



*2010 Iowa Amateur Softball Association  
Men's Senior 50-Over Slow Pitch  
Invitational Tournament  
Raccoon River Softball Complex – West Des Moines, IA  
August 28-29, 2010*



**Tournament Site:** Please see online map for directions to the softball complex. The Raccoon River Softball Complex is located at 2500 Grand Ave. Please note the alternate access routes due to construction in the area.

**Rain-Out Number - West Des Moines** –515-222-3500

**Host Hotels:** WDM -WDM Sheraton 1800-50th Street, West Des Moines 515-457-2102, \$79 if teams mention they are with ASA Tournament. [www.sheraton.com/westdesmoines](http://www.sheraton.com/westdesmoines).

**Tournament Format:** The tournament format will be Pool Play on Saturday night and then be seeded into a double elimination tournament on Sunday.

**Pool Play:** In pools play, ties shall be settled by:

01. Won – Loss records
02. If a tie exists, teams shall be ranked according to which team won in head to head competition.
03. If a tie still exists, teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played.
04. If a tie still exists, teams shall be ranked according to most runs scored per game played.
05. If a tie still exists, there shall be a coin toss.

**Rosters:** Rosters are due to the tournament director upon arrival at the fields. Each player must present a photo ID, with their signature to the tournament director upon arrival. Failure to provide a photo ID, with a signature shall result in that player being ineligible for the tournament. Please note that rosters do not need to be notarized.

**Player Eligibility:** A player who will be 50 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2010 is eligible to compete in the tournament. Please make sure that all of the players on your roster are eligible to compete prior to turning in your roster.

**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. **NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED IN SENIOR PLAY.**

**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 manager'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(s) responsible for making these decisions. There is no protest fee on any 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 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.

**Time Limit:** All games (pool and bracket play) shall have a time limit of :55 min. plus one inning (finish the inning when time expires plus one additional inning if less than 7 innings). The game shall be started at the time of the first pitch of the game.

**Run Ahead Rule:** A 20 run ahead rule will be used after three innings, 15 after four 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: Home team shall be determined by coin toss, which will be conducted at the manager/umpire meeting at home plate. **THE HOME TEAM SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KEEPING THE OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK.**

**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 Optic Yellow WT12RF .44/375 Thunder ball for all games when possible.

**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.

**There is no smoking inside the park premises and no drinking of alcoholic beverages on the playing field, in or OUT of the dugouts while the player's game is in progress. Doing so may render the player ineligible for the game and they may be ejected from the game and/or tournament.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH PARK HAS ITS OWN PARK RULES AND CITY ORDINANCES FOR PETS, BIKES/ROLLERBLADES/SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS, LITTERING, COOLERS, SMOKING, IF AND WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED AND WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE PARK. THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.



#### 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.**

#### 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.

**Game Rules:** All rules not covered in this document shall be governed by the ASA rule book with the following exceptions. (see index pg. 158)

1. Mat will be used for strike zone
2. Count 4 balls 3 strikes starting with 1-1- count (courtesy foul on second strike).
3. No limit on number of batters (free substitution on defense)
4. Home run rules: 3 over the fence and 1 up (single after the limit is hit)
5. Runs per inning (5 per inning)
6. 50 ft. Pitching distance and 6 ft. box (If the pitcher is hit (excluding glove) within box and doesn't have a chance to defend himself, ball is dead and batter is out)
7. Time Limit of :55 min. + one inning
8. 1 umpire/game until the final four games where two will be used.
9. Home Team will keep the Official Book.
10. Teams playing a higher classified team may choose either 11 defensive players or one run per inning from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

**Home Run Limit: Open - 3 (Three) over the fence and 1 up.** Any home runs hit in excess are is a single and the ball is dead.

**Trophies:** Team trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

**All-Tournament Team:** 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 3 players and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Advancement:** Any team may play in the Men's Seniors 50-Over AA, AAA, Major or Major Plus National Championship tournaments, which will be held on September 2-6, 2010 in Topeka, KS. Teams that wish to play in the national championship tournament must pay the entry fee of \$350 to the Iowa ASA state office by August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make your national tournament entry fee check payable to **Kansas ASA Inc.** and notify the Iowa ASA State Office as the deadline is Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> for our office to get all information to the national tournament host.

### **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:
  01. Head to head competition.
  02. The team that advanced the farthest in the winner's bracket.
  03. Won-loss records.
  04. The teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played.
  05. If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked according to the most runs scored per game played. 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.

**Tournament Director & Tournament Umpire-In-Chief:** Ed Murphy, Iowa ASA State Umpire-In-Chief  
Iowa ASA, 1534 Penrose St., Grinnell, IA 50112-1203 (641) 236-5766 FAX: (641) 236-5831  
Email: Tom Topping, Executive Director/State Commissioner - [ttopping@pcpartnet.net](mailto:ttopping@pcpartnet.net)  
Cathy Shutts, Administrative Assistant [cshutts@pcpartner.net](mailto:cshutts@pcpartner.net) Website: [www.softball.org/iowa](http://www.softball.org/iowa)