

**39th ANNUAL WESTERVILLE WARCATS
FASTPITCH INVITATIONAL
WESTERVILLE, OHIO
June 16-18, 2017**

**SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT
4 GAMES GUARANTEED**

Age Divisions:

10U (all players must be 10 or younger as of January 1, 2017) – 16 teams

12U (all players must be 12 or younger as of January 1, 2017) – 16 teams

14U (all players must be 14 or younger as of January 1, 2017) – 16 teams

16U (all players must be 16 or younger as of January 1, 2017) – 16 teams

18U (all players must be 18 or younger as of January 1, 2017) - 16 teams

Once a division is closed, additional teams in that division will be placed on a standby list. In the event that not all teams are fully paid by the deadline date of May 1, 2017, standby teams will be given 1st priority in order in which registration and checks are received.

Format: The Invitational has a 4-game guarantee, WEATHER PERMITTING, and will consist of 3 games of pool play followed by a single-elimination format. Teams will be seeded in brackets based on their finish in pool play. *Please Note: the tournament format may be altered as needed in the case of inclement weather.*

Check in:

A team representative is to check-in their team, at the designated check-in area, prior to the start of their 1st pool game. At check-in, each team must provide the following:

- ASA Sanction Number, ASA Roster which will remain at check in table, and proof of ACE Certification
- A cell-phone number that the head coach can be reached at **ALL** times during the tournament.
- Birth certificate copies for all players must be on file with each team's head coach throughout the tournament, and must be made available for review if requested.

Rules: This tournament is ASA sanctioned and all play will be governed by ASA fastpitch softball rules unless modified by the tournament management. All teams must be ASA sanctioned in order to participate.

Umpires: All umpires are ASA certified.

Game Length: Both pool play and bracket games will be seven innings except for the following: A team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs

after 5 innings or the time limit has expired. No new inning will begin after **one hour and fifteen minutes.** THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMIT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME BUT RUN RULES WILL APPLY.

Teams will be seeded for bracket play based on the following point system: 2 points per win, 1 point per tie, no points per loss. Pool play ties will be broken in the following order runs allowed, run differential, coin toss. Run differentials will not exceed more than 10 runs in any one game.

International Tie Breaker (ITB): The ITB will not be in force for pool games. However, ITB WILL BE in force for all bracket games.

Field Rules: Umpires will explain the ground rules for each field to the coach 15 minutes prior to the start of each game. Home teams will be decided by a coin toss in all games. Home teams will provide the Official Score Book. **The winning coach must report final scores to tournament officials immediately at the end of each game. Please note that a team can bat EP's only during pool play.**

Awards: Team and individual awards will be presented to the first and second place teams in each age division.

Equipment: Game balls will be provided by the tournament. All other equipment must be furnished by the teams and ASA approved for 2017 play.

Admission: There are no admission charges or parking fees at this tournament.

Protests: Protests will be considered, but must be made immediately to the umpires who in turn will notify the site director. Each protest must be accompanied by a \$100 fee. This fee is refundable only if the protest is upheld. No protests will be considered after a game is completed per ASA rules.

Rain Delays: Should rain delay a game, the game will be resumed where stopped at a time determined by tournament officials. The only exception will be that any game called prior to the end of the first inning will be restarted. **AN AUTOMATED WEATHER LINE WILL BE USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE HEAD COACH. YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE VERIFIED AT CHECK IN.**

Rain Policy and Refunds: Should the fields be unplayable or become unplayable, we will make every attempt to complete the tournament by modifying the format. Options include dropping pool games, shortening game lengths, etc. to play as much of the tournament as possible. Cancellation of the tournament will be a last resort. Partial refunds may be considered after tournament expenses have been configured.

Once elimination games are started in an age division, no refunds will be issued. If elimination games are started, but not completed in a division, the final standings for the age division will be based on overall record to that point during the tournament. In the case of a tie, the same tiebreaker criteria used for seeding will be used to determine final standings for the tournament.

Game Times: All Pool and Bracket Games Are 75 Minutes or 7 Innings. Championship Game is 7 Innings, no Time Limit.

Cost: The entry fee is \$450.00 per team. All checks should be made payable to: Westerville Warcats Invitational

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Good sportsmanship is a requirement of each coach, player and spectator participating in the tournament. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any nature, including, but not limited to the use of profanity, throwing or kicking of equipment, etc. will not be tolerated.

Unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to dismissal from the game and/or the tournament.

During each game, the umpires will be the final say in regards to sportsmanship and have the right to eject any player, coach, or spectator from the game that they deem acted in an unacceptable manner in regards to sportsmanship.

To Register: Please complete the Registration Form, including your ASA sanction number, proof of insurance, and registration fee to: **Westerville Warcats Invitational, c/o Brad Kalista, 1386 Sugarberry Court, Westerville, OH 43081**

For questions and/or concerns during the tournament, you may contact one of the following individuals:

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