

NATIONAL SOFTBALL FEDERATION ♦
MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION
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Fall '16

TO: Adult Softball League Directors and Managers

FR: NSF ♦ MSF Offices
Perry Coonce Dan Bradley

RE: State Tournament Packet/Schedule

Attached is a tournament packet for teams you have entered in NSF ♦ MSF State Tournament Play. **We would appreciate you forwarding this memo and packet to all your participating teams ASAP.**

Per previous memo the state tournament schedule will be posted on the MSF website no later than 7-10 days prior to the tournament. (www.ms1.org) (The tournament packet will also be posted there).

Managers should continue to check the tournament schedule thru 12 Noon the Friday before state tournament play commences for changes made due to forfeits and/or inadvertent errors in the schedule.

Thank you for participation in NSF ♦ MSF programs and **GOOD LUCK!**





CORPORATE PARTNERS



Dear Team Manager:

Congratulations on qualifying for the **2016 FALL MEN'S SLOW PITCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** to be held in the city of **SAUK RAPIDS** on **OCTOBER 1-2**. Enclosed please find the site map, tournament rules and other pertinent information. Please carefully review the information to avoid any misfortune which may disqualify your team from competition.

Leagues or teams receiving notice of a forfeit in State Tournaments should verify the authenticity of the forfeit with NSF ♦ MSF Offices.

All team managers must report to the tournament headquarters located at **BOB CROSS PARK** one-half hour prior to their first scheduled contest. At this time your "official tournament roster" will be checked. Teams without a properly completed roster will not be permitted to play. Teams found to have ineligible players will be immediately disqualified from competition.

Please note admission fees will be charged excluding players, two coaches and one scorekeeper.

Teams are asked to support the tournament host by purchasing their food and beverages at the concession stands. Coolers or picnic lunches may not be brought into the complex.

State Tournament Personnel include:

The Housing Coordinator is:

St. Cloud Area CVB 320-202-6728

The Host Representative is:

Dennis Kenning dennisbea1970@gmail.com 320-217-4407

The MSF Tournament Manager is:

Dennis Kenning dennisbea1970@gmail.com 320-217-4407

The Umpire-in-Chief is:

Paul Goebel norm0717@aol.com 320-333-2542

If any pre-tournament questions arise, please contact:

Perry Coonce perry@msf1.org; or

Dan Bradley dan@msf1.org 651-558-6562

As a guest of the host community, it is asked that your team conduct itself in a responsible manner during their entire stay in the host city. Your observance of any specials rules that the host has established will assure the tournament's success. As you know, without willing hosts we would have not have postseason competition for the sports enthusiasts in the state of Minnesota. With your assistance, we can all be assured that our sports program will continue to grow and benefit thousands of participants each year.

In closing, it is the MSF's desire that your team performs to the best of their ability and enjoys the opportunity to participate against teams of their own caliber.



* BULLETIN TO TEAM MANAGERS *

ADULT POST SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY



IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

Your ticket to play is to follow the below checklist:

- Check in with your NSF ♦ MSF roster properly completed with all names, signatures and blanks completed. **Important - No Roster - No Play!** Rosters of teams which competed in district play will automatically be forwarded to the state tournament site.
- Two pick up players are allowed in all divisions of play and must conform with the requirements for that specific division of play. (See current guidebook page 12 and below for specific rules and pages 90-91 for required form.

Once picked up, pick up players may be replaced but not re picked up by another team. (i.e. pickup players used for district or state play may be replaced for state or national play) Pick up players may not emanate from other teams participating in post-season play. Pickup players must come from the same softball division and same or lower class and same softball community as the team picking them up. Church teams are also allowed two pick up players and pick ups must come from another church team from the same softball community. If a masters - 35 team picks up a player they must comply with the above rules plus the masters age rule.

- Casual Profanity Rule will be enforced (see current NSF ♦ MSF softball guide book).
- Team Eligibility & I.D. Rule

All players participating in post-season tournament play must have their current state driver's license picture I.D., military picture I.D., company picture I.D., college picture I.D., drivers permit or license revocation slip in their possession (at the team bench) for each game they play in. If a rostered player is under 16 years of age and does not have a driver's license, they must bring either a student picture I.D. or birth certificate. **No other form of I.D. will be accepted.** If a player's last name is different on their license versus the roster due to a name change (i.e. marriage) they must also bring a copy of their marriage license. If a driver's license has been revoked, the player must have the state revocation/application slip. Teams will be checked at random during state tournament play. Teams found with player(s) not in possession of the required I.D. will be required to deposit a \$200.00 identification bond in order for the team to continue tournament play (teams with illegal players should immediately drop out of the tournament to mitigate harsher penalties). Teams who do not pay the \$200.00 deposit will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. In addition, **each** player(s) without required I.D. who testifies they are legal and the player listed on the scorecard/roster, may continue tournament participation by submitting a \$25.00 **non-refundable cash** (no checks) participation fee (this non-refundable **cash** fee will be divided equally between the state Junior Olympic program and Softball Hall of Fame). Players without the proper identification who do not pay the \$25.00 non-refundable fee will not be allowed to participate. In addition, the unidentified player(s) must pose for a photograph and sign a statement of identification in order for their team to continue play. Upon proof of each player(s) identification and legality, either at the site or at NSF ♦ MSF offices, the \$200.00 bond will be returned. Failure to pay the \$200.00 cash bond, pose for a picture and sign the I.D. statement will disqualify the player and team from the game, tournament and advancement to further competition. Failure to exhibit proof of identification by the Wednesday after the tournament will cause the team to forfeit the \$200.00 bond.

Please contact NSF ♦ MSF offices at least three days prior to the tournament if you have a potential problem with required I.D.'s.

TEAMS WILL BE CHECKED AT RANDOM - BE PREPARED!!

NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION ♦ MINNESOTA SPORTS FEDERATION SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ROSTER INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Teams shall hand carry their correctly completed white copy of the roster to the post-season tournament site and hand deliver it to the MSF tournament manager prior to commencing play. Important Note: White copy must match identically the regular season roster (yellow copy) which was previously submitted by the league director with the exception of:

- a. Those players who are not eligible for post-season tournament play by virtue of their participation with another team (see NSF ♦ MSF playoff rules) SHALL HAVE A SINGLE LINE DRAWN THROUGH THEIR NAME BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR/TEAM MANAGER AND THE SPACE INITIALED BY THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.

All players' names must appear on the tournament roster and be accompanied by their signature. Players who participate without previously completing the signature block shall cause their team to be eliminated from competition. League directors signature block must be completed prior to commencing play. League directors may submit the regular season roster (yellow copy) without players' signatures, but the white copy **MUST** contain all players names and addresses. Rosters which are incomplete or not legible will be rejected and the team eliminated from competition.

League directors are responsible for reviewing the roster, crossing out the extra blank spaces and signing the post-season roster (white copy). League directors are also responsible for designating and circling the "team number assigned" on the white state tournament roster at the time the team advances to state tournament play. This number identifies the team number the team is advancing as from your community and corresponds to the number located on the tournament draw.

In order for the team manager to be eligible as a player, their name must also be listed and signed in the players section.

Do not mail the tournament roster. Teams without "official tournament rosters" will not be permitted to participate.

In addition to presenting one of the forms of I.D. listed below, players claiming eligibility through employment or residence in the USA shall be prepared to exhibit **one** of the following items:

Employment

1. Previous years W-2 tax statement.
2. Two payroll receipts or check stubs with player's and company's name dated in accordance with the date specified in applicable NSF ♦ MSF Sports Guide. Check stub must reflect full time employment.
3. Company I.D. Badge dated with current year.

Residence

1. Previous years property tax statement.
2. Two copies of rent receipts dated in accordance with the dates specified in applicable NSF ♦ MSF Sports Guide.
3. Notarized statement from landlord indicating occupancy was held in accordance with the dates specified in applicable MSF Sports Guide.

Teams unable to prove the eligible residence, employment address or identification of each of their participating players upon request of an MSF representative will be disqualified from tournament competition.

Rosters for softball teams participating in the industrial division must be signed in the designated space by the company's personnel manager and include both the work and home phone numbers of the personnel manager. (Players employment must have been established prior to March 1.)

Rosters for softball teams participating in church divisions must be signed in the designated space by the head of the church, which validates the church membership of the players listed on the official tournament roster. (Player's church membership must have been established prior to March 1.)

Players participating in the 30, 33, 35, 40,45, 50, 55, 60 & 65 and over divisions must verify their age by showing one of the following documents during random eligibility checks at MSF post-season tournaments:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Hospital Certificate of Birth
3. Baptismal Certificate
4. Military Separation Papers
5. U.S. Drivers License

Age verification documents must be in possession of the team at all times for random checks. Submit copies only as there is no guarantee of return.

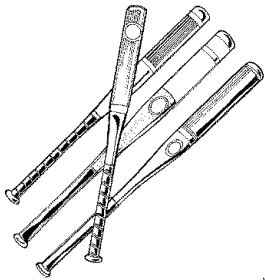
Any team without a properly completed roster (includes team manager and league director's signatures) or found to have an ineligible player(s) (i.e. a player who has illegally participated in two post-season tournaments in the same division of play, etc.) shall be immediately disqualified from competition.

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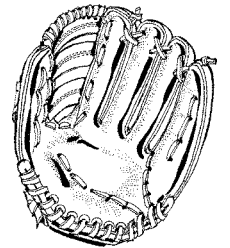
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Q & A

Q:



What does a player need to play in an NSF ♦ MSF post-season tournament besides their bat and glove?



A:

Their current state drivers license picture I.D. or an optional picture I.D. listed on the enclosed tournament roster instructions.

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**PLEASE DO NOT
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**COMPLEX OR SUBMIT
FOR BAT CHECK ANY
BATS LISTED AT:**

<http://www.teamusa.org/>

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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COOPERATION!**

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