

CONNECTICUT AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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2010 Connecticut A.S.A. Men's E State Tournament – Milford, CT

TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

Date: _____

The _____ from _____ will participate in the Connecticut
(team name) (city and league)
Amateur Softball Association's Men's Class E State Tournament at Short Beach and DeLuca Fields in Stratford, Connecticut on July 23 - 25, 2010. This tournament will have a twelve-team limit and will be governed under a zero tolerance conduct policy.

ENCLOSED ARE: 1) Entry Fee of \$250.00 payable to E. Patrick Austin
2) Completed Application (this form)
3) An official A.S.A. Roster/ Affidavit form (signed by State or District Commissioner)

NOTE: ONLY THE ROSTER WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TOURNAMENT. THE ROSTER MUST BE COMPLETE WITH ALL PLAYER SIGNATURES AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER SIGNATURE. VERBAL INTENSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

With my enclosed tournament fee and signature, I understand that my team is competing in the 2010 Connecticut ASA's Men's E State Tournament. I understand that this tournament is for Connecticut Class E teams only and the winner will advance to the Class E/REC Championship in Salem, Virginia on September 2 – 6, 2010.

The tournament is open to the first twelve teams that register (Fee and application will hold spot) by **July 19 2010 at 4:00 pm**. *I also understand that if the State Commissioner or my District Commissioner does not sign my roster it is incomplete and therefore illegal.* All players must sign the official Championship Play, form roster (available from your district commissioner) and ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE PHOTO I.D.'S IN THEIR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES during the tournament and must present it to a tournament official upon request. I further understand that the tournament will be double elimination and that there is no minimum game guarantee; all games are weather permitting and based upon field availability. The tournament director reserves the right to modify the schedule anyway he deems fit in order to bring the tournament to a satisfactory conclusion. Failure to comply with established deadline, Tournament Rules & Regulations, and /or the Official A.S.A. Playing Rules/ Code may result in my team's dismissal from the tournament. I understand that my signing of this application recognizes that I have familiarized myself and team with the 2010 A.S.A. Playing Rules/ Code. I acknowledge that my team and players meet all Class E eligibility requirements. Furthermore, eligible teams for this tournament must be in good standing with Connecticut ASA and my local association and must have the necessary materials to the tournament directors prior to **July 15, 2010**. I understand that the C.A.S.A. or the A.S.A. DOES NOT PROVIDE INSURANCE TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS WILL PARTICIPATE AT OUR OWN RISK. THE C.A.S.A. ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURIES TO PLAYERS COACHES, OR TEAM MEMBER.

Managers Signature: _____

Date: _____

Managers Name (print): _____

Home Phone: _____

Team Name: _____

Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

City/ Zip: _____

Email: _____

NOTE: The tournament director/ committee reserves the right to schedule or reschedule any or all games on the dates and fields he/ they deem most advantageous, for any reason, to bring the tournament to a satisfactory conclusion. If there is a discrepancy the 2010 A.S.A. Playing Rules/ Code will prevail.

RETURN TO: Patrick Austin, Tournament Director
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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW MY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT ME THERE CONCERNING THE TOURNAMENT, AS I CANNOT CONDUCT ASA BUSINESS THERE. I WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NUMBER AFTER 5:00PM. PLEASE PATIENTLY ALLOW 24 HOURS TO RETURN CALLS. THANK YOU.

COMPLETED BRACKETS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH MANAGER NO LATER THAN JULY 17, 2010. THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT WWW.CONNECTICUTASA.COM.

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CT ASA CLASS E RULES, REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Managers are required to read the following information prior to competing in the Connecticut ASA program: Membership of this association automatically constitutes the agreement hereunder; including team classification. The following are Class E Rules; Regulations & Guidelines instituted by Connecticut ASA for adoption to the ASA Playing Rules & Code and are in no way contradictory to the ASA National Association or the Connecticut ASA by-laws.

Player Eligibility – ASA BOOK RULE APPLIES.

Team Eligibility – No team will be allowed to compete in the Class E program without participating in a Connecticut ASA registered league. Class E teams may participate in a higher classification if their local league does not offer an E classification. By doing so, their Class E eligibility will not be affected provided that the team meets both the player and team eligibility guidelines.

1. Teams must be comprised of players from the same town. League all-star teams are not permitted.
2. All players must have played as a member of the current Class E team during league play of the current year a minimum of two games.

A player can only be listed on one roster for tournament participation.

Men's Class E Homerun Rule – Any batter who hits an untouched fair ball over the fence will be:

- Called out with no runner advancement and *offensively* disqualified from the game. The offensive half of the inning is also terminated. No ADDITIONAL runs are permitted to score (runs before the home run count).
- An automatic out in the line-up shall be declared each time that player is scheduled to bat. The batter however may stay in the game for defensive purposes only.
- Any subsequent home runs will result in the termination of the offensive inning each time thereafter. No runs shall ever count on a home run. No more player disqualifications will result.

The penalty is to prevent homerun hitters and higher-class players from playing the E program.

Teams may one courtesy runner per inning, last batted out.

All ASA approved Bats are legal.

The balls COR shall not exceed .44, (.40 is recommended and should be used when available) and its compressions shall not exceed 375.

Stealing is not permitted.

A double first base (safety base) is strongly recommended.

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MISCELLANEOUS PLAYING RULES

1. **Unlimited batter Rule** – Teams may bat as many players as they would like provided the order and number of hitters does not change.
2. **One & One Count with extra foul.**
3. **Less than Ten Players in a Tournament** – A minimum of 9 players can start a game. Any team that starts a game with 10 or more players may drop down to the minimum of 9 players to finish the game as a result of injury or disqualification (NOT EJECTION). All vacant spot(s) (not to exceed two) in the lineup will be declared an out every time that position(s) is due to bat. If a player is ejected from the game for any reason, the ejected player's team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected player or that team will forfeit the game. If the team starts with 10 players they are not allowed to add an additional player at any time.
4. **Disqualification/ Injury Outs** – Provided a team can field a team of 9 defensive players the game will continue regardless of how many disqualification/ injury outs a team receives. If no substitutes are available to fill vacant spots in the batting order an out shall be declared for each vacant spot, not to exceed 2. (in other words, if a team starts a game batting 12 and three get injured, there are still nine players left to finish the game – they are not assessed all three outs, only two and they will begin each inning thereafter with 2 outs).
5. An **altered bat** is one in which the physical structure of a legal softball bat has been changed. Inserting material inside the bat, changing/replacing manufacturer's markings or painting the bat are examples of an altered bat. Replacing the safety grip with another safety grip is not considered altering the bat. The ASA is taking a hard line to rid the program of altered bats. The ASA will not tolerate the use of altered bats. Players caught shall be suspended from ASA play indefinitely pending further investigation of the State Commissioner.
6. An **illegal bat** is one that does not meet the requirements/specifications as outlined in the ASA Rulebook. **Effect:** The penalty for using an altered or illegal bat is as follows: If the batter hits the ball with an altered or illegal bat, the ball is dead, the batter is out, ejected from the game and/or tournament, and immediately reported to the State Commissioner for consideration of Disbarment proceedings.
7. **Casual Profanity Rule** – Managers, coaches, players, substitutes, trainer, batboys or other team members or occupant of the bench, shall not, from any place, including the coach's boxes: Incite, or try to incite by word, sign or demonstration, either opponents or spectators. Use language, which will in any manner, refer to or reflect upon opposing players, the Umpires, Directors or spectators. Note: Use of profane or abusive language or taunting will not be tolerated. The penalty for a player violating the above is as follows: An out shall be declared for the next scheduled batter and if in the umpires judgement such a comment or action warrants expulsion from the game that player may be ejected as well. Umpires need not issue warnings.
8. Tournament Directors have authority to eject a player or team anytime during a tournament.
9. In tournament play, when an ineligible player is discovered during the game, the offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings and forfeits all awards, sponsor travel money and berths that would have been awarded at that tournament. If this ineligible player is discovered after the completion of the game (but during the tournament) the game shall stand as played. However the offending team is ejected from the tournament, and assumes the same penalties as above. Any paid berths, sponsor travel reimbursement, etc will be forfeited. Any awards or trophies must be returned to the Tournament Director. If awards and trophies are not returned, the suspension is indefinite. This is in effect for one full year if an ineligible player or team is discovered.

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General Tournament – Rules, Regulations & Guidelines

Team managers should go over these rules, regulations and guidelines with their team before arriving at the tournament so that everyone concerned will be fully acquainted with the operation of Championship Play.

NOTE: The Tournament Director/Committee reserves the right to schedule or reschedule any or all games on the playing fields he/she deem most advantageous, for any reason, to bring the tournament to a satisfactory and successful conclusion.

Administration: The Tournament Director or his/her appointed representative shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the tournament.

Awards: Team trophies will be given to the Winner and the Runner-up teams.

Bracket: Sectional and State Tournaments shall use the Official ASA Double Elimination Bracket. National Qualifiers shall be double elimination at the tournament director's discretion based upon field availability. In the event of delays beyond the control of the Tournament Director he/she reserves the right to bring the tournament to a satisfactory conclusion by any means he/she deems necessary including but not limited to: rescheduling of games, restructuring of the tournament, elimination of teams and/or games.

Eligibility: All players must meet the general eligibility requirements of the CASA in order to participate in Championship Play. All players that participate in any Championship Play (National Qualifier) prior to the June 15 roster deadline are committed to said team/roster for the current year thereby re-establishing the deadline as the first day of said tournament. **Once a player has participated in Championship Play he/she is bound to that team for the current season.** Players may always be released but released players are not eligible to be picked up by any team within the same division and/or classification within the current season. (Exception: National Pick-up-player rule)

Entry Fees: The entry fee for all Connecticut ASA Double elimination tournaments is \$250.00 per team.

Equipment: All teams must use approved/certified equipment as described in the current ASA Official Playing Rules and as listed on their website under certified equipment at www.softball.org. Teams and/or Players using altered/illegal shall be ejected from the tournament and are subject to further disciplinary measures, pending the commissioner's review, including but not limited to suspension and expulsion.

Field Rules: Only rostered team members, coach and sponsor may occupy the dugout area during play.

Forfeit Time: Game time is forfeit time and no leeway shall be given. Teams shall be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.

Game: The games shall be a 7-inning contest (except when run-rule is invoked). Any game that is suspended shall be resumed from the point at which it was suspended. Batters start with a 0 – 0 count and no "extra" foul.

Ground Rules: Teams will meet with the umpires at home plate prior to the start of each game to discuss the ground rules.

Home Run Rule: Shall be in accordance with the current ASA Playing Rule Book.

Injury: The Connecticut ASA assumes no responsibility for any injuries or accidents to any member, player or team.

Liability: All teams, umpires, officials and players (Adult & Minor) who participate in Championship Play do so at their own risk. Tournament officials will not be responsible for any injuries to, or for any obligations created by any team, umpire, official, or player.

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Protests: No protest on umpires judgment / decisions will be heard. All disputes pertaining to the interpretation of the rules must be settled on the field and the decision of the UIC will be final.

Protests of player eligibility must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director, together with proof of claim before any actions will be taken on the protest. The team using a proven ineligible player(s) will be suspended from CASA membership and further Championship Play in that Tournament with the game forfeited to the team being played or last team played.

Protest Committee: Shall be the Tournament Director, UIC and other members, if appointed by the Tournament Director.

Rescheduled Games: It is each team manager's responsibility to contact the Tournament Director regarding any schedule revisions, particularly during times of inclement weather. The tournament director reserves the right to schedule or reschedule any game(s) he/she deems necessary in order to bring the tournament to a satisfactory conclusion.

Roster/ Affidavit Forms: Each team member must be listed and signed on a properly executed current Official ASA Roster Affidavit form. Your District Commissioner or State Commissioner must sign all Roster/ Affidavit forms prior to competing in any Championship Play. Rosters are due by the Tournament Directors established deadline.

Run - Ahead Rule: Shall be in accordance with the current ASA Playing Rule Book.

Uniform Rule: Teams are expected to be in matching uniforms as described in the current ASA Official Playing Rules. Violators are subject to disciplinary measures at the Tournament Director's discretion.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Tournament Director may, at his/her discretion, make know prior to the start of play, any other regulations in effect for the tournament. There shall not be in conflict with the ASA or CASA rules. These rules may be needed to conform to local ordinances or site regulations.