



2009 18-U Gold
HALL OF FAME
NATIONAL QUALIFIER

INFORMATION SHEET

- WHEN:** July 10-12, 2009 (Friday-Sunday)
- WHERE:** ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma City, OK
- ENTRY FEE:** \$250 - Checks payable to ASA
- NUMBER OF TEAMS:** 64 Team Max
- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Double Elimination (2 game guarantee)
**Top two (2) finishers qualify for the ASA “Gold”
National Championship!**
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****PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION****

1. ROSTER REGULATIONS

All rosters must be in accordance with Article 502 of the 2009 ASA Code. **You must bring your official ASA Roster** (signed by your ASA Commissioner or their designee) Minimum of one ACE certified coach must be on the field at all times. Coaches must show ACE card when checking in.

2. Photo ID

Please refer to the ASA Code outlined in 501 (A) 06 a 01 and 02

3. BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Please bring **copies** of your birth certificates with a photo attached (that we can keep) if you do not have a photo ID with your birth date on it. If your team registers with Register ASA those ID's will be accepted as well for verification.

4. COACHES MEETING/DRAW

In an effort to save everyone as much money as possible, we are not holding a Coaches Meeting or Draw. All information that we would discuss at the coaches meeting is listed in this material.

In-lieu of a Draw, we will determine the schedule by drawing names out of a hat and filling in the bracket from top to bottom.

5. HALL OF FAME STADIUM FIELD

Although it is important to us that every team have a chance to play on the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Field, due to the number of teams in the tournament and the tournament format we **cannot** guarantee that every team will have an opportunity to play on the Stadium Field. We can guarantee, however, that the Championship Game and the If Necessary Games will be played on the Stadium Field.

6. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

There will be **no** practice times available at Hall of Fame Stadium (on any field) prior to the tournament. Call for contact information if you wish to find a practice field or practice games.

7. TICKET PRICES

Admission will be \$7.00 per day for adults, and \$4 for kids 12 and under. Tournament passes will be \$17 for adults. Tickets and tournament passes will be sold at the gate. NO Food or Drink will be allowed to be brought into the Complex.

Exception – Teams may bring a cooler in with sport drink and fruit for the dugout.

Team Passes: We will provide each team with tournament passes for their rostered players, plus **three (3)** tournament passes for the coaches/managers (**three only – please do not request more**).

8. TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you need help making airline reservations or securing rental cars, get the best rates and greatest service available by calling **ASA Travel Services, 1-800-972-3074**

9. HOTEL INFORMATION

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Enclosed is a list of Hotel Partners. They will give you the best rates and are not to far from the Hall of Fame Complex. If you have further questions about the Hotels contact me at csebren@softball.org .

10. TRAINERS

There will be a certified trainer on duty for all games at the Hall of Fame Complex and any other off site facilities. We do ask you to please bring parental permission slips in the event that one of your athletes is injured and requires medical attention

****On-Site Tournament Information****

1. TIME LIMIT

There will be a **one hour and 40 minute time limit**. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tie breaker rule shall be in effect at the start of the next inning.

Please note: We have asked the umpires to strictly enforce the following rules to help us keep the tournament on schedule:

ASA Rule 6, Sec 8: At the beginning of each half inning ... not more than **one minute** may be used to deliver not more than five pitches.

ASA Rule 7, Sec 3. C.: After entering the batter's box, the batter **must** remain in the box with at least one foot between pitches and while taking signals and practice swings.

2. TOURNAMENT RUN RULE

The following Run Rules will be used:

- 8 runs after 5 innings
- 12 runs after 4 innings
- 15 runs after 3 innings

3. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

To determine the order of finish among tied teams, we will use the procedure found in the **2009** ASA Code, Article, 510 J. 01. c.:

1. Head to head competition
2. The team which advanced the farthest in the winner's bracket.
3. Won-Loss records
4. Fewest runs allowed per game
5. Most runs scored per game
6. If a tie still exists, by a coin toss.

4. TIE BREAKER:

The tie-breaker will be in effect during this tournament if the game is still tied during regulation time:

- starting in the 8th inning

5. LINE-UP CARDS, BALLS

All line-up cards and balls will be provided. Line-up cards will be in your participant packet which you can pick-up from me at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium when you arrive.

6. PRE-GAME WARM UPS

Since we will be using all fields, all pre-game warm ups will be conducted by both teams behind the temporary fence on the field where you are scheduled to play.

7. HOME TEAM

Home teams will be determined by a coin flip at the scorer's table of the field you are scheduled to play on - 30 minutes before game time.

8. DUGOUTS

The **top** team in the bracket will be in the 3rd base dugout. In the event of a team playing back-to-back games and needing to be in a different dugout their 2nd game, please cooperate with this team and use the other dugout. Thank you.

9. GAME BALLS

We will supply all game balls. They will be in the Press Box of the Main Stadium, or at the scorer's table on the alternate fields.

10. FIELD ETIQUETTE

We will drag and chalk both fields after the completion of every game, which means the fields will be completely re-done for every game. We request your cooperation in **staying off the infield until the field is completely prepped!** This is a safety issue, so we appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

11. PITCHING WARM-UP AREAS

We ask your cooperation in **not** allowing your pitchers to warm-up on the grass at any time. The following areas are permissible for your pitchers to warm-up:

- There are two pitching lanes in each batting cage on the Stadium Field
- On the warning track

Again, please do not let your pitchers warm-up on the grass (this also takes into consideration the grass beyond the temporary fence. Thank you.

12. FORFEITING GAMES

Please be advised that if you forfeit a game (or games) in the tournament, you could be subject to ASA Code Article 505 A. 08., Acts of Disqualification, and ASA Code Article 505 D. Disqualification Procedures (Tournament Play). Per Article 505 D. 03. Disqualification: "A team that is disqualified under this rule [505 A.] ... shall forfeit the game being played or the game last played and shall be disqualified from further play in the tournament and in any subsequent tournament for which it may have qualified by virtue of its play in the tournament in which it was disqualified and shall be placed last in the finish order" (thus, losing any berth to the National Championship Finals earned at the Hall of Fame Tournament).

Article 501 Eligibility

A. 06 Player Identification

a. Providing proper identification

01. Upon demand by league or tournament officials, a player must produce proper identification (which shall include a current photograph of the player and the player's signature) or the player shall be declared ineligible and the team subject to disqualification. For the purpose of this section, driver's licenses or comparable identification is acceptable.

02. At all National Championship Finals, in order to be eligible, a player must provide proper identification (which shall include a current photograph of the player and the player's signature) to the tournament director before the start of the competition. The tournament director shall compare the identification with the name and signature appearing on the team's championship roster.