



IMPORTANT

Photo I.D.'s with *date of birth* are required each day or a participant will not play!

August, 2011

Dear Softball Team Captain,

Congratulations on qualifying for the Senior Games State Finals Softball Tournament to be held at Walnut Creek Complex on September 12-14, 2011. The linked/enclosed information details how the competition will be conducted, procedures for check-in, etc. Please read this information closely and **bring it with you** to the tournament. **It is your responsibility to share this information with your team members. They do not receive this mailing from NC Senior Games; however, it is available on the NCSG website. We suggest that you make copies for those teammates who do not have internet access. The Preliminary Format and Schedule are posted on the NCSG web site at www.ncseniorgames.org. Please remind all players on your team that they must have a photo I.D. each day with proof of date of birth!**

Team Captains: Each team must have a "Captain" who is a participant. Our records show that's you. Coaches may be non-participants.

Required Team Captains' Meetings: All team captains are required to attend one, and only one, Team Captains' Meeting *before* their first scheduled game of the tournament. **Teams without a Team Captain (or registered team representative) at the Team Captains' meeting may be cancelled from the tournament.** For your convenience, three different meetings are scheduled. The Team Captains' meeting will include a review of rules, policies, final details and a time for questions.

Team Captains' Meeting Times

Monday at 8:15 a.m.

Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday at 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday (Female 60+) at 8:15 a.m.

Important Information

Proof of age requirements: Each player is **required** to present a valid photo ID each day and proof of date of birth. **Please note: Date of birth will be verified and individuals with a date of birth that does not meet the age requirements of their team may be disqualified from participating in the tournament.** Individuals may present a valid or expired photo driver's license or special identification card issued by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles or a photo driver's license or special identification card issued by other states. They may also present a valid military photo ID or an unexpired, stamped photo passport from any country.

Team Roster: If you receive this via email, linked will be all team rosters sorted by Local Game. If you receive this U.S. Mail, enclosed is your team roster. If your team needs another player, refer to the pick up list on the NCSG website.

Player Check-in: Each player must check in daily with a photo I.D and proof of date of birth. Registration opens all three days at 7:45 a.m. All Male 55+ and 60+ teams must have at least 9 players present 1 hour before game time or the team may be forfeited. All Male 65+, 70+, 75+ teams and all Female teams must have at least 10 players present 1 hour before game time or the team may be forfeited. The ASA shorthand rule will apply when necessary.

General Rules and Regulations (from page 7 of NCSG Official Rules Book):

Team Sports:

A maximum of three (3) players for Basketball and five (5) players for Softball may be added to team rosters following qualification if they meet the following requirements. In order to be added to a team's roster, a player must have registered for and competed in a Local Game in North Carolina in the qualifying year. Also, a player may only be added to another team's roster if the team with which they qualified is not going to compete at State Finals.

- c. the age group of a team is determined by the age of the youngest team member. At State Finals, the team will compete in the age group in which it qualified at the Local Game, unless that team adds a player from a younger age group. If a team adds a player from a younger age group, that team will compete in the age group of the player added.
- d. a player may compete on only one team per sport per Local Game and may only compete on one team at State Finals.
- e. age groups for team sports are:
Basketball Tournament - Women 55+, 60+, 65+ & 70+; Men 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ & 80+.
Softball Tournament - Women 55+, 60+, 65+ & 70+; Men 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+ & 75+.

Official NCSG Softball Tournament Rules: The rules from the 2011 edition of the North Carolina Senior Games Rules Book will be used for play. In the event the NCSG Rules Book does not cover a particular rule, ASA rules will apply. Official NCSG Softball Tournament Rules are enclosed/linked.

Rain Plan: Thursday, September 15 and Friday, September 16 are scheduled as rain dates. If inclement weather delays game play, the tournament will be continued on one or both of these dates.

Bats: Clarifications and changes are in italics. All bats must bear a 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification Mark. No bat used in competition can appear on the most recent "ASA Non-Approved Bat List". ***No Ultra or Ultra II bats will be allowed.*** *Officials should check bats prior to each game. If a team suspects a batter is using an illegal or altered bat during a game, the captain should protest while the batter is at the plate. If the Protest Committee determines the bat to be illegal or altered, an out is recorded and that player is ejected from the game. The illegal or altered bat will then be kept in the possession of tournament officials for the remainder of the offending team's participation in the tournament.*

Softballs: NCSG will provide ASA stamped game balls for the entire tournament. The Men's divisions will play with optic yellow, twelve (12") inch slow-pitch balls. The Women's divisions will play with optic yellow, eleven (11") inch slow-pitch balls. Only restricted flight softballs with a Ball COR of .44 and a Ball Compression of .375 will be used at the tournament.

Warm-up Time: Warm-up time will be provided prior to each game at the conclusion of the previous game on the assigned field. Weather permitting, the outfield of fields not in use for game play may be used for practice.

Extra Items to Bring: NCSG highly recommends that you bring plastic bags for ice bags for your players and a nice size box of assorted Band-Aids. Ice and water will be available in the dugouts, but cups disappear quickly. We suggest your players bring their own water bottles, coolers and personal cups to use during the tournament.

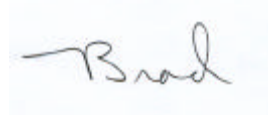
Spectators: All spectators must stay outside the fenced field area. There is plenty of room for friends and family. Only players and coaches will be allowed on the field.

Evaluations: We welcome all feedback that can make our tournament sports better for the future. An evaluation card will be available at the registration area so that you and your players can share comments with us.

Sincerely,



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cc: Local Games Coordinators

Enclosures/Links: List of Registered Teams and Local Game Represented
Team Rosters
Preliminary Tournament Format and Schedule
Official NCSG Rules Book or NCSG Softball Rules