

May 10, 2007

Coach,

We are looking forward to having you to our annual Memorial Day Madness tournament on May 26-28. For 2007, the tournament will feature 5 age groups and 146 of the top teams from throughout the East Coast and Canada. We are excited about having teams from PA, MD, NJ, NY, VA, DE, OH, WV, Washington DC, and Ontario, Canada represented this year!

- Now updated on our website:
  - Pool Play Schedule (<http://pa-softball.com/2007/schedule.html#madness>)
  - Championship brackets
  - Tournament Rules (<http://pa-softball.com/rules.pdf>)
  - Park Directions (<http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>)
- **Format:** Pool play will begin Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> with most fields starting between 9-10 am. Teams will finish playing pool play games on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Most teams will play 3 play games Saturday and 3 more Sunday, but because schedule changes are always inevitable, some may have a slightly different schedule (4 one day, 2 another). Irregardless, all teams should be scheduled for 6 pool play games – if not contact us immediately. Championship play will begin first thing Monday morning. Teams losing their first game are scheduled for a consolation games, so you'll have at least two Monday games.
- **Inclement Weather:** In case of inclement weather, the rain recording is 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. Generally a decision is made around 5:00-5:30 am for the entire day and a recording is usually available by 6 am. An email will also be sent to the contact person and updates will be made on the website in the case of heavy rain or other conditions. We will also have our automated phone system call your team contact number should there be any changes.
- **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 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.
- **Directions** and addresses for all the parks can be found on our website, <http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>. Currently no major construction along major corridors is known. This is the first we've used Tuscorora and Memorial Park Shippensburg, so directions are not yet online. I will notify teams once I get them up.
- **Parade Schedule and Alternate Route:** Chambersburg has several parades scheduled on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>, particularly in St. Thomas. Alternate routes will be provided once we get a parade schedule. The 14U field directors will also have alternate route directions at check-in. Please make sure you ask them for a copy. The parade usually involves Rt. 30 West (North of I-81, exit 16, Lincoln Way).
- **Concessions/Trash:** Concessions will be available at all parks 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 PRIOR to the tournament, the number listed above 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 \$31.00/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.
- **Tournament T-shirt** orders are being taken. Only team orders will be taken in advance. This is a good way to assure your sizes are available. T-shirt stands may not be set up at all parks, and not all sizes may be available at the tournament. Pre-orders must be in a week prior to the tournament. See the website for an order form
- **Team Pictures** will be taken of most teams at the tournament. Samples for ordering will be available on Sunday and Monday under the canopy.
- **All Star Helmets** will once again be attending the tournament. They specialize in custom batting helmets, but they can also airbrush other items. Call Chris at 706-463-2276 for more info. They will be at most parks during the course of the weekend.
- **Tournament Awards:**  
All age groups -PONY Championship banner, MVP medals every game  
10&U – 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> team trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> individuals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> silver plaques & individual medals  
12&U – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” team trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” individuals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” team trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> “Silver” individuals, 2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” medals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Bronze” plaques, 1<sup>st</sup> “Bronze” individual medals  
14&U – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” team trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” individuals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” team trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” individuals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Bronze” plaques, 1<sup>st</sup> “Bronze” individuals, 1<sup>st</sup> “Copper/Platinum” plaques, indiv. Medals.  
16&U – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” team trophy, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” individual trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” plaques, 1<sup>st</sup> “Silver” individuals  
18&U – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” team trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> “Gold” individuals, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> “Silver” plaques, 1<sup>st</sup> “Silver” individuals
- **PONY Nationals Berths:**  
10U (2), 12U (4), 14U (4), 16U (4), 18U (3)

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 26<sup>th</sup>!

Yours in Softball,  
Greg Barrick