

**2006 Iowa Amateur Softball Association
Men's Class A Fast Pitch
State Softball Tournaments
July 22-23, 2006
Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
West Des Moines, IA**

Tournament Site: Please see enclosed map for directions to the softball complex. **Rain-Out Number** 515-222-3505.

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the tournament is the Valley West Inn. For hotel reservations, please call the hotel at (800) 833-6755. Please indicate you are with the Iowa ASA Softball Tournament for special rates and room blocks.

Tournament Format: The tournament format will be **3-Game Guarantee** unless unusual circumstances dictate otherwise. Teams were placed in a blind draw for this tournament and were protected from playing another team from the same district in the first round. This is in accordance with Iowa ASA code.

Rosters: You must use the same roster that you used for the district tournament. Exception: You may pick-up (3) three players from a team in your district to add to your roster. The pick-up player(s) names must be on the official pick-up player form available from the Iowa ASA office. Pick-up player forms must be signed by your district commissioner. Pick-up players can come only from Class B or Class C teams that are registered with the Iowa ASA for the current season that are no longer eligible to compete in championship play for the current season.

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 color 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. Legal protests will be ruled upon IMMEDIATELY by the person responsible for making these decisions. A \$25 protest fee must accompany all protests. Protests will only be allowed for rule interpretations and player eligibility. Player eligibility protests may be filed at any time, however, for a team to advance in the tournament due to another teams use of an ineligible player, the protest must be filed and acted upon before the protested teams 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: An 8 run ahead rule will be used after the fifth inning.

Tie-Breaker Rule: If the game is tied after 8 (top of the 9th) complete innings, the international tie-breaker rule will be used. The last batter due up in the inning will be placed on second base to start the 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/Coin Flip: Home team shall be determined by coin toss, which will be conducted at the pre-game managers/umpire meeting at home plate. Prior to playing your second game please turn in the tournament evaluation to the tournament director. Evaluation forms will be given to teams at check-in time.

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 the Dudley MLT12FP Optic Yellow Composite Cover. Red Seam .47COR/375 lb. Compression softball for all games.

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 unsportsmanship 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.

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 rule book shall govern play with the exception of the run ahead rule and the tie-breaker rule.

Trophies: Team trophies will be awarded to the top four teams. An All-Tournament Team will be chosen by the top four teams (teams select their own players). Champion 4 players + MVP, Runner-Up – 4 players, 3rd place – 3 players, 4th place – 2 players.

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.

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.

The Order of Finish and Completed Bracket will be posted on the website following completion of the tournament.

Class A Advancement: Any team that participates in the state tournament is eligible to advance to the National Tournament in Decatur, IL, Aug. 31 - Sept. 4. The entry fee is \$325 and your check must be made payable to Decatur Special Events. The entry fee for the tournament must be given to the State Tournament Director or sent to the state office within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament. Upon completion of the National Tournament, the top six teams participating will be reimbursed \$150 of your tournament entry fee provided you return the reimbursement form to the Iowa ASA office on or before October 15, 2006.

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