the gate.

### **Souvenirs**

Souvenirs will be available throughout the weekend at the Burlington RecPlex.

### **Admission**

Daily Gate Admission - \$7/Adults, \$4/Youth/Seniors (17 years and younger/65 years and older), 5 years and under free

Tournament Passes - \$20/Adults, \$10/Youth/Seniors (17 years and younger/65 years and older)

### **Coolers/Pets/Scooters/Rollerblades/Alcoholic Beverages**

None of the above are permitted in our fenced ball field area. Only team coolers are allowed; all other coolers are checked at the gate.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

The City of Burlington Parks and Recreation Department manages park sites which feature tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas and playgrounds and swimming pool and a golf course. Visiting players and their guests are welcome to use these facilities while in Burlington. A complete packet of visitor information will be available at team check-in, or visit the <http://www.visit.burlington.ia.us/>

Need more information about the Tournament or the City of Burlington? Contact Tournament Director Kirk Danforth at (319) 758-9419 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or send a FAX to (319) 758-0912 or e-mail [danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com](mailto:danforthk@burlingtonrecplex.com).

### **Schedule of Events**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wed.	July 25	Entry Deadline and Program Information Due	5:00pm	Tournament Director
Mon.	July 30	Pool Play Schedule Posted Online	5:00pm	Tournament Website
Tue.	July 31	Practice Fields Available (by reservation)	9am-5pm	Burlington RecPlex
Tue.	July 31	Pre-Tournament Check-in	12pm-6pm	Best Western Pzzaz
Tue.	July 31	Managers Meeting	6:00pm	Best Western Pzzaz
Wed.	Aug. 1	Late Check-In/Player Sign-In/Validation	8am-11:30am	Burlington RecPlex
Wed.	Aug. 1	Team Pictures/Pin Trading	9:00-11:30am	Burlington RecPlex
Wed.	Aug. 1	Team Parade Line-Up	11:30am	Burlington RecPlex
Wed.	Aug. 1	Opening Ceremonies	12:00pm	Burlington RecPlex
Wed.	Aug. 1	Team Pictures/Pin Trading (Continued)	1:00pm.....	Burlington RecPlex
Wed.	Aug. 1	Pool Play Game Begin	2:00pm	Burlington RecPlex/SECC
Fri.	Aug. 3	Championship Bracket Play Begins	TBA	Burlington RecPlex
Sun.	Aug. 5	Awards/Closing Ceremony	TBA	Burlington RecPlex