



*2009 Iowa Amateur Softball Association
Hooter's-Easton National Championship Series
Iowa Men's 12" Class D and E Slow Pitch
Championship Series Tournaments
August 15-16, 2009
Burlington RecPlex Softball Complex - Burlington*



Tournament Site: Please see enclosed map for directions.

Host Hotels:

Men's Class C Burlington - Comfort Suites Motel 319-753-1300

Housing Coordinator - Kirk Danforth 319-758-9419

Teams should ask for the Iowa ASA Softball Tournament Rate and Room Block.

Tournament Format: The tournament format will use a **three-game guarantee elimination bracket** unless unusual circumstances dictate otherwise. Teams were seeded for this tournament and were protected from playing another team from the same district in the first round where possible.

Rain-Out Information Number:

Burlington – 319-758-9419

Rosters: You must use the same roster that you used in the start of Championship play with the exception that three (3) players may be picked up from a team of the same or lower classification that is no longer eligible for championship play or from a member of an ASA registered team if the team did not enter Championship play. A pick-up player form must be used and is available from your District Commissioner or the ASA State Office. The District Commissioner must approve and sign the pick-up player form prior to the tournament.

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. of the ASA Code available on the ASA website.

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 one line-up card. Before your second game, you may pick up a line-up card from the tournament director. 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. 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 or person's responsible for making these decisions. There is NO FEE to file 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 team's 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: A 20 run ahead rule will be used after three innings, 15 after 4 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:

Incomplete Tournament. In the event the state tournament cannot be completed within the scheduled time frame the following procedures shall be used to break ties among teams in the same spot in the bracket.

a. Head to head competition. b. The team that advanced the farthest in the winner's bracket. c. Won-loss records, except among undefeated teams. d. If only two teams are tied for a position and have played each other, the winner of that game.

EXCEPTION: If there are only two teams remaining and each team has one loss, the championship must be played or the teams shall be declared co-champions.

In the case of the ASA East / West National Championship Finals and the Eastern / Northern / Southern / Western Championship Finals, Co- Champions will not be declared. If this occurs, the tiebreaker in Article 510 (H)(02) will be used to determine the team advancing to the USA National Championship Series.

e. The teams shall be ranked according to the fewest runs allowed per game played. f. If a tie still exists, the teams shall be ranked according to the most runs scored per game played. g. 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 on the field in the pre-game meeting with the umpires. Managers will receive one line-up card and a tournament evaluation form upon check-in. Teams may pick-up additional line-up cards from the tournament director as needed. Prior to playing your second game please turn in the tournament evaluation to the tournament director.

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 Heat 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 be 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: the ASA rulebook shall govern all rules not covered in this document. Base Stealing is allowed, 4-3 ball/strike count starting with a 1 ball -1 strike count (no courtesy foul), Metal spikes are allowed. There is no smoking allowed beyond the entrance gate or alcoholic beverages allowed in the dugout or on the playing field. Players should check their bats against the LEGAL bat list on the ASA National Website by going to www.asasoftball.com and then to **Certified Equipment** to make sure their bat (s) appear on the Approved List. Players should not bring banned bats into the park. In the event that something contained in this document conflicts with the ASA rulebook, the ASA rulebook shall govern play with the exception of the run ahead rule.

Home Run Limit: Class D Two (2) and E Zero (0). **Note:** Any home runs hit in excess in Class E are ruled inning ending outs. Rule 8-A-5 Effect.

Trophies: Team plaques will be awarded to the top four teams. An All-Tournament Team will be selected by each of the top four teams, (selections made by their own team for their own team) 1st Place Team – 4 players and MVP (5), 2nd place – 4 players, 3rd place – 3 players, 4th place - 2 players. Please indicate your selections to the Tournament Director following your participation in the tournament.

Advancement: Teams that wish to play in a national championship tournament must pay the entry fee (payable to the tournament host) and sent to the Iowa ASA State Office by Aug. 21st. National berths may be passed on to the next team(s) according to the official order of finish if teams finishing higher decline the awarded berth. Teams will be notified directly should an opening become available for the Western Nationals Finals.

Class D - The top 10 (ten) teams from the Iowa Championship Series (not previously qualified) advance to the Men's Class D Northern National in Rochester, MN Sept. 4-7. Fee \$325 payable to RASC. (or teams may participate in the (Eastern – Salem, VA) (Western – Farmington, NM) or (Southern – Montgomery, AL) - see ASA National website for details on these tournament sites.

Class E - The top 10 (ten) teams from the Iowa Championship Series (not previously qualified) advance to the Men's Class E Northern National in Topeka, KS Sept. 4-7. Fee \$350 payable to Kansas ASA, Inc.. (or teams may participate in the (Eastern – Salem, VA) (Western – Sparks, NV) or (Southern – Killeen, TX) - see ASA National website for details on these tournament sites.

Upon completion of the National Tournaments, the top six teams advancing teams (not previously qualified) will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$150 of your tournament entry fee provided you return the reimbursement form to the Iowa ASA office on or before October 15, 2009.

Order Of Finish (510 H 1 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.
 06. If a tie still exists, by a coin toss.

The completed bracket and Official Order of Finish will be posted on the website following the tournament. .

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