



**Thunderbirds May Madness
ASA Eastern National Qualifier 14U – A
May 30th & 31st**



Welcome to the Thunderbirds May Madness, ASA Eastern National Qualifier. We appreciate your support of the Thunderbirds and ASA softball. Please review the following tournament information and rules.

Host: Harleysville Thunderbirds 14U

Date: May 30th and 31st 2009

Eligibility: ASA registered teams

Location: Alderfer Park
416 Oak Drive
Harleysville, PA 19438

Tournament Director: Brian Weisel

Contact #: 215-272-4488

Format: Four Game Guarantee, Double Elimination. Teams will be seeded after bracket play on Saturday.

Concessions: Full service concession stand will be open daily until end of last game.

Check In: Teams must check in at the concession stand prior to their first game. Please have proof of insurance, ASA roster, and proof of age for all players.

Weather: Tournament director has the right to make changes to the schedule and rules as required due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Behavior: Managers are responsible for the behavior of their coaches, players, parents and fans. Inappropriate language or unruly behavior will not be tolerated. Teams responsible for this type of behavior are subject to forfeit and if necessary dismissal from the tournament at the umpire and tournament directors discretion.

Park Rules: Alderfer Park is a public park and park rules must be observed at all times. Failure to observe these rules will result in dismissal from the park.



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Game Rules

1. ASA rules apply with the following exceptions.
2. Forfeit time is game time. Please have your team on the field ready to play by game time. Exceptions will be made during the elimination rounds for teams playing back to back games and moving from field to field.
3. Coin Toss will be used to determine home team in bracket games. Higher seed (as determined after bracket play) will be home team in elimination games.
4. All bracket games will be 7 innings with a 1-1/2 hour time limit, finish the inning. The ITB will be used if tied after 7 innings and if time permits. Games can end in a tie.
5. Elimination games will be 7 innings with a 1 hour 30 minute time limit, finish the inning. The ITB will be used if tied after 7 innings or after time has expired to determine a winner. There are no ties in elimination play.
6. Championship game(s) will be 7 innings, no time limit. The ITB will be used if the game is tied after 7 innings.
7. Courtesy runner can be used for pitcher and catcher at any time. Runner must be a player that has not been in the game. Follow ASA rules regarding eligibility of players.
8. Only players and coaches are permitted in the dugout area during the games.
9. Only the head coach may request an appeal on a play or discuss a call with the umpire(s). No other coach, player, or team affiliate is to approach an umpire with regards to a call.
10. All game scores must be reported to the concession stand immediately after each game. Both teams are responsible for reporting the score.
11. All teams are responsible for cleaning up and clearing the dugout area as quickly as possible at the conclusion of the game.
12. Seeding for elimination play will be as follows:
 - a. Win-loss record
 - b. Least runs allowed
 - c. Most runs scored
 - d. Coin flip



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Fields

We will use four fields all located at Alderfer Park. Please review the map below for field locations. On Saturday, please use the open space surrounding the fields for warm ups in between games. Sunday, Fields 3 and 4 may be used after 1 PM.



Parking

DO NOT park on or along the driveway into the park, or in the grass surrounding the parking lot. Overflow parking is located at Oak Ridge Elementary School located at 465 Moyer Rd. To get to Oak Ridge, turn right out of the park, and follow to the first intersection, Moyer Rd. Turn right on Moyer and follow to the elementary school on the right. Follow the walking path behind the school which will take you through the woods to field number 2.