

2007 AAU SANCTIONED

“SOFTBALL” **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

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HOSTED BY NORTH CAROLINA AAU SOFTBALL

THIS TOURNAMENT IS BEING HOSTED BY NORTH CAROLINA AAU SOFTBALL; A GROUP DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH SOFTBALL. PERHAPS THE MOST ASTOUNDING FACT ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION IS THAT IT IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF, WHO BELIEVE THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE BENEFIT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS FROM ORGANIZED ATHLETIC EXPERIENCES.

ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATING MUST BE REGISTERED WITH YOUR AAU OFFICE FOR THE NEW YEAR OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007

ALL ROSTERED PERSONELL INCLUDING COACHES, PLAYERS, AND SCOREKEEPERS MUST BE A REGISTERED AAU MEMBER FOR THE YEAR 2007 BEFORE THE DEADLINE ENTRY DATE OF EACH TOURNAMENT.

ALL TEAMS SHOULD KEEP WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING:

**2007 AAU PLAYERS AND COACHES CARDS
COMPLETED AAU ROSTER
AAU PLAYERS BIRTH CERTIFICATES.**

A LIST OF ACCEPTED BIRTH DOCUMENTS IS ATTACHED.

ALL TEAMS SHOULD GO TO THE DESIGNATED CHECK IN AREA, AT LEAST 1 HR AND 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST GAME TO HAVE THEIR TEAM CHECKED IN AND TO PICK UP THEIR COACHES PACKET WHICH INCLUDES 4 COACHES PASSES FOR ENTRY IN AND OUT OF ALL VENUES.

SOFTBALL--TOURNAMENT RULES

PETS

PETS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY IN ALL BALLPARK VENUES.

VIOLATION OF POLICES OR TOURNAMENT RULES

ANY PARENT, COACH, TEAM MEMBER, OR FAN THAT VIOLATES POLICES OR RULES OF THE AAU TOURNAMENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM ANY AND ALL VENUES FOR THE TOURNAMENT.

HEAD COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

THE HEAD COACH OF A TEAM IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS ASSISTANT COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, AND FANS. HE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ALL RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE EXPLAINED TO EACH MEMBER ABOVE.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ALWAYS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE OR CHANGE THE FORMAT DUE TO RAIN OR ANY OTHER REASON THAT HE FEELS IS NECESSARY, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOURNAMENT.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

THREE GAME BRACKETS WILL BE USED ON MOST TOURNAMENT WEEKENDS. IF IT IS A 4 GAME TOURNAMENT THEN THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL USE THE SCHEDULE THAT FITS BEST FOR THE NUMBER OF TEAMS PLAYING. THESE ARE SCHEDULED GAMES BUT WE WILL NOT GUARANTEE THAT AMOUNT. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER EACH TOURNAMENT DEAD LINE DATE, FOR ANY REASON!!!!!!!!!!

TEAMS ARRIVING FOR GAMES

TEAMS SHOULD BE PRESENT 45 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULE STARTING GAME TIME.

EARLY GAME STARTING TIMES

GAMES MAY BE STARTED EARLY IF FIELDS ARE READY
NO GAME WILL BE STARTED MORE THAN 45 MINUTES EARLY.

CLEAN DUGOUTS

COACHES CLEAN YOUR DUGOUTS AFTER EACH GAME.

LINE UP CARDS

GET YOUR LINE UP CARDS FROM THE SITE DIRECTOR AT YOUR GAME SITE

COIN FLIPPING

UMPIRES WILL FLIP AT HOME PLATE PRIOR TO START OF GAME TO DETERMINE HOME & VISITING TEAMS.

RUN RULE

THE AAU WILL USE THE 12, 10, AND 8 RUN RULE IN ALL TOURNAMENT PLAY. IF ONE TEAM IS 12, 10, OR 8 RUNS AHEAD AFTER 3, 4, OR 5 INNINGS, OR AFTER 2 ½, 3 ½, OR 4 ½ INNINGS IF THE HOME TEAM IS AHEAD BY 12, 10, OR 8 OR MORE RUNS RESPECTIVELY, THE TEAM WITH THE 12, 10, OR 8 RUN LEAD WILL BE THE WINNER.

HOME PLATE SLIDE

NO HEAD FIRST SLIDES AT HOME PLATE.

PENALTY IS THE RUNNER IS OUT AND THE RUN WILL NOT COUNT, BALL REMAINS ALIVE.

TIME LIMIT IS IN EFFECT

ALL REGULAR GAMES ARE 1-1/4 HOUR TIME LIMIT. NO NEW INNINGS WILL BE STARTED AFTER 1 HOUR AND 15 MINUTES.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIME LIMIT

ALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES WILL HAVE A 1 HOUR & 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

AAU PATCH

ALL TEAMS MUST WEAR THE AAU PATCH FOR THE NCAAU DISTRICT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE AAU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. ATHLETES SHOULD WEAR PATCH ON THE LEFT FRONT SHORT LEG AND ALL COACHES SHOULD WEAR PATCH ON LEFT SHIRT SLEEVE. PENALTY FOR NOT WEARING A PATCH WILL BE EJECTION OF HEAD COACH FROM BALL GAME.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER AT THE TOURNAMENT MAY BE REFERRED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN.

IF A PLAYER IS FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT, THE PLAYER WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. IF A PLAYER IS FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE AFTER THE TOURNAMENT HAS BEGUN, NOT ONLY THE PLAYER WILL BE EXPELLED, BUT THE ENTIRE TEAM WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SEE THAT THEIR TEAM MEETS ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE AAU EXCEPTIONS, AND THE AAU NATIONAL CODE BOOK.

FORFEITS

ALL FORFEITS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, AND MAY RESULT IN THE OFFENDING TEAM BEING DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE TOURNAMENT PLAY.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE SHALL ADMINISTER THE RULE SO THAT ANY TEAM WHICH FORFEITS WILL NOT BENEFIT AND MAY NOT ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP POOL OR BRACKET PLAY, UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE DETERMINES THERE WERE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING THE FORFEIT.

TEAMS NOT HAVING ENOUGH PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE FROM EITHER STARTING OR ENDING A GAME, **WILL "NOT" BE CONSIDERED** EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

EJECTION'S

MANAGER, COACH, OR PLAYERS

IN ALL AGE DIVISIONS, THE FIRST OCCURRENCE RESULTS IN THE SUSPENSION FOR THE GAME AND REMOVAL FROM THE GAME VENUE, AND ALSO THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME. THE COACH IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE GAME VENUE FOR HIS SUSPENSION GAME.

SECOND EJECTION DURING THE TOURNAMENT

THE SECOND OCCURRENCE DURING THE TOURNAMENT RESULTS IN SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE IMPOSITIONS OF FURTHER SANCTIONS SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF THE AAU TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

PROTESTS

PROTEST MUST BE MADE VERBALLY WITH THE UMPIRE BY THE OFFENDED TEAM AT THE TIME OF THE PLAY AND BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH IS THROWN. A FEE OF \$100.00 CASH (REFUNDED IF UPHOLD) MUST ACCOMPANY THE PROTEST. ALL DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL. ONLY THE DECISION INVOLVING THE MISINTERPRETATION OR MISAPPLICATION OF A RULE MAY BE PROTESTED. NO PROTEST SHALL BE ALLOWED IN MATTERS INVOLVING SOLELY THE OFFICIALS JUDGMENT.

RAIN

TEAMS SHOULD REPORT TO VENUES, IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT OF GAMES BEING PLAYED. THE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ON THE HEAD COACH TO FIND OUT IF GAMES ARE RAINED OUT OR BEING MOVED. COACHES MUST COME TO THE VENUES TO FIND OUT IF GAMES WILL BE PLAYED, OR IF A GAME HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, GAMES WILL BE PLAYED IN COMPLETE. GAMES THAT ARE STOPPED WILL BE CONTINUED FROM THE POINT OF STOPPING, IF NOT REACHED OFFICIAL GAME STATUS. RAIN DELAYS COULD LAST FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE FORMAT OF THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

OFFICIAL GAME STATUS

IF RAIN OCCURS AFTER OFFICIAL GAME STATUS HAS BEEN REACHED, AND THE GAMES CAN NOT BE CONTINUED DUE TO RAIN AND FIELD CONDITIONS, THAT GAME WILL BE CALLED, AND BECOME A COMPLETE OFFICIAL GAME. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WILL MAKE THAT DECISION ONLY.

NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN

THE NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN SHALL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF ASSOCIATION RULES, NATIONAL COMMITTEE RULES, OR THE AAU CODEBOOK, BY NCAAU ATHLETICS, COACHES, VOLUNTEERS OR CLUBS.

IF THE CHARIRMAN DETERMINES THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED HE MAY IMPOSE PENALTIES AS PROVIDED BY THE AAU CODE AND THE NCAAU RULES.

PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN MAY BE APPEALED TO NCAAU BOARD OF REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENT APPEAL BODIES AS PROVIDED BY THE AAU CODE.

THE CHAIRMAN MAY DELEGATE THESE DUTIES TO AN INFRACTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY HIM TO CONSIDER CODE/RULES VIOLATIONS, OR THE MAY REFER CASES DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

AAU RULES NOT LISTED

REFER TO WWW.AAUSPORTS.ORG AND NFHS RULE BOOK

CONDUCT

TEAMS, COACHES, PLAYERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE SOFTBALL CHAIRMAN FOR MISCONDUCT. SANCTIONS MAY BE APPEALED TO NCAAU REVIEW COMMITTEE AND MAY INCLUDE FINES, SUSPENSION, FORFEITURE, PROBATION, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION. MISCONDUCT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED, DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, INTOXICATION, POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WEAPONS, OR COMMISSION OF CRIME DURING ANY AAU COMPETITION. SANCTIONS MAY BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PUBLICATION OF THE NCAAU SOFTBALL RULES OR THE AAU CODE. COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF THE COACHES ETHICS, WHICH IS PRINTED IN THE NATIONAL HANDBOOK..

THE COACHES/ VOLUNTEER CODE OF HONOR

I PROMISE UPON MY WORD OF HONOR TO HELP TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS PLACED UPON THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF AAU ATHLETICS, RATHER THAN WINNING. I WILL LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. LASTLY, BY BECOMING AN AAU MEMBER, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE AAU CODE AS WELL AS ALL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

FIRST THROUGH FOURTH PLACE TEAMS WILL RECEIVE TEAM TROPHIES.
FIRST PLACE TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AND THE
SECOND PLACE TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

COACHES DRESS

ALL COACHES SHALL BE DRESSED SIMILARLY. MEANING COACHES SHOULD HAVE ON SAME COLOR SHIRTS ETC. NO TANK TOPS OR FLIP FLOPS.

DAILY ADMISSION

ADULTS-\$5.00--ONE DAY ADMISSION, "ONLY GOOD FOR ALL SOFTBALL VENUES"
STUDENTS-\$3.00--ONE DAY ADMISSION, "ONLY GOOD FOR ALL SOFTBALL VENUES"
SIX-AND UNDER "FREE".

COACHES WILL RECEIVE 4 COACHES PASSES IN THEIR PACKETS THAT THEY WILL PICK UP PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST GAME.

