

TENNESSEE ASA SOFTBALL DISTRICT 10

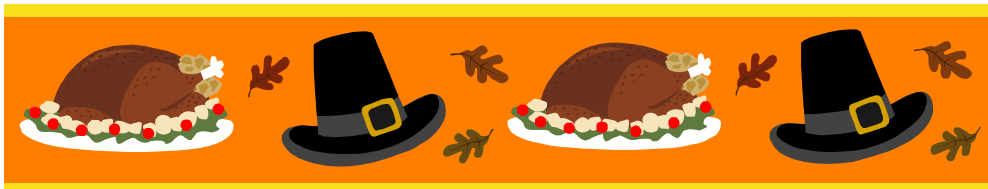


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THE INSIDE PITCH

ASA District 10 **November** Newsletter
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THANKS TO THE 40 PLUS TEAMS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE
ASA FALL BRAWL AND THE ASA HALLOWEEN HAVOC!!!!



Coaches:

On November 11, 2010, the ASA National Council will consider proposed ASA playing rule changes and proposed ASA Code Changes for 2011. Below is a list of the proposed rule and code changes that may be significant to our J.O. Program here in Tennessee:

Significant Proposals for ASA Rule and Code Changes

- 1) Proposal to change the pitching distance in both 14A and 14B to 43 feet – there is also a second proposal to change the pitching distance to 43 feet in 14A only – my source on the ASA Council tells me he does not think this will pass.
- 2) Proposal to allow two extra players in the lineup – this proposal does not suggest removing the DP/Flex option.
- 3) Proposal to rotate the ASA 18 Gold Nationals to OK City every other year.
- 4) Proposal to increase the 18 Gold Nationals to a field of 68 teams by adding a berth for the winner of each Territorial Gold Tournament.
- 5) Proposal to allow the ASA National office to award a berth in each age group at an Eastern National Qualifier (to be held at Disney World) and a Western National Qualifier.
- 6) Proposal to disallow previously qualified teams from participating in a National Qualifier.
- 7) Proposal to mandate that 18 Gold Nationals be played and completed on the weekend that includes the last Saturday in July.
- 8) Proposal to add 9U, 11U, 13U, 15U and 17U divisions of championship play in Territory Tournaments for 2011.
- 9) Proposal to recognize 8U coach pitch as a division of championship play in 2012.
- 10) Proposal to allow pick up players to come from within an entire state and not just from within the local association (would allow TN teams to pick up Memphis players and vice versa)
- 11) Proposal to eliminate college players from all J.O. divisions of play.
- 12) Proposal to change the registration period for J.O. softball to September 1st through August 31st.

The December Newsletter will report on any actual rule or code changes that occur for 2011 and the dates and locations of the 2012 ASA National Championships.

Congratulations to all the juniors and seniors from Tennessee who have verbally committed or have signed college softball scholarships this Fall.

TENTATIVE ASA TOURNAMENT DATES FOR 2011 IN CHATTANOOGA, TN:

ASA Early Bird 6 Game Friendly	March 12-13, 2011	Chattanooga	\$235 8U FREE
ASA Queen of Diamonds	March 18th-20th	Chattanooga	\$250 8U FREE
ASA March Madness "B" Tourney	March 26 th -28 th	TBA	\$150 8U FREE
ASA April Fool's Classic	April 1st - 3rd	TBA	\$200 8U FREE
ASA Spring Swing	April 15th-17th	Chattanooga	\$200 8U FREE
ASA Diamond Classic	April 29th-30th	TBA	\$200 8U FREE
ASA Mother's Day 10U/12U Qualifier	May 6th-7th	TBA	\$235 8U FREE
ASA Play for the Cure	May 13th-15th	Chattanooga	\$235 8U \$50
ASA May Classic/12U HOF Qualifier	May 21st- 22nd	TBA	\$235 8U FREE
ASA Memorial National Qualifier	June 3rd - 5th	Chattanooga	TBA
ASA June Qualifier for 14/16/18	TBA	TBA	\$300
ASA Scenic City 16's	June 16th-19th	Chattanooga	TBA
ASA State Tournament	July 8th-10th	Chattanooga	\$200
ASA 16U ASA/USA Nationals	July 31st - August 7th	Chattanooga	\$400
ASA Middle School Tournament	Sept. 9th-10th	Chattanooga	\$100
ASA Fall Brawl	October 21st-23rd	Chattanooga	\$235 8U FREE
ASA Halloween Havoc	October 28th-30th	Chattanooga	\$200 8U FREE

SAVING SECOND BASE – a softball blog/rant

Things I Am Thankful For (both in and out of softball)...

I know it is clique to write a blog at this time of year about “the things I am most thankful for” but my provincial life is so clique anyway, I just can’t resist, so here goes:

I am thankful for my parents, Joe and Dee, who instilled in me a love of all things sport, especially baseball and softball; being a

Cub fan has never been easy but it keeps you optimistic about next year.....

I am thankful my Dad often asked me to “have a game of catch” with him and I am thankful he had the foresight to throw it hard and to sometimes throw me a curveball.....

I am thankful my parents organized neighborhood softball games on Sunday afternoons and kids, parents and grandparents participated.....

I am thankful my Mom taught me the value of being a team player, seeing something through to the end, the importance of giving back to your community and pearls of wisdom like “belief without acts is the worst sort of hypocrisy.....”

I am thankful my parents taught me to play things like ping pong, shuffleboard, golf, horseshoes, poker and canasta; at least I will have something to play when I retire.....

I am thankful for overly attentive grandparents, Tommy and Corble, who attended every game and sported the colors of whatever team sport I happened to be participating.....

I am thankful my Grandmother taught me how to do “The Charleston” and gave me words to live by like “being cheap always ends up costing you more later.....”

I am thankful my Grandfather taught me to fly the American flag on holidays and stoically advised me “if you love a man enough to marry him, you love him enough to take his name.....”

I am thankful for my husband of 25 years who is an unapologetic neat freak, obsessed about “getting in a workout” and leaves epic voicemails the length of an Oliver Stone movie.....

I am thankful that despite the fact that both my daughters are teenagers, they sometimes still choose to hang out with me....

I am thankful for my family’s tolerance of my involvement with softball and the outlet it provides me.....

I am thankful for those who coach the game of softball and those who also teach life lessons from the game of softball and even more thankful for those who do both.....

I am thankful for softball coaches who realize that female softball players are like the American Electorate, logic may convince but only emotion can motivate.....

I am thankful for those who manage softball teams, make hotel reservations, pay tournament fees and wash uniforms; most of the time it is a team Mom's job but some have a team Dad.....

I am thankful for those who work behind the scenes to help those with a need get to college; hopefully these kids will not only hit the books, they will also learn not to judge a book by its cover....

I am thankful the City of Chattanooga had the foresight to see the benefit of great softball complexes and German automobiles.....

I am thankful the City of Hendersonville had caring volunteers who helped rehabilitate the Drake's Creek complex after the devastating flood last spring.....

I am thankful for umpires like Ed Rowe and Charles Lawson who genuinely love the game of fast pitch softball....

I am thankful for parents who sacrifice their weekends and considerable amounts of money and allow their daughters to play the game of softball.....

I am thankful for the 3500 walkers I will join on November 19th to walk 60 miles in three days to help raise 12 million dollars for the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.....

I am thankful the ASA Council members chose Chattanooga to host the 2011 ASA 16U Nationals and will be even more thankful if Chattanooga has dry weather and no rain between August 1st and August 7th, 2011!!!!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and all the best in 2011!

ASA District 10 Website and Tennessee ASA Website and 2010 Registration:

The ASA District 10 website is located at www.chattanoogaasa.com and the Tennessee ASA website is now located at www.tennesseeasa.clubspaces.com.

**ASA 2011 NATIONAL SITES FOR ALL
A AGE GROUPS:**

**10U ASA/USA “A” NATIONALS –
Johnson City, TN**

**12U ASA/USA “A” Nationals –
Auburn, AL**

**14U ASA/USA “A” Nationals –
Midland, TX**

**16U ASA/USA “A” Nationals –
Chattanooga, TN**

**18U ASA/USA “A” Nationals –
Normal, IL**

18U Gold Nationals – Irvine, CA

**ASA INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM:
Changes and improvements are being made to
Register ASA and I will report those changes as they
are made available.**

Do online ASA individual registration for your team by going to www.registerasa.com.

Frequently asked questions regarding individual registration:

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. There 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 \$16.00 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.

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,

**Kim Swafford
TN ASA District 10 Commissioner**