

## TO: ALL PARTICIPATING SGS SHOOTOUT TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Thanks for entering our tournament and we look forward to a fun competitive weekend of softball.

- REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN:

**ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK IN AT THE SITE OF THEIR FIRST GAME BEFORE THE FIRST GAME.** You must hand in completed roster in order to get your packet. Official roster must have girls' names, birth dates, and player signatures. The other information is nice but is not mandatory (including parents signatures). Since this is a National Qualifier we will keep the roster (Photocopies are fine). You will not receive your packet until the roster is handed in. Do not mail us the roster.

- Birth Certificates will not be handed in. All coaches must have copies of proof of age for any participating player upon request. Failure to produce proof of age for any participating player upon request will result in forfeiture of all games in which player participated. Tournament director's decision is final in this matter.
- Your packet will include several very important items:
  - a) Final schedule – as with any tournament of this size, changes will occur after the original schedule has been sent out. To avoid a lot of frustration with players and parents, be sure to double check your final schedule upon check in.
  - b) Rules Sheet – This is a USSSA Tournament, USSSA rules apply, with exceptions as noted.
  - c) Coaches Passes – There will be 3 coaches' passes for each team. These passes are good for all games at all sites.
  - d) Game MVP Ribbons – There will be 5 ribbons - one for each pool play game. These are to be given at the end of each game to the player on the opposing team whom you feel deserves it. Please make every effort to make the time to award the ribbon - oftentimes this is the only award many girls will receive and it makes them feel special.
  - e) Game result cards – ***Please Please*** to turn them in to the site director whether you win or lose. We have both coaches do it as a double check. We can't stress the importance of this because your seeding for Sundays bracket play depends on these. If no score reported, it is recorded as 0-0.  
Also on the game result card we ask you to rate the umpires – simply "A" thru "F". We have a hard working crew of sanctioned umpires and they and we are constantly looking for ways to make this a better tournament. This method gives the coaches a fair way to have input on the quality of our umpiring, and also gives us data in order to make improvements. Win or lose, please be as fair and impartial as possible.
  - f) Bracket play seeding chart for Sundays games.

- **FORMAT:** This is a 6 game minimum tournament. There will be 5 games of pool play on Friday and Saturday. **ALL** teams will then enter a single elimination tournament on Sunday. Your order of finish of pool play determines where and when you'll play. **ADDITIONAL PLAYERS:** In pool play only (not Sunday) coaches will have the option of playing up to 3 additional players. All additional player rules will apply.
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1 ½ hour time limit on all games. No inning shall start after elapsed time. An inning shall be deemed started immediately upon the last out of the previous inning. In pool play if games are tied at end of play because time has expired, the game shall be recorded as a tie. (If 7 innings have been played, but time is still remaining, the international tiebreaker will be used.) In bracket play the international tiebreaker rule will be used at the end of 7 innings or if time has expired.
- Coin flip determines home team. Home Team Book is official book. Dugout is first come first served.
- Mercy rule will be 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.

- **WEATHER DELAYS:** Because of the constant use of all available fields, if a game is cancelled by rain, it may not be made up. All rain delay decisions will be made by tournament director.
- **REFUND POLICY:** If 4, 5 or 6 games are played, no refund. If 3 or 2 games are played \$75 refund. If 0, 1 or 2 games are played \$100 refund.
- **TOURNAMENT DECISIONS:**
  - Decisions regarding USSSA issues, will be handled by Mr. Denny Rose, USSSA Ohio State Director.
  - Decisions regarding judgment on the field will be handled by the USSSA sanctioned umpires on the field and the umpire in charge. No protests of judgment will be allowed.
  - Decisions on general operation of the tournament including amending time limits, start times, pool play duration, rules etc. will be handled by the site director/tournament director.
- **ADMISSION FEE:** There will be a \$10.00 fee for adults for an all tournament pass which will be valid for all games. There is also a daily pass for \$5.00. Children 6 and under are free. **ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS TOURNAMENT GO TO BENEFIT NORTHWEST OHIO SOFTBALL PLAYERS.** Please tell your parents about the admission charge to avoid surprises.
- Please no warm-ups on infield between games in order to give the grounds crew time to prepare the fields. Warm-ups in foul territory and in the outfield are allowed. Also no hitting into fences.
- **POOL PLAY TIEBREAKERS:** If there is a tie in a pool (and there probably will be) the following will be used as a tiebreaker. (Pool play games divided by number of games play – minimum 3 games played.)
  1. Best Record
  2. Head to Head (If three or more teams have the same record and winner cannot be decided by head to head because each team has not played each other, you will go to next step).
  3. Least runs allowed
  4. Coin Flip
- **CLEATS:** Please take note that for insurance and park regulation reasons, **Steel cleats will be allowed only at the CYO and only for 18 & over teams** . Coaches, please remember to tell your players, as the park supervisors will not let the girls play with steel cleats at the other parks. We have no choice on this matter.
- **FORFEIT:** A team will have a 15-minute grace period before a forfeit is declared. Site director's decision in this matter is final. A forfeit will be scored 7-0 to the winner.
- **PETS:** Because of park restrictions we are sorry but no pets are allowed at any of the parks.
- **RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRACKET PLAY:** **Each team is responsible to know where they finish in their pool and should have a representative present at CYO Saturday evening when brackets are determined. Don't forget 3A is not the same as A3 – 3A is third place in pool A (for Sunday's play) and A3 is team number 3 in the A pool (for Friday and Saturday's play).**

We want to make this a fun tournament. There will be a photographer available to take action shots of your team and individual players. Also we have a freelance artist who is great at spraying logos on helmets, t-shirts etc and obviously we will have tournament T-Shirts and other softball merchandise.

We're looking forward to meeting all of you, especially our friends from out of state. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

SGS Magic Tournament Staff