



## 2011 Information and Tournament Rules

**Tournament Game Ball** Each team will be provided 1 new game ball before the start of each game. Additional game balls will be provided. Ball chasers will be provided but we ask for additional help in returning game balls to the officials at each field. The tournament balls will be provided by WORTH per NCAA rules and specifications.

**Contact Information** Please coordinate any and all practice or competition questions thru Deb Hartwig, [deb@just-softball.com](mailto:deb@just-softball.com) (310) 466-0324 cell. Questions or concerns in regards to administrative issues prior to the tournament should be directed to Heather Smith, Director of Softball Operations. [Heather.smith@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Heather.smith@oregonstate.edu) (541) 230-0626

**Tournament Entry Fee/Ticket Guarantee** There is a \$1500 ENTRY FEE for the tournament. Each University will receive 25 Adult tournament passes in January. These passes are valued at \$50 but can be used as each program sees fit. They may be sold to parents or fans or used for player comp tickets. For teams that wish to use the tickets as player comp tickets for parents, you should following the directions below under Player Gate Pass List and contact our ticket office personnel to coordinate.

**Games Committee** The games committee will consist of tournament director, Deb Hartwig, and the umpire-in-chief.

**Home Team and Dug out designation** Home team designation will be pre-determined. The team listed in bold and underlined on the schedule will be the home team and occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dug out.

**Hospitality areas** There will be hospitality provided as follows:

**Volunteer and worker hospitality** will be provided at the back entrance to the facility

**Umpires Hospitality** will be provided in the umpire's area

**Team Hospitality**, There will be a hospitality table set up each day during peak playing times at the back gate. There will be bottled water, sports drinks, fruit, and snacks available for the players/coaches to help themselves to.

**Items allowed into the facility** Teams will be allowed to bring in their own team water jugs and may bring in fruit, supplement bars and bottled water. Water jugs with sport drink may also be brought in. Each dugout will have water and Gatorade supplied by the tournament. **OUTSIDE FOOD ITEMS, CAN SODAS, BOTTLED SODAS, BOTTLED SPORT DRINKS, ETC...** are not allowed in the facility.

**Inclement Weather** In the event of rain or bad weather schedule revisions may occur. Every attempt to complete the full schedule of games will be made. The games committee will handle any revisions with the input from the facility coordinator.

**Line up Cards** One lineup card for the scorekeeper is due to the scores table 30 minutes prior to game time. Line-ups are not official until the line up card is presented to the official at the pre game meeting.

**Media** There will be a working media area for SID personnel and media. Melody Stockwell from Oregon State will be coordinating all stats and media requests.

**Official Scorekeepers** Sports Information Directors will serve as official scores on each field. If both teams have SID's then the home team SID will be the official. If neither team has an SID, then an official scorer will be provided.

**Participant Pass List** Your official party pass list needs to be completed and returned prior to the tournament. Please email that to [heather.smith@oregonstate.edu](mailto:heather.smith@oregonstate.edu). No credentials will be provided to participants. All official party members need to be listed by name and position. Participant's entrance at the back of the facility will be for teams entering to play their game. **Photo ID will be required for anyone not in uniform. Players and Coaches returning to watch other games must have photo ID to enter the facility at that main gate entrance area.**

**Player Gate Pass Lists** Pass list/Parent's lists will be handled at the main entrance and administered per NCAA rules. 25 tournament passes will be provided to each team. If these tickets are to be used as Player Pass Lists, then the tickets will need to be returned to the OSU ticket staff prior to your first game. Parents and fans will not be permitted entrance if tickets have not been returned to the OSU ticket staff. For teams that wish to pay for additional tickets for the Player Pass list, please fill out the Pass List forms completely and provide them to the OSU ticket staff prior to your first game. Your ticket manager will be billed for only those admissions, which are used each day. Teams **do not** need to provide personnel to administer these lists. All Player Pass list entrants will be admitted thru a gate list and not given a hard ticket. Please make sure to fill out the form correctly and completely for each day. If you have questions about using a player Pass list, please contact the OSU ticket office prior to **FEB 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the OSU ticket office 1-800-462-3287 or call Pam Sugden (541) 737-7394, or Linda Windom (541) 737-7393 if you have questions.

**Video Taping:** Video Taping behind home plate is prohibited by all participating Universities and Fans. However, you may videotape along the outfield fence as long as it does not interfere with the warm-up area.

**Pre Game Infield** No pre game infield will be allowed but groundballs and fly balls will be allowed behind the base path on each side of the field. Both teams will share the field for warm up so please use standard courtesy and safety procedures. **Warm up may not begin until field crews have completed their game prep on the field.**

**Protests** Protests will be handled in accordance to the 2010-2011 NCAA Softball Rules Book and coordinated by the games committee. Please use NCAA Protest form from the 2010-2011 NCAA rulebook. If you need extra forms you may contact UIC during the event.

**Rules**

- International Tie-Breaker will be used beginning in the eighth inning
- An 8-run rule will be in effect throughout the tournament after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning
- 2010-11 NCAA rules will be used, unless specified in this document
- Fences will be set at 190 down the lines and 220 in centerfield
- Teams will be asked to keep warm up **between innings to 1 minute** to keep games on schedule. **After the first inning pitchers will be encouraged to warm up within the one-minute time or 3 warm up pitches.** We are asking officials to help with this, but there is no penalty or rule violation associated if your pitcher chooses to use all 5 warm ups.

**Showers** There are no shower facilities available on site. Each team is responsible for making any necessary arrangements with their hotels.

**Team Parking / Bus Drop Off** There will be a drop off area for buses and vans at the participant's entrance adjacent to Cathedral City H.S. Bus Parking will be limited to parking areas on the street and we will be using a bus holding area on the other side of the high school.

**Tee Shirts** Every participant will be provided a tournament tee shirt, compliments of **STERLING ATHLETICS**. Each university will be provided with 25 tee shirts to be distributed as they see fit. These tee shirts will not be customized and will be the same for all participants.

<b><u>Tickets Prices</u></b>	Adult	Sr Citizen	Youth & HS Student (3yrs to 18) ID Req.
Tournament Pass (on site)	\$50		
Purchased on line	\$40		
Thursday	\$15	\$5	\$1
Friday and Saturday	\$25	\$10	\$5
Sunday	\$10	\$5	\$1

Tournament Passes may be purchased in advance at 1 (800) Go-Beavs. Or you may have your fans and parents purchase their tournament passes through your own ticket office to help off set your tournament entry fee.

**Training room** There will be a training area for teams to utilize under the tented hockey rink. Please note location on Big League Dreams map. Tables and modalities will be available on a first come, first serve availability. Ice will be available and provided as requested by school trainers. Each dug out will be supplied with water and Gatorade sport drink. Heather Elkinton is the OSU trainer in charge and can be contacted prior to the event if needed. (541) 737-3212 [heather.elkinton@oregonstate.edu](mailto:heather.elkinton@oregonstate.edu)

**Umpires** There will be 3 officials on every game. All Officials are NCAA certified. The officials are assigned thru the Pac 10 assigner, Joanne Venditto. Jim Sanderson is the UIC. Please feel free to contact them if there are questions or concerns. Both will be around during the weekend and often can be found in the Umpires Tent, located under the tented hockey rink.

**Warm up area/fields** there will be warm up fields available at Cathedral City H.S. adjacent to the complex as well as batting cages set up at the Big League Dreams Complex. Coordination of the Batting Cages will be handled by the tournament director upon arrival. Every attempt to keep this equitable will be made. Live BP may be taken in the outfield area at the complex only for the first games of the day. During the tournament, areas just beyond the outfield fences at each field will be limited to stretching, throwing, groundballs and flyballs. Hitting warm must occur on the open fields at Cathedral City HS or in the assigned batting cages. Any Pitching warm up or hitting of whiffle balls should be done on the dirt warning tracks and not on the grass areas. Warm up areas are first come, first serve. Please make every attempt to share a warm up field with other teams when necessary. You may contact Deb Hartwig to help coordinate batting cages and warm up area. Teams will be asked to limit their batting cage time to 30 minutes when there are high levels of need or teams are waiting.

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