

July 19, 2013

53rd ANNUAL SEATTLE INVITATIONAL

July 26-28, 2013

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Dear Managers and Coaches,

WELCOME TO THE 53rd ANNUAL SEATTLE INVITATIONAL

This year's tournament will be an 12 team round-robin (RR) tournament. Attached is the tournament schedule. Please note that all teams will advance to the Championship Round on Sunday, July 28, 2013. Team's not receiving a bye- who lose their first game Sunday will advance to the Consolation Bracket. As in the past, the Run Rule will be 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, and 7 after 5 innings.

Just a reminder, the use of bats on the ASA Non Approved Bat List in the tournament **will not be allowed**. To obtain a copy of the ASA Non Approved Bat List go to www.softball.org I have so advised the Seattle Metro Softball Umpires Association (SMSUA).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. It should be a great weekend of fastpitch softball! Good Luck to all teams.

Please Check the WEBSITE for tournament updates: www.seattleinvite.com

Important Items:

1. Managers Meeting: Friday, 9pm at "The Right Spot" (I may buy a pitcher or 2 for ya!)
2. Beer Garden will be open Saturday and Sunday- Your support through donations is greatly appreciated!
3. Seattle Invite T-shirts will be for sale!
4. Forecast is perfect: Partly Cloudy 72-76deg. with a chance of BEER showers.

Ryan Daly
Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT PROFILE

1. Tournament: **53rd Annual Seattle Invitational Tournament**
2. Location: DACCA Park
Fife, Washington
3. Dates: July 26 – 28, 2013
4. Class of Tournament: Men's Fastpitch: ASA-B/C; NAFA-A-AA
*Pitchers must be NAFA AA or Lower (or have Tournament Dir. Approval)
5. Tournament Format: Round-Robin, July 26/27; Single Elimination Sunday, July 28. Consolation Round if you lose your first game Sunday morning. (Unless you start Sunday w/ a Bye)
6. No of Teams: 12 Teams
7. Tournament Director: Ryan Daly
(425) 445-6028 (Cel)
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8. Sanction: A.S.A. Sanctioned; NAFA Sanctioned
9. Trophies: Team Trophies for top 2 places
Team Trophy for Consolation Winner
Individual player awards for 1st place team
All Star Team, MVPlayer, MVPitcher, Most Home Runs
10. Parking: There is lots of parking at **DACCA Park.**
11. A.S.A. rules apply (except where stated within this profile).
12. Balls will be provided by the tournament committee for each game. **The NAFA A1244 (White Leather, cor.44, 120 stitches)** ball will be used in the tournament.
13. Game times are Pacific Daylight Time. A grace period of 15 minutes will be allowed before game is forfeited for failure to take the field.
14. Batting orders are to be submitted by team managers to the scorekeeper **15 minutes** prior to scheduled starting time.
15. There will be **no infield practice** allowed before any games.
16. In an effort to keep the games/tournament on schedule, pitchers will be allowed **5 warm-up pitches to begin the game, but only 3 pitches in between innings.**

17. Team managers are responsible for pickup players having approved releases from their originating teams. And Tournament Director Approval
18. The **NAFA pitching rule** will be used in this tournament.
19. **Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, and 7 after 5 innings.**
20. **Time Limit: No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes for Saturday Games.**
21. **Tie Breaker: If the game is tied after 1 hour and 45 minutes, the next inning will begin with a runner on 2nd base (the last scheduled batter in that respective half inning).**
22. **Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher only (the last out).**
23. The following criteria will be used in seeding the teams in the championship round:
 - a. won/loss record
 - b. head to head competition
 - c. Run differential (maximum 8 runs/game)
 - d. fewest runs allowed
 - e. Tournament Director's decision
24. Home team will be determined by the flip of a coin prior to each game. **3rd base dugout to first team.**
25. Bats on the ASA non approved bat list will **not be allowed** in the tournament. To get a copy of the Non Approved Bat list go to the ASA website www.softball.org .
26. Protests and Ejections:

When a protest is made, play will be halted and the two team managers concerned, along with the umpires, will meet with the tournament director or assistant director or UIC. The specific rule interpretation and umpire decision being protested will be presented to the director. A ruling will be made at that time by the director. This ruling will be final with regard to the tournament.

In the interest of inspiring good sportsmanship, it is required that only the managers and/or captains address the umpires for protests, etc. The tournament umpires are members of the Amateur Softball Officials Association. Any team member that causes undue delay of the game by protesting or arguing with the umpire will be removed from the game. Team members removed from a game will automatically be disqualified from participation with his team for the next tournament game unless prior approval is

received from the tournament director. However, any team member who physically assaults an umpire or tournament official is automatically disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.

27. Any player who conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner on or off the playing field, or causes any incident or action unfavorable to the tournament may be removed by the tournament director.
28. Complete uniforms are required for all players and base coaches. Players, coaches, managers, team trainer, team statistician and batboy are the only ones allowed in the dugouts.
29. No entry fee refunds will be made unless the tournament is rained out completely.
30. In any eventuality not covered above, the decision of the tournament director or assistant director shall prevail.
