



The City of Marshalltown welcomes you to the
ASA Softball Men's Major 16" Slow Pitch
National Tournament
August 31st – September 3rd, 2007



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Entry Deadline/Rosters/Entry Fee

The entry deadline is Tuesday, August 21st at 5 p.m.

Checks in the amount of \$300 should be made out to "Marshalltown Softball Association."

The three items below must be mailed to the Tournament Director 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 Marshalltown Softball Association)**
- 3. Championship roster/affidavit (must be signed by your state commissioner or his/her designee)**
- Mail to:**

**Marshalltown Parks and Recreation
Attn: Joe Cordt, Tournament Director
803 North Third Ave.
Marshalltown, IA 50158**

- Phone 641.754.5715**
- FAX 641.754.5728**
- Email jcordt@ci.marshalltown.ia.us**
- Note: Iowa teams must send their entry fee and any pick-up player forms to the Iowa ASA State Office to: Iowa ASA, 1534 Penrose St., Grinnell, IA 50112 no**

later than Aug. 20th at 5pm. Checks should still be made payable to Marshalltown Softball Association. All information (roster, entry form, entry fee and pick-up player form - if applicable) will be verified, signed and forwarded to the National Tournament Director.

Hotels/Lodging

The City of Marshalltown Parks and Recreation and the Marshalltown 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.

The Host Hotel is:

**Best Western Regency
3303 S. Center St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
641-752-6321**

Other Participating Hotels:

Access the Marshalltown Convention and Visitors Bureau reservation system online at: <http://www.visitmarshalltown.com/>

Pre-Tournament Team Manager Check-In - This check-in is for managers ONLY. Players check in and sign the tournament sign-in sheet prior to their first game with a photo ID.

Manager's Meeting - Friday, August, 31st at 12:00pm (noon) Best Western Regency. Tournament rules will be discussed at this mandatory meeting for managers. Food is provided for the team Manager and 1 additional team member. No additional meals may be purchased at the door.

Opening Ceremonies - 6:00pm, Friday, Aug 31st at the South 6th St complex.

Opening Games: Play begins 6:30pm Friday, August 31st.

Player Identification:

Each member of a ASA Adult 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 and player's signature. See ASA Code, Article 501 for further explanation.

Player Sign In: Players must sign-in (player signature) prior to playing their first game in the tournament on the Player Verification Sheet in front of the Tournament Staff and present a photo ID of themselves. The Photo ID must have photo and signature of the player. Code Article 501A7 a 2. Page 250 of the ASA Code in the back of the ASA Rule Book.

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)

Playing Fields - The S. Sixth Street Complex (3 Fields) will be used during this event. A map and directions to will be provided upon arrival at the managers meeting and is also available online.

Draw Procedure - Article 511 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The double-elimination bracket draw will be done at the managers meeting on Monday, Aug. 27th at 7:30pm at the Best Western Regency Hotel. The tournament bracket will be posted no later than 9:00pm, Monday Aug. 27th on this web page. The region with the most teams will be drawn first and placed away from each other unless the teams in a region out number the number of brackets. The only two teams seeded are the previous years defending champion and the first runner-up and current year's host(s) teams (Code Article 511 E 2).

Uniforms: All players competing in the National Tournament 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.

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 areas will be listed in the team check in packet. No reservations will be taken for practice games or fields.

Bench Area: Maximum of 20 Players listed on the Official ASA Roster, 3 coaches, scorekeeper and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area. **There is no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on the**

playing field, in or OUT of the dugouts. Players are not to drink alcoholic beverages while their game is in progress and by doing so may render themselves ineligible for the game and may be ejected.

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

Run Rule: The 12-after-four-innings and 10-after-five-innings rule is in effect.

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 call the Rain-Out Hotline at 641-754-5779 or visit the Tournament Headquarters 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 softball for the tournament is the deBeer CF16 Clincher 16" Softball.

Game Rules: The 2007 ASA Official Guide and Rule Book will govern all playing rules and regulations for the tournament.

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 S. Sixth St. Complex.

Admission: Daily gate admission: \$5/Adults (Friday \$2/Adults), 12 & Under Free. Tournament Passes: \$8/Adults, 12 & Under Free.

Coolers/Pets/Scooters/Rollerblades:

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

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

The City of Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Dept. manages park sites which feature tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas and playgrounds and an aquatic center. Visiting players and their guests are welcome to use these facilities while in Marshalltown. A complete packet of visitor information will be available at team check-in, or visit the city of Marshalltown website at: <http://www.ci.marshalltown.ia.us/>

Need more information about the Tournament or the City of Marshalltown?
Contact Tournament Director Joe Cordt at (641) 754-5715, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or send a FAX to 641.754.5728 or e-mail jcordt@ci.marshalltown.ia.us

Schedule of Events:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tue.	Aug. 21 st	Entry Deadline	5:00pm	Tournament Director
Mon.	Aug. 27 th	Tournament Draw	7:30pm	Best Western Regency Hotel
Mon.	Aug. 27 th	Bracket Posted Online	9:00pm	Iowa ASA website –Tournament webpage
Fri.	Aug. 31 st	Managers Check-In	11:30am	Best Western Regency Hotel
Fri.	Aug. 31 st	Managers Meeting	12:00pm	Best Western Regency Hotel
Fri.	Aug. 31 st	Player Sign-In	5:30pm	South Sixth Street Softball Complex
Fri.	Aug. 31 st	Opening Ceremonies	6:00pm	South Sixth Street Softball Complex
Fri.	Aug. 31 st	Games Begin	6:30pm	South Sixth Street Softball Complex
Sat.	Sept. 1 st	Games Continue	TBA	South Sixth Street Softball Complex
Sun.	Sept. 2 nd	Games Continue	TBA	South Sixth Street Softball Complex
TBA	TBA	Closing Ceremonies	TBA	South Sixth Street Softball Complex