



2010 Wizard Wind-Down Softball Tournament Rules and General Information

SANCTIONING: This is an ASA sanctioned tournament, therefore you must be ASA sanctioned. Sanctioning will be available on site. **ASA Rules will be followed with tournament exceptions as noted below.**

SCHEDULES: We'll make every attempt to email game schedules to the listed contact one week before the tournament. Plan to start your first game Friday afternoon. 23U teams plan to start their first game Saturday morning.

CHECK IN: All teams must check in and pick up their tournament packet at the registration table at the site of your first game 1 hour prior to your scheduled start time. Be sure to check over your final schedule, as this is your official schedule.

ASA sanctioning must be shown at that time, if not previously provided.

No rosters will be collected before the start of tournament. However each coach must have proof of age for every player upon request. In the event of a protest, proof of age must be immediately available to the Umpire in Charge, Site Director or Tournament Director. Failure to provide proof of age will result in a forfeit for each game that player participated in.

FORMAT: The Wind-Down Tournament will be a 5 game guarantee, weather permitting. Teams will play 4 pool games followed by a single elimination tournament.

GAME LENGTH: Time limit on all games is 90 minutes. No inning shall start after the elapsed time. An inning shall be officially begun immediately upon the last out of the preceding inning. If the home team is behind after 90 minutes the inning will be completed. There is no time limit in the championship game. An inning begins immediately upon the called 3rd out of the previous inning.

POOL TIEBREAKERS:

- 1.) Head to head competition (if all teams with identical records did not play each other, go to step 2)
- 2.) Least runs allowed in pool play. If teams do not play the same number of pool games, the average number of runs allowed per game will be used.
- 3.) Coin Flip

MERCY RULE in ALL games:

- 1.) 15 run differential after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.

GROUND RULES: Home teams will provide the Official Score Keeper. This book must be available to tournament officials at all times. Coaches **MUST** report final pool play scores to tournament officials at the end of each game in order to determine final placement in pool. Non-reported scores will be recorded as 0-0. Home teams will be decided by a coin toss at that time. Dugouts are first come first served. No pets allowed at any complex (Facility rules). Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the start of your official start time. No practice or warm-ups are allowed on the diamonds prior to any game. There is adequate room at each site for every team to warm up. Pitching distance for 16U, 18U and 23U is 43'.

AWARDS: Since the intent of this tournament is to see good softball and for the ladies to enjoy themselves, each sign in packet will include 5 game MVP ribbons. These are to be awarded by your team to a player on the opposing team after each pool play game plus the first bracket game. Please be diligent in awarding these. Individual Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each age division.

STARTING LINE UP: Coaches/managers must present their starting lineup to the official scorekeeper. Because the intent of this tournament is to get the ladies more playing time and have fun, a manager may bat more than 9 players. All players in the official starting line-up must bat offensively in order. Any 9 can be used defensively.

There is a freedom of defensive substitution. It will not be an automatic out if a batter cannot take her time at bat due to illness or injury unless the line-up falls below 9 batters. Once a batter is out of the line-up due to injury or illness, she cannot re-enter during the remainder of the game. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher but **must not be a player in the batting line-up**. Courtesy runner rules are straight ASA rules. If a team is batting their entire line-up, the courtesy runner may be the last out.

PRACTICE: No practice or warm-ups are allowed **on the ball diamonds** prior to any game. There is adequate room at each site for every team to warm-up. Failure to follow this rule may result in a teams forfeit and or ejection from the tournament.

EQUIPMENT: Game balls (1 new, 1 good used) will be provided by the tournament for each game. All other equipment must be furnished by the teams and be ASA approved for 2010 play. METAL CLEATS ARE PERMITTED. Helmets with facemasks and **chin straps** are required.

CONCESSIONS AND MEMORIBALIA: Concessions and permanent restroom facilities are available at all venues. They may include a full compliment of hot food choices, candy, snacks, ice cream, and beverages. Tournament t-shirts and other softball equipment will be available for sale. Defensive facemasks are also available for sale.

ADMISSION: There will be an admission charge at all complexes. Please let your parents and fans know this so no one is surprised. Entry fee is \$5 per day or \$10 for the entire weekend. Children 10 and under are admitted free. All packets picked up at sign in will include 3 coaches' passes (teams are limited to a maximum of 3 free coach entries per team) and obviously all registered players in uniform are admitted at no charge.

PROTESTS: Protests are allowed with a \$25.00 deposit to the Tournament Director (419-343-4716). This will be returned if the protest is upheld. All tournament decisions (schedules, rain delays, tournament format etc.) are made by the tournament director and are final.

RAIN DELAYS: Game times may be adjusted, and/or shortened, to complete the tournament or get back on schedule. **THE PHONE NUMBER FOR RAIN DELAY INFORMATION IS 419-343-4716.** Due to the high number of teams, do not leave a message. If you do not get an answer, call back in a few minutes. If rain postpones the tournament to an unreasonable degree, the tournament will be cancelled due to teams' and facility schedules. If the tournament is shortened due to weather, winners will be determined by:

- 1.) Win-Loss percentage.
- 2.) Head to head competition (if all teams with identical records did not play each other, go to step 2)
- 2.) Least runs allowed in all games. If teams play a different number of games, the average number of runs allowed per game will be used.

RAIN-OUT POLICY: Game times may be adjusted, shortened or cancelled due to weather related issues. We will make every possible effort to reschedule rained out games. THE PHONE NUMBER FOR RAIN DELAYS IS 419-343-4716. If no games can be played a partial refund may be provided to each team. Full refunds are not possible. Refunds will be issued after the tournament is completed and only by written request from the team coach to our tournament director. Teams that choose to leave the tournament early will forfeit their games with no refund.

3-5 games played	- no refund
2 games played	- \$100 refund
0-1 games played	- \$250 refund

We welcome all of you to Northwest Ohio and if you have any questions about our tournament or Toledo, please feel free to ask! We wish you the best of luck in your 2010 softball season!

Contacts:

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