

July 17, 2006

Coach,

We are looking forward to having the you to our annual Summer Sizzler tournament on July 22-23. For 2006, the tournament will feature 4 age groups and 59 teams from a handful of surrounding states, including WV, MD, VA, PA, NY, and NJ.

- **Now updated on our website:**
  - Pool Play Schedule (<http://pa-softball.com/2006/schedule.html#sizzler>)
  - Championship brackets
  - Tournament Rules (<http://pa-softball.com/rules.pdf>)
  - Park Directions (<http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>)
- **Check In:** You will need to be prepared to check in at least 30 minutes prior to your first game at the site headquarters. They will ask you for your league/team roster and insurance information. You will also want to have an active cell number and/or hotel information in order to be contacted with seeding information. **Since this is an invitational tournament, you do not need a PONY roster or PONY patches**, but we will follow PONY rules.
- **Format:** All teams will play 3 games of pool play on Saturday and all teams will advance into single elimination championship play on Sunday. Teams losing their first game of championship will play a consolation game so all teams will have 5 games before they leave.
- **Rain Phone:** In case of inclement weather, the rain phone number will be 717.300.1300. Please appoint only **one person per team** to access this number. The recording will be kept current and include any changes or cancellations if they happen. An email will also be sent to the contact person should anything happen and updates will be made on the website in the case of heavy rain or other conditions. Generally a decision is made around 5:00-5:30 am and a recording is usually up by 6 am. We attempt to call all teams in a timely manner should this occur, but it is your responsibility to check the message.
- **Team Cancellation:** If at any time you find out your team will not be able to participate, please let us know ASAP to be considered for future tournaments. If a team cancels, all teams scheduled to play them will be notified if a replacement team cannot be found. Should this happen, we may consolidate the bracket, eliminate forfeits, and have teams who would have received forfeits play each other. In this case, teams will be notified of changes by email.
- Directions and addresses for all the parks can be found on our website, <http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>. I just received word tonight that a new construction project around the Chambersburg area is underway with single lane traffic southbound lane of I-81. If playing at Green Village (Exit 20) you should be ok, however, if you are playing at St. Thomas or Hamilton Heights, please consider exiting at Scotland (Exit 20), taking 997 North approximately 2 miles to the intersection of Rt. 11. **To St Thomas:** Turn left at the light and take Rt. 11 South several miles (about 4) in Chambersburg. At the square with the big fountain, turn right onto Rt. 30 West. Follow Rt. 30 for about 5 miles to St. Thomas. **To Hamilton Heights:** While on Rt. 11 just past Wilson College turn right onto Commerce St. at a red light. Continue about a mile and the road will become a "Y". Take the left fork which will be Edenville Rd. Take Edenville ½

mile to Johnson Rd. Turn left on Johnson. The school will be on your right hand side about ½ mile or so on Johnson.

- **Concessions/Trash:** Concessions will be available at all parks for the tournament. Please help our field staff by picking up after your team. Any items found during the tournament will be kept at the park concession stand until the end of the tournament.
- **Pool play brackets** are enclosed and are also posted online. Any changes to the brackets will be emailed to the contact person and also posted on the website. If any changes made within 48 hours of the tournament affect your Saturday morning start time you will be notified by phone. Any other changes will be made by email and posted online. To see if you have the most up to date brackets, check the “Last Modified” mark on the bottom left of the page to make sure it matches your copy. If there are changes to a bracket due to rain or a team dropping at the last minute, updated brackets will be made available at check in.
- **Championship bracket seeds** will be available by phone approximately an hour after the last pool play game in your age has been completed. **DO NOT CALL US SATURDAY EVENING;** you will be called by your field director with your seed. Be sure to leave (1) active cell phone number with the field director at check-in (only 1 number will be called). This number will be called and if not available a message will be left. Championship brackets will also be posted online Saturday evening. Incoming calls will not be answered until all teams are called with seeds. If you want detailed bracket information you’ll need to get it online.
- **Hersheypark:** Quite a few teams that have entered tournament will be attending Hersheypark, a nearby theme park that has over 60 rides and does catered picnics. The park has given us a discount rate of \$28.50/person for adults (regular \$41.95) on tickets when pre-purchased. More info is available on our website or by calling 717.300.1300.
- **A Team Picture** will be taken of most teams at the tournament. Samples for ordering will be available on Sunday under the tournament canopy.
- **Tournament results** will be updated for those who can’t be physically present. Daily results will be placed at the tournament homepage: <http://pa-softball.com/2006/sizzler.html>

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: [director@pa-softball.com](mailto:director@pa-softball.com) or call (717) 300.1300. I’m looking forward to a great tournament and look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

Yours in Softball,  
Greg Barrick