

TENNESSEE ASA SOFTBALL DISTRICT 10

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ASA District 10 Newsletter

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Chattanooga ASA extends our condolences to the family of Katie Kay and Georgia ASA. Katie served as the long time Georgia ASA Junior Olympic Commissioner and also the Region 4 Junior Olympic Commissioner. She will be greatly missed by the entire softball community.



July 5th - 8th

Warner Park

Eastern Elite Showcase Tournament

14U - 18U \$450

5 Game Guarantee / Single Elimination

Championship play on Sunday

Chattanooga ASA Joins other Metro and State Associations with state of the art Tournament Registration System...

Chattanooga ASA proudly announces our new Tournament ASA Registration system, converting our on line tournament registration system to a new nationwide system called Tournament ASA. For now, only Chattanooga ASA events will be using this system but we will be inviting all TN ASA tournament directors to participate. This new tournament registration system will allow us to do the following:

- Mass text all coaches re: rain delays, time changes or general tournament info
- Provide real time updated scores via text
- Allow fans to get updates on pool and bracket scores by using an App on their smart phone
- Coaches can register on line for a tournament by clicking one button
- Coaches can find ASA tournaments and ASA Qualifiers in other areas of the country
- College coaches can use the App to view schedules and receive scores via text
- Every game will be scored in the system so Power Rankings will build each week

The Tournament ASA system will be imbedded into our Chattanooga ASA Tournament page. Coaches will still be able to register for tournaments on line right

from the Chattanooga ASA site and the teams will still be displayed for each event. You will simply click the tournament you want to enter and follow the directions to enter. You only have to input your personal information one time and Tournament ASA will save it so your next entry will just be a matter of clicking a button.

For those of you already entered in some our 2012 tournaments, we have converted your registration to Tournament ASA and you have been sent log in information so you don't have to do anything further. However, as I entered your teams into each tournament, it did generate an invoice email that was sent to your email. You can choose to use this invoice to mail payment or you can pay at the tournament.

As noted above, by converting to Tournament ASA, we will be able to mass text messages to coaches about any changes, rain delays and game outcomes. The pool games and bracket games will also be updated on line as they happen. Coaches, parents, fans and college coaches can use the Tournament ASA App on their smart phone to view updated information about the tournament.

We are excited about this new Tournament ASA system and making tournament information and communication easily available. Thanks for your patience in this process. Please contact me at kimberlycswafford@chattanoogaasa.com if you have any questions.



Tennessee

As we enter 2012, here are some important ASA Code changes and tournament dates to keep in mind and discuss with your team parents before the 2012 Qualifying season begins:

- 1) A player becomes locked to a roster when she signs in at an ASA Qualifier. The player may not play in another qualifier or a National with any other team unless a Release Form is executed. (See ASA Code Change, next page) Exception: Players on teams no longer eligible for Championship play, may be picked up by another team.
- 2) 14U teams – pitching distance is still 40 feet.
- 3) ASA insurance is individual insurance and goes with the player not with the team.
- 4) 16U ASA Nationals will be held in Montgomery, AL on July 29th – August 4th, 2012. Teams must qualify by winning an ASA Qualifier. **Tennessee has five berths in all age groups.**
- 5) 18U ASA Nationals will be held in Johnson City, TN on July 29th – August 4th. Again, **Tennessee has 5 berths.**
- 6) Teams participating in an ASA National Qualifier must be registered on line with ASA. ASA on line registration is \$17 per player and includes insurance for each player and coach and an individual picture i.d. card. ASA on line registration can be done at www.registerasa.com.
- 7) Teams must sign in at all ASA Qualifiers and show picture i.d. cards.



March 23rd - 24th, 2012

Warner Park

ASA Eastern Elite

Free Recreation League and "B" Tournament

8U - 14U

3 Game Guarantee

Teams may play Saturday only if desired



**Anaconda Trump Softballs
Available for \$42 per dozen**

Important ASA Code Change For 2012

In seasons past, once a player had signed a roster and played in a championship qualifier, that player was no longer eligible to participate in championship play with a different team, for the remainder of the season. Beginning this year, with specific guidelines, a player will be allowed to change teams, (see article below for explanation).

Article 106 P 03 **Player Release is for a player that has participated on a team in championship play. They may be released from a team after participating in Championship Play, but it shall be prior to the State/Metro Association roster change deadline and shall have written approval from the Coach and Player / Parent Guardian (if under age 18). For Junior Olympic Players, if the Manager/Coach and Parent/Guardian are one and the same, there needs to be an additional Manager/Coach signature. For Adult Players, if the Manager/Coach and Player are one and the same, there needs to be an additional Manager/Coach signature. The Player Release Form must be approved via signature by the State/Metro Commissioner or his/her designee.**

The Player Release Form must be signed by the Player or Parent/Guardian (if under age 18), the Coach/Manager, and the Local Association Commissioner or designee to legal. This form also needs to accompany both the roster that the player was released from as well as any new roster that the player will be going on.

1. A player can be released from a Qualified or NON Qualified team.
2. A released player can only be added to a NON Qualified team's roster.
3. A released player can be added via the pickup player form to a Qualified team for the National Championship Finals. (Article 503 of the ASA Code)
4. Although there are no written restrictions how many times this form may be used, per the Code, it is up to the Commissioner to approve/deny each release.

This item was created in order for there to be a legal way for a player to be released when there is a bad fit - player and team. It should NOT be something that is used very many times during the season.

ASA Rule and Code changes may be reviewed at
www.chattanoogaasa.com/rules.html

2012 ASA/USA "A"

National Championship Locations

- 10U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – [Bloomington, IN](#)
- 12U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – [Moline, IL](#)
- 14U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – [Sioux Falls, SD](#)
- 16U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – [Montgomery, AL](#)
- 18U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – [Johnson City, TN](#)
- 18U Gold Nationals – [Oklahoma City, OK](#)

2013 ASA/USA "A"

National Championship Sites

- 10U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – Bowl. Green, KY
- 12U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – Chattanooga, TN
- 14U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – Normal, IL
- 16U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – Sunnyvale, CA
- 18U ASA/USA "A" Nationals – Salem, VA
- 18U Gold Nationals – Clearwater, FL

Chattanooga ASA has been selected to host the:
2013 12U ASA/USA Girls Fastpitch National Championship,
2000 – 2001 age group teams should plan to attend this elite event!

2012 Chattanooga ASA Tournament Dates:

ASA 6 Game March Friendly	March 16-18, 2011	Warner Park	\$235 - 8U FREE
ASA Season Opener Free Rec and B Tourney	March 23 th – 24 th	Warner Park	FREE
April Fool's Tournament	March 30 th – April 1 st	Warner Park	\$235 - 8U FREE
ASA April Classic	April 13 th – 15 th	Warner Park	\$235 - 8U FREE
ASA Diamond Classic - 10U & 12U Qualifier (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	April 27 th – 29 th	Warner Park	\$235 - 8U FREE
ASA Play for the Cure (benefiting the Susan G. Komen Foundation)	May 4 th – 6 th	Warner Park	\$250 - 8U \$50
ASA Mother's Day Invitational-10U & 12U Qualifier (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	May 11 th – 13 th	Summit of Softball	\$235 10U – 12U
ASA Mother's Day "B" Teams Invitational 8U – 18U Free Tournament for "B" Teams	May 11 th – 13 th	Summit of Softball	8U-18U "B" –FREE
ASA Memorial Qualifier (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	June 1 st – 3 rd	Warner Park	TBA
ASA June Qualifier – 14U-18U (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	June 8 th – 10 th	Athens Regional - Athens, TN	\$300
ASA June Qualifier – 18" A" HOF Qualifier (2 HOF Berths Awarded)	June 8 th – 10 th	Athens Regional - Athens, TN	\$300
ASA Scenic City 16's Showcase	June 14 th -17 th	Warner Park	TBA
ASA Eastern Elite Showcase	July 5 th – 8 th	Warner Park	\$450
ASA 18A & 18Gold Region 4 Qualifier (2 Berths Awarded)	July 6 th – 8 th	Warner Park	\$350
ASA State Tournament (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	July 13 th -15 th	Warner Park	\$275
ASA 14U – 18U Qualifier (1 Berth Awarded) – TN Teams Only	July 20 th -22 nd	Warner Park	\$300
ASA / USA Heartland Series College Showcase	October 19 th	Warner Park	\$450
ASA Fall Brawl	October 19 th	Summit of Softball	\$250

For more information and on line registration, visit
www.chattanoogaasa.com

Other Qualifying Tournaments:

Drakes Creek Classic 10U – 14U	May 25 th – 27 th	Hendersonville, TN	Dave LeMarbre dlemarbre@hvilletn.org
ASA South Atlantic 18U (1 Berth Awarded) – National Qualifier	June 8 th – 10 th	Tiger River Complex Spartanburg, NC	David Harris scasaharris@gmail.com
ASA South Atlantic 10U-12U (1 Berth Awarded) – National Qualifier	June 15 th – 17 th	Bishop/Lost Mtn Marietta, GA	TBA
ASA South Atlantic 16U (1 Berth Awarded) – National Qualifier	June 15 th – 17 th	Hendersonville, TN	Dave LeMarbre dlemarbre@hvilletn.org
Drakes Creek Classic 16U – 18U (TN teams only)	June 22 nd – 24 th	Hendersonville, TN	Dave LeMarbre dlemarbre@hvilletn.org
ASA South Atlantic 10U-12U (2 Berths Awarded) – Regional Qualifier	June 22 nd – 24 th	Tiger River Complex Spartanburg, SC	David Harris scasaharris@gmail.com

18 Gold Qualifying Tournaments:

Southern Territory GOLD Qualifier (6 Berths Awarded)	June 8th -10 th	West Palm Beach, FL	Carlton Benton 863-604-1836
Southern Territory GOLD Qualifier (6 Berths Awarded)	June 15th - 17th	Dallas, TX	Dave Devine dave@dallasasa.com 214-281.8557
South Atlantic Regional GOLD Qualifier (2 Berths Awarded)	July 6 th – 8 th	Warner Park Chattanooga, TN	Kim Swafford www.chattanoogaasa.com



**ASA Heartland College
 Showcase Series
 October 19th – 21st
 Warner Park**

www.asaheartlandseries.org

ASA INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM:

www.RegisterASA.com

What is individual registration?

Individual registration is a way for ASA/USA Softball to provide accident and liability insurance for all participants in the Junior Olympic program. This is accomplished by registering individually each participant in the program including coaches, managers and score keepers.

Do we have to do the individual registration?

Yes, ASA requires all travel teams to complete the individual registration if they plan to compete in ASA Championship Play. However, if you do not have access to a computer or are afraid to sit in front of one, I will do the individual registration for you if you will send in the information required. Please contact me and I will forward a form that can be filled out by hand.

The biggest positive for individual registration program is the convenience of the cards and the fact that since the insurance is for each individual, it goes with the player and not with the team.

Another advantage is the registration does not have to be redone every year except to the extent that players change.

How hard is it to do the individual registration process?

It is a painless process that merely requires internet access and a digital camera. The Register ASA website now contains an easy to follow instruction page. Just click on Player I.D. Cards and Info About Player I.D. Cards and follow the instructions. The cost is \$17 per player and this includes insurance.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION with ASA

As always, recreational leagues will continue to be able to register with ASA at a cost of \$15.00 per team in exchange for which the league will receive sanction cards, scorebooks and ASA Rulebooks. After league sign ups are complete and teams are drawn, please contact me regarding the ASA paperwork and getting ASA rulebooks.

Congratulations to all of the players from TN, GA, and AL who have either verbally committed or have signed college softball scholarships in 2011- 2012.

ASA District 10 Website
www.chattanoogaasa.com
Tennessee ASA Website
www.tennesseeasa.clubspaces.com
ASA Website
www.asasoftball.com
Register ASA Website
www.registerasa.com

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

If you know of any other coaches that would like to receive ASA updates, please forward their email address to me.

All the Best for 2012,
Kim Swafford
TN ASA District 10 Commissioner