

Greg & Maxine,

I just wanted to send you a note to thank you for such a wonderful tournament weekend. I have been to many tournaments and the experience we encountered with your staff was exceptional. The planning you have put into every detail was evident and much appreciated. From locating our hotels close to the fields we played in to having all our games played on the same fields to minimize the need to pack all our belongings and move continuously was remarkable. You can certainly tell your staff is dedicated and loves the sport of softball as well as seeing the girls play competitive ball. Quite honestly, I felt this was run more on the level of a National event rather than a Memorial Day Tournament.

Thank you again and I hope to see you next year.

Jill Mihnovich
LI Hurricanes 14U

Greg,

Thanks for running such a professional tournament. The facilities were great, the umpiring was great, the schedule was fantastic and the organization (keeping teams updates) was top notch...it is obvious that you have spent a lot of time and energy making sure everything is done right...we really enjoyed it!

Good luck on your upcoming tournaments.

Ron Flanagan
The Zone
Ontario, Canada

On a side note, we came down last year for the 12U Independence Day firecracker , played 10 games and lost a great final to Delaware Magic. It was the highlight of our season, we would be coming this year earlier but you know softball, had trouble with kids moving up to other teams, etc, etc. We'll still be competitive and are also looking to do a Team Hershey trip afterward.

Your tournaments are always the players, coaches and parents favorites--that says a lot to please everyone. Last year we showed up for our three day tourney and it was pouring. Everyone felt it was a lost day until we drove to the fields and your crews laughed and said we'll be playing with just an hour delay. The fields were under water so you can imagine our amazement when the rain soon stopped and every field was playable in short order for a wonderful weekend of softball. The 4 hour drive is well worth it!!!!

Mike Cole
Long Island Riptide 14U

We enjoyed your tournament and will certainly participate next year.

Jerry

Greg,

I want to thank you again for a great tournament. It is an honor to get a bid to Pony Nationals but unfortunately we will not be able to take advantage of that opportunity. Please accept my appologies for getting back to you so late.

Thanks Again

Joel Wagner

CT Pink Panthers U18 Black

Greg,

Thanks for clearing that up. On another note, you guys do a great job. As you know we were at both the Memorial Day and the Firecracker tournaments and everyone with the Chill thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Expect to see us at both events next year.

Gary

Greg,

Thanks for everything. We had a great time at your tourney and enjoyed the PA area. Thank you for all of your help.

Don Stanhope

Bangor, ME

Hi Greg!

Thank you for the opportunity. However, Storm will not have enough players during that time to be able to accept the bid.

Best wishes and thanks for another great tournament.

Don Fong

Head Coach

Loudoun Storm 18U

Just wanted to give you some feedback too - tournament was run smoothly and very organized. Your tournaments have excellent (the best I've ever dealt with in six years I've been doing this)communication, good fields, nice warm up areas and plenty of portable bathrooms. Anyway I'm already thinking which showcases we will be attending as an 18U. Thanks.

Kim Justice
Lady Shorebirds

Hi Greg,

I am the Assistant Coach, under Jodie Justus, for the CT Hornets 14U team. This was our teams first trip (as 14U's) to your tournament and I'd like to mention that the efforts of you and your staff were greatly appreciated this past weekend. I cannot even begin to think about how difficult it must be to coordinate all the teams, but add in some nasty rain storms, and it boggles the mind how you managed to pull it off so well! I know the 14U group was the smallest of the bunch but I want you to know that our experience was fantastic ... everything from the grounds crew to the umpires to the concession folks were super! Thanks for everything.

Chris Gavin

Greg - The Dimensions had a great time, and will definitely be back at 18U next year. One recommendation would be for temporary fences on the fields. I thought the umpire crews were excellent, you did a great job with the schedule in spite of the weather challenges, and we had a great experience.

Tom Boynton
Head Coach 16U Dimensions

Thanks. And thank you for a very nice tournament. Everything was very organized and the umpires were the best we've ever had.

I appreciate your patience with all of our questions and emails. The drive was actually very easy and we hope we can get up there to another tournament in the future.

Sincerely,

Laura Camp

Greg,

I would love to come down as per our conversation but on short notice to my parents I was voted down.

I look forward to doing one of your fall tournaments at the 14u level and again next spring and summer as we have heard nothing but positive comments on all of your venues.

Thanks,
Brian Torlincasi
Long Island Bandits
President

Greg; thanks again. This is the third year we have sent teams down, and my first time attending. I plan on sending a team back again next year. As I said, you run a quality tournament with great facilities and terrific communications.

Have a great summer!

Rich, CT Bombers Teal

Thank you again. I was able to reach Bob Covell and he is going to forward me the stats. He also mentioned how well you and your team ran the tournament; that goes double for me. Thanks for all you do. Jeff

Our team (RBI Rebels 16U) and parents had a wonderful time again this year. We love attending this tournament and will be back again next year. Thanks for putting on a great tourney.

It just came up on my browser. Thanks for everything this weekend, you do a great job with this tournament.

Best,
Shawn

Greg,

I just want to say Thank you and tell you that we really enjoyed your tournament again this year. You do an absolutely great job running these tournaments and I highly recommend them to anyone who asks. This is my 7th year in travel softball and your tournament is the best run event that I have ever participated in. Your communication and responsiveness, the level of play, the format are all great and make this a premier event.

Thank you for having us, and I just wanted you to know that we enjoyed it thoroughly. CT Hornets...

Scott

Greg,

I would like to congratulate you on the way you make up your brackets for Sunday championship play. A low seed in pool play does not mean you are facing a gold team on Sunday. I like the way you break up the brackets, giving more teams a chance to compete at their level.

Take care,
- Ken
South Jersey SWAT

Greg

Thanks for running another great event. My group had a rough day on Saturday (first time all year they lost consecutive games) and ended up down in the brackets - almost felt guilty playing in Copper!

Thanks
Bob Murray
Ajax Raiders 16U

Greg:

Thank you for running a wonderful tournament. We really enjoyed the weekend and look forward to returning in the future. Playing all of our pool games at the same facility was a great help and the fields, umpires and feild people/person were all great. No complaints at all.

In spite of losing 6 of our players on Saturday for the local high school all star games we were able to field 9 girls and managed to get all of our games in between the thunderstorms.

Thanks again and congrats for a job well done.

Fred Caldwell
Firestorm Softball

Good Morning Mr. Barrick,

I just wanted to thank you for a very well run showcase. As a team we had a lot of fun, for myself it was great. I participated in the showcase and always new where I was supposed to be. Watching some of the other girls I was able to learn a few new things. I find it fun when you have a chance to chit chat with the other girls from different teams and then getting to play against them at the fields.

Thank you again,

Alitha Krolikowski

Greg,

I thought you did a great job getting the fields ready to play on after the thunder storms on Friday. Our field at Marty Snook was under water when we left and you got it back ready to play on Saturday. I thought the umpiring was good. The concessions and bathrooms were good.

Greg,

You guys run a great tournament and although we didn't play to our capabilities this week, we thoroughly enjoyed it. Your ground crews did a fabulous job dealing with the monsoon weather. The blue crew was professional and solid. We enjoyed the experience and will certainly try to come back again.

Have a great season.
Mike Fazio
Head Coach Danbury Debs

Hi Greg

just wanted to tell you what a nice job you do running this tourney , the updates are great ! , lol
...have a great summer

John Pisano
N.Y. Panthers

You run a quality tournament with excellent facilities and communications were the best we've encountered and I've been doing this since 1994. My only complaint (really a constructive criticism) would be the lack of safety bases on first. In 9 games I saw 4 collisions, thankfully without serious injury.

Rich Hiscox

Greg, Thanks for a great effort this weekend. Even with the rain we had a good time and were treated first class. Give our thanks to the umpires at Dauphin on friday and saturday and Middlesex on sunday. Even though we did not agree with all of the calls they were hustling. Look for us next year and when do you get the final results online? Glenn Crawford RBI Rebels

Dear Greg,

On behalf of our PV Angels U18 team we would like to thank you for having us in the tournament. The weather was no one's friend this weekend but all parties including your staff, coaches, etc.. really pulled together to get fields ready, etc....
We ended up getting our game started at around 9:30 yesterday morning and lost to the Damascus Hurricanes 4-3 in 9 innings. It was a wonderful game with lots of great plays and a strong comeback by Damascus to tie the game in the 7th after being down 2 runs. We had 2nd and 3rd in the top of the 8th (ITB) and couldn't push across anything and eventually they broke thru in the 9th. We certainly would have liked to have gone further but the experience was great and we had the opportunity to play a good mix of very solid teams. Thank you for the opportunity.

Best regards
Art Levine (PV Angels U18)

Greg -

Just a short note to thank you and your staff for a great tournament this past weekend. Although the weather made it interesting we had a fantastic time.

Everything was well done and professional - the staff, the blue, the fields, the background admin - I've run tournaments before so I know what you were going through and you did a great job. The clinic was also a great event - all of our girls really enjoyed it and we hope we made some noise as a team.

Thanks again,

Glen Wheless (Orion Hunter 16U)

Greg,

Just wanted to let you that I thought you did a great job with the tournament. That was my first Firecracker Tourney/Showcase and I thought it was top notch.

I will see you again next summer.

Brian Dewey
Mercyhurst North East softball

Greg,

Thank you for a smoothly run tournament. I know you staff had to put a lot of work in to get fields ready for Sat and they did an outstanding job. Any final results for the 14U division.

Thanks
Dave

Greg,

Thanks for a well organized tournament. We played some competitive games that could have gone either way but some errors here and there cost us some wins.

Thanks again

Joel Wagner
CT Pink Panthers Black U18

Greg, weather held up. thanks for good tourney. Competition was great. We played some great games that could have gone either way. Four one run games. Enjoyed it.

Bill Hampton

Hi Greg,

Everything looks good. Hope to make it to another one of your tournaments this summer. We had a great time.

Brenda

Greg,

Thanks for everything this weekend. I'm sure Ken Vandergrift will e-mail you, but I wanted to make sure because he's very thorough, but as his assistant it was a pleasure to participate in the Junebug tournament again win or loose.

All the best,
Mark Caprarola
Westminster Rockets
Assistant

Greg,

Thank you so much for a good tournament. It is always enjoyable to attend your tournaments. We always experience good officiating, good sportsmanship with other teams and usually just a nice weekend.

Thank you for allowing Delaware Magic to be part of your tournaments. We look forward to coming back to PA Softball next weekend.

Best Regards,
Becky Griffin
Delaware Magic

Thanks Greg -
Your tournaments are the best!
Always so organized and well planned.

Suzanne

Greg,

Absolutely - a great experience for my girls.

Bottom line is we will be back and already looking forward to it !

Thank you for everything, from the organized E-mails/automated phone messages, to fields, brackets, umpires, concessions, etc.

Rick Huckfeldt
Warrington Blue Thunder12U

First I would like to say thanks for hosting such a good tournament with such good talent, umpires, players and coaches. Although the Impact did not fair well, we met alot of good people in your area and gained some much needed experience.

Coming from a team such as ours who are made up of a bunch of rec players. The "A" & "B" divisions would be of interest to us and keep our chances of returning greater. Other than that, I thought you did one hell of a job.

Thanks

Great tournament, Greg...sorry we didn't get a chance to chat.

Ralph Viguers
Lady Fireballs 14U

Hi Greg,

My name is Mike Brenton, I am a Assistant Coach with the Bayside Breeze 10U.

I wanted you to know what a great time our parents and kids had at the tournament.

The fields were great, the umpires were also very good. The Hotel was very kid friendly. The games started on time and there was awesome sportsmanship.

You and your organization should be commended.

Thanks

Mike Brenton

Greg,

Great competitive tournament that we will continue to play and recommend to others. The only suggestion would be playing at a different park each day if possible. More for the field conditions than umpires... I noticed the last field we played was sandier (slower) than the first. Even after losing 4 starters Monday we enjoyed the day. Thanks for all feedback and a great tourney.

Ted Kramer
Ashburn Shooting Stars

Thanks again. This was the best tournament we participated in last year, that is why we came back again this year.

Dennis Wince
Vienna Stars '95 (12U)

Greg,

We had a terrific time at the Memorial Day Madness Tournament (14U Division). Our sites were very nice and the umpires good (some better than others). The two umpires we had at Roof Park on Saturday (3:40 and 5:20 field 4) may be the best umpires I have seen in five years of coaching travel softball. We enjoyed our "move up" to an A level tournament. For us the size and diversity of the field was a plus. The level of competition was diverse - but for us that was a good thing. I wouldn't change anything about the format of the tournament. We stayed at the Homewood Suites in Mechanicsburg and it was a great location and facility. We liked playing in roughly the same geographic area for the weekend. It is no fun driving more than 20 minutes from your hotel for an 8 AM game. New Cumberland and Roof Parks were nice venues for the games. All in all we had a great experience and look forward to our annual trips to your events. Thanks.

Gary Newborn
Flemington Flames 14U

I have put my comments below but wanted you to know how much the players, coaches and parents enjoyed the tournament. You guys did a great job and we will definitely be back!

Thanks,
Boomer

Greg,

This was our first visit to your tournament we had an enjoyable experience the umpires were professional and in control of the game at all times and everyone involved in the tournament was courteous and helpful looking forward to next year,

Dan Hoffman (Washington Wildfire 10u)

Thanks Greg for helping to run a great tournament!
We had a great time!

Jerry Bost
MD STARS 10U

Hi Greg. Thanks for the update with final tournament results. I will solicit feedback from my group on some of your questions in order to help keep this a great tournament. This was our third year attending the Memorial Day tournament and we have had a great time each year. Needless to say, the 8.5 hour drive home didn't seem so bad with the big trophy sitting in the back!

Thanks again for the great event. We sincerely appreciate your efforts. Looking forward to attending the Firecracker Showcase at the end of June.

Bob Murray
Ajax Raiders 16U
Ajax, Ontario, Canada

Thanks Greg,

Once again great tournament. The girls and parents had a great time and the tournament staff were great.

Hope to see you next year

George Nakitsas

thanks

you run a very nice organized tourney

Tom Arnold

Hi!

This is Tami Bailey from the West Va Shockers----

We had an awesome experience this weekend...

I was wondering if the tournament June 14th and 15th ---where is that being played? where would the 14u teams play???

Thanks,

Tami Bailey

You put on one heck of 14U tournament
Great teams from all over the Mid Atlantic
region.

Thanks

Mark Groft

Greg,

We had an awesome time. It was our first time at one of your tournaments. Great job.
Is there anywhere to get the results?

Thank you,

Lisa August
Howell Heat 14u

Mr. Barrick,

We had a wonderful time at your tournament this past weekend - thank you and your staff for a well-run tournament. It was our 1st tournament of our season, and the girls and parents really enjoyed themselves. The weather was beautiful (did you order that too). It was great to have a restroom facility with flushing toilets and soap and sinks.

Thanks again Greg,

Sue Rectenwald
Pittsburgh Power 14U Shepard

Hi Greg,

Thanks for a GREAT tournament – we had a blast even though we did not do particularly well.
Thanks,

Lori McBride
Uxbridge Danger Blue (14U)

You guys run a great tournament. All in all a great weekend. Look forward to next year.
By the way who won? The website is not updated yet.
Mike Fez

Greg,

Just wanted to let you know that the Summer Sizzler tournament was very nice. The Shippensburg Memorial Park was beautiful.

Thank you
Lillian Baer
Chaos12

Hi Greg.
We found the glove we were looking for. By the way, Kate's a doll, and we had another great time in PA.. Thanks for running a nice tournament

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