

June 20, 2007

Coach,

We are looking forward to having you to our annual Keystone Cup tournament on June 22-24.

- Now updated on our website:
 - Pool Play Schedule & Championship Brackets (<http://pa-softball.com/2007/schedule.html#cup>)
 - Tournament Rules (<http://pa-softball.com/rules.pdf>)
 - Park Directions (<http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>)
- **Format:** Pool play will begin Friday, June 22nd for those choosing the 8 game, 3 day option. Everyone else is scheduled for 3 pool games Saturday. Those playing 3 days have 3 Friday pool games scheduled. Championship games will start first thing Sunday morning. Teams losing their first round game Sunday are scheduled for a consolation game.
- **Inclement Weather:** In case of inclement weather, we will have our automated phone system call your team contact number should there be any changes (we can only have 1 number on our system). We will also attempt to keep the rain hotline (717.300.1300) updated. Please appoint only one person per team to access this number. Generally a decision is made around 5:00-5:30 am and a recording is usually available by 6 am. We will call teams as soon as a decision is made. An email will also be sent to the contact person where possible and/or updates will be made on the website in case of reschedules.
- **Team Cancellation:** If at any time you find your team will not be able to participate, please let us know ASAP to be considered for future tournaments. If/when 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 and have teams with forfeited games play each other. In this case, teams will be notified of changes by email. We will eliminate forfeits when given sufficient notice. Changes will be noted in bold on brackets.
- **Directions** and addresses for all the parks can be found on our website, <http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>
- **Concessions/Trash:** Concessions will be available for the tournament. I think you'll find the food to be very reasonably priced, although with a variety of menu items. The concessions at tournaments are one of, if not the biggest fundraiser of the year for many of the local youth leagues hosting us on their fields. 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. Check at the concession stand for lost items or following the tournament, email me regarding any unfound equipment and we will try to locate it for you.

- **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 are made within 48 hours of the tournament and 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. **Changes to the original schedule will be marked in bold.**
- **Championship brackets/seeds:** Unless a different number is given 72 hours PRIOR to the tournament, the number listed above as your team contact # will be called with seeding information by our automated phone system with seeding information. This number will be called and if not available a message will be left. Brackets will also be posted online and coaches will be emailed brackets once pool play games are completed and championship brackets have been finalized. Coaches should check the pool play results posted at the game site before leaving each day. Once seedings are released, all seeds become final. **The score shall be reported by the winning team following each game.**
- **Consolation Games:** By entering this tournament, you have agreed to the particular tournament format established for this event. **This event includes consolation games for those who lose their first round of games on championship day.** In the past, we have had some teams leave without playing this game. Should you leave without playing this game your team will not be invited back for subsequent events in the same calendar year or the same event during the next calendar year. If both teams are agreeable to not playing this game and the site director has been made aware and approves it, only then are you not liable to play this game. Not having players is not an acceptable excuse.
- **Hersheypark** is a major attraction in the area with over 60 rides, shows, a zoo and Chocolate World. Once again the park has given us a great discount group ticket price of \$30.00/person for adults (regular \$45.95) when pre-purchased using the online order form. More info is available on our website or by calling 717.300.1300.
- **Team Pictures** will be taken of most teams at the tournament. Samples for ordering will be available on Sunday and Monday under the canopy.
- **Tournament Awards:**
All age groups -PONY Championship banner, MVP medals every game
14&U – 1st-2nd place team and individual trophies, 3rd place team plaque for each semifinal loser
16&U– 1st-2nd place team trophies and individual awards, 3rd place team plaque for each semifinal loser
18&U – 1st-2nd place team trophies and individual awards
- **PONY Nationals Berths:**
14&U – 1, 16&U – 1, 18&U – 1

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: director@pa-softball.com or call (717) 300.1300. I'm looking forward to a great tournament and look forward to seeing you this weekend!

Yours in Softball,
Greg Barrick