



COED CLASS D SLOW PITCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 28-30, 2009



GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

GAME RULES

All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the **2009 ASA Official Rules of Softball**.

ELIGIBILITY/ROSTERS

Please review **ASA Code Part 5 Article 501 Eligibility**
Teams rosters are restricted to Two (2) female C classified players and two (2) male C classified players per
No Open classified female players or male players from Class A,B or the ASA Restricted Players List **Code Part 5 Article 507 G**

CONDUCT

Managers and Coaches are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field. Any report of damage by hotel management will be dealt with by the tournament committee in accordance with **Article 510, General Regulations Championship Play Section M, Team Conduct**.

AWARDS

Article 607 Championship Play Awards based on having 17 to 32 teams participating Team awards will be given to the top 4 places. Individual awards will be given to first and second place. Championship Final Jackets awarded to each individual whose name appears on the National Championship Final Roster and who is present at the tournament. Team Award Fund shall be distributed to the top 4 place teams. 15 First team All-American awards and 15 second team certificates are awarded. Individual performance awards will be given to the , Batting Champion (1-male, 1-female) and MVP.

FORMAT

The tournament will be played under the Double Elimination Format.

HOME RUN RULE	A limit of two (2) over-the-fence home runs per team per game will be used. For any in excess, the ball is dead, the batter is out, and no runners can advance. Rule 5, Section 8 (Page 58)
RUN AHEAD RULE	Rule 5, Section 9 - 20 after 3 innings, 15 after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings (Page 59)
PROTESTS	The tournament committee will decide all protests. As manger, please be familiar with the rules of the game including proper protest procedures. Refer to Rule 9 Protests . (Pages 98-99)
UNIFORMS	All players must compete in accordance with Rule 3, Section 6, Uniform . (Pages 46-47)
GAME TIMES	Please follow the times listed on the official bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game immediately after the preceding game is completed. There are no time limits on any scheduled game.
INCLEMENT WEATHER	In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager's responsibility to report and call the Rain Out Line (256-341-4810) or visit the press box for rescheduling information. In the event the tournament can not be completed within the scheduled time frame , the official order of finish will be determined in accordance with Article 510, General Regulations of Championship Play, Section H2, Procedure .
OFFICIAL GAME BALL	Worth Certified ASA Softball 12" and 11" white cover, red stitch with a Ball COR of .44 and a Ball Compression of 375 lbs
LINE-UP CARDS	Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each team. An official line-up card must be submitted to the scorekeeper at least twenty minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
HOME TEAM	The Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of each game in the press box by the official scorer.
DUGOUT ASSIGNMENT	The Home team will use the third base dugout. The Visiting team will use the first base dugout.
BENCH AREAS	Players, coaches, sponsors and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the bench area (dugout).
INFIELD 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. Teams wishing to practice may reserve a practice field by contacting John Sanchious @ (256) 341-4810 from 9am-4pm M-F.

PLAYER PASSES	<p>Player passes will be distributed to rostered players and managers only, a maximum of twenty two per team.</p> <p>All participants must have a pass to gain entrance to the softball complex. Participants without a player pass will be required to pay the daily admission price.</p> <p>Passes will be distributed at the player check-in.</p>
PRE-TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGER CHECK-IN	<p>Check-in will be Friday, August 28; 8am-9am at the Comfort Inn and Suites-Decatur with the Manager's meeting starting at 9am.</p>
UMPIRES SOCIAL	<p>Thursday, August 27; 6pm-9pm at the Comfort Inn and Suites-Decatur</p>
PLAYER CHECK-IN	<p>In order to be eligible, all players participating in the tournament must provide a current valid picture ID and the player's signature to the tournament director before the start of competition. Player check-in will take place at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex Friday, August 28, 12 noon till 4pm.</p>
TEAM PICTURES	<p>Team pictures may be scheduled for Friday, August 28 starting at 3pm at the Wilson Morgan Softball Complex and continuing throughout the weekend. Please schedule time with the Official tournament photographer, Esco Olinger at 565-8151.</p>
TOURNAMENT DRAW	<p>Will be posted to the website http://www.asanationalchampionships.com/ 12 noon Tuesday, August 25.</p>
UMPIRE IN CHIEF	<p>Bob Mauger 1-609-861-3363 remauger@aol.com</p>
ASA REPRESENTATIVE	<p>Eric Gillespie 1-256-683-3066 AASA2@bellsouth.net</p>
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	<p>David Wisdom 256-341-4934 / 256-341-4810 dwisdom@decalur-al.gov</p>
INFORMATION TIDBITS:	<p>Water coolers and cups will be supplied in all dugouts. Each team will be given one cooler pass to allow one cooler in the complex. Please remember that park rules and a city ordinance do not allow any alcoholic beverages in city parks.</p>