

ASA Fastpitch Softball
2016 Summer Sizzler 12u Fastpitch Tournament
Wilkes-Barre, PA
7/16/2016 – 7/17/2016
Makeup Dates – 7/23/2016 – 7/24/2016

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The tournament will be played at the following site:
Wilkes-Barre Girls Softball League 250 Willow Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18702
Directions to Wilkes-Barre Girls Softball League are located at:
on the last page of this document.

2. Tournament Director, Bryan McDermott Cell phone number: 570.763.9321

3. In the event of inclement weather, call Bryan McDermott at 570.763.9321
Please only have one designated member of the team make the call in order to not to tie up the phone line. We may also use email or text messaging as a way to communicate any schedule changes, so please check your email daily and up to the evening before the tournament. Beyond these means, if a team is still unclear as to their game situation, the manager only may also call the tournament director listed above.
Please note: As a general rule we do not individually contact each team in the event of adverse weather conditions. Rather, it is the team's responsibility to check the lines of communication listed above.

4. We need each team to provide us with whatever phone numbers they can be reached at during (and immediately preceding) the tournament (eg, cell, pager, hotel) if they are different than those used when registering your team by sending them via email to: dbryanmcdermott@gmail.com as soon as possible.
Also, once you're at the tournament please provide the tournament director with the same information. These numbers will only be used if we specifically need to contact your team on a non-weather related matter.

5. Check your email the day leading up to the tournament (including the night before) in the event that important information needs to be passed on (eg, schedule changes, weather conflicts, etc.). Phone and/or Email are two ways we will attempt to notify managers if a large number of teams have to be contacted in a short period of time. Make sure the email address that you provided to the tournament director when you entered your team is still valid and working.

6. Teams will find that the park we have chosen for this tournament is in excellent condition and is kept very clean and manicured. To cooperate with this effort we have been requested by Field Owners to assist in maintaining a clean environment throughout the tournament. Accordingly, we ask that each team do their part to make sure their dugout is

free of all debris as they leave the playing area and that the areas where teams rest between games are properly maintained.

No grilling allowed within the Wilkes-Barre Girls Softball League Complex. A concession stand is on-site and will be fully stocked and opened. Additionally, restroom (men's & women's) on-site. In addition to this, there are no pets allowed (except approved service animals) will be on the WBGSL grounds at any time.

7. Teams should report in to the tournament director 1 hour before the start of their first game, letting the director know that they have arrived and to receive any last minute instructions. Please provide roster, proof of insurance. And proof of ASA registration. **Check-in at concession stand area.**
8. Forfeit time is game time; however, the director's discretion may be used if unique circumstances warrant otherwise.
9. Teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a game, or 1 hour ahead of schedule if we were to have bad weather. Otherwise, a forfeit may be declared.
10. During Seeding (Saturday), the winner of a coin toss prior to the start of a game will have choice of being home or visitors. In championship play, the higher seeded team will have the choice. If both teams are equally seeded in championship play then a coin toss will be used.
11. **All games (except the championship game) will be subject to a time limit of 1 hr 30 minutes.** No new inning may begin after the time limit has elapsed. The clock begins immediately from the time that the pre-game conference ends. It is the home plate umpire's responsibility to record the start time and to announce it to both teams. Failure of the umpire to make such announcement, however, does not change the game's official start time. Also, if the time limit is up and the home team is leading and at bat, then the game ends at that point (ex, the final inning is not completed in this case – this is not the same as the drop dead rule).
12. All games will be subject to a Tiebreaker (International Rule) Rule.
In pool play, the tiebreaker will be in effect only after 6 innings have been completed and if the time limit hasn't elapsed. In pool play, only one tiebreaker inning will be held. Once the time limit has elapsed and the game is tied, then the game is considered final and a tie will be awarded to both teams. In championship play, the tiebreaker will be in effect when 6 innings have been completed or the time limit has expired, whichever comes first. Games in Championship Play cannot end in a tie – the game must be played to completion. The Championship Game will not have a time limit.
13. All games will be subject to the Run Ahead Rule. We will be using normal ASA rule,
**15 run rule after 3 innings,
12 run rule after 4 innings, and
8 run rule after 5 innings.**
Losing team must bat in the inning in which the rule is invoked.

14. Protests on any issue other than an umpire's judgment will require a \$100 cash fee. Protests on an umpire's judgment will not be allowed and no fee will be accepted. Protests on rule or procedural interpretations during a game must be made before the next pitch and will be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. Protests on rule/procedures that occur at the end of the game must be made before the next game begins on that field. Protests on player eligibility must be made before either team starts their next game and will be decided upon before either team continues play. The protest committee will be made up of any part of the following: tournament director, site director, tournament UIC, site UIC or any of their designees. If the protest is upheld the \$100 will be refunded. If the protest is denied the fee will be forfeited.
15. If an illegal player participates at any time during the event, the player and team manager will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament and all games in which that player participated will be forfeited. Participation is defined as either actively playing in the game or appearing anywhere on the official lineup that's presented prior to the start of a game. Examples of illegal players include, but are not limited to, playing on two teams in the same event, not being listed on the team roster that was presented prior to the tournament, violating the age requirement, playing under an assumed identity, use of a fraudulent birth certificate, not presenting a birth certificate when requested to do so, etc.
16. The winner of a game must report the game score to the tournament director immediately after the game. For tie games, the home team must report the score. Once pool play is completed, the order of finish will be determined as follows:
 - 1) Record
 - 2) Tied Teams (vs. each other) Head-to-Head record
 - 5) Points Allowed (Lower allowed runs will be higher seed)
 - 6) Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
 - 7) Coin Toss
17. It is the manager's responsibility to find out if, when and where their team is playing in Championship play. That information will be posted at the Scorer's table at site immediately at the conclusion of pool play. Team managers will not be called. If you need to have a phone call please let the site director know that a call is requested and what number can be used to contact you.
18. If inclement weather or other conditions impede the normal progress of the tournament, the director reserves the right to change the tournament format in order to achieve the maximum number of games played or to declare an order of finish. If the tournament is unable to finish, the order of finish may be determined by pool-play results or other format depending at the point the tournament can not continue to completion. No refunds will be issued.
19. Jewelry will not be allowed. After one warning is issued in the game (most likely done at the pre-game conference), any player that's discovered by an umpire to be wearing jewelry will be ejected immediately. Jewelry items to identify medical alerts are exempt.
20. All Bats used in the tournament must be listed on the ASA approved bat list.

Local Rules overriding the National Rules

- Mercy Rule:
 - 15 after 3 innings
 - 12 after 4 innings
 - 8 after 5 innings
- 1 hour and 30 minute time limit on all games except Championship game.
- **Can use the DP/Flex or up to 2 EP's (extra players) but not both.**
- **Saturday (Pool Play Games) you can have free substitutions, but as many as you like – basically loose ASA Rules. Sunday (Seeded play) will be strict ASA Rules. Bat 9 – No Free Substitutions.**
- **Sunday's (Seeded Games) will have a 1 hour 45 minute Time Limit – Finish The inning and MUST have a Winner.**

Directions for Wilkes-Barre Girls Softball League Complex:

If you're coming from the highway, 81 take exit 165 – the PA309/309 Business Exit. From Southbound exit, continue straight through light onto Blackman Street. From Northbound Exit, take exit to business route 309, to first light – Blackman Street. Turn left onto Blackman Street.

Follow Blackman Street – it will turn into Horton Street in approximately 2.5 miles. Continue in same direction on Horton Street until you come to a “T” which is Carey Ave. Turn left at that light, then your first right, first left, next right onto Willow. All the way down, the complex and fields will be on your left if you are facing the dike of the Susquehanna River.

On the GPS, 250 Willow Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 will take you to the field.