

Orchard Park Kick-Off Softball Tournament
May 15-18, 2008

Orchard Park Little League will host a Softball Tournament on May 15-18, 2008.

There will be a 5 team limit per age bracket with a four (4) game guarantee. The top 4 teams will participate in a single eliminate play-off to determine the champion.

Age brackets available will be 10U, 12U and 14U, with age requirements as follows:

10U Players must be 10 or younger as of January 1, 2008

12U Players must be 12 or younger as of January 1, 2008

14U Players must be 14 or younger as of January 1, 2008

All games will be played at Brush Mountain Park, California Rd., in Orchard Park.

The tournament fee is \$275. No spots are reserved until payment is received. Registration deadline is May 1, 2008. Upon receipt of registration form, you will receive confirmation, Rules, Roster form, and other information via email.

On-site Check-in

At least one hour prior to each team's first game an appropriate representative should provide to the tournament director the team's properly completed roster and insurance certificate. Proof of Age (i.e. Birth Certificates) will not be collected but must be available to be viewed on demand at any time during the tournament.

Concessions

Brush Mountain Park (California Rd.) has restrooms and a concession stand. Hot food includes Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, French Fries, Pizza, and Nachos. Coffee, Bottled water, Sports drinks and Soft drinks are available as well as ice Cream, various snacks, candy, etc.

Rules: NSA official rules apply, except for exceptions specifically noted.

Player Eligibility:

Ages: Girls must be 10/12/14 or under as of January 1, 2008.

Proof of Age: Birth Certificates will not be collected but must be available to be viewed on demand at any time during the tournament.

Roster: Teams are limited to 15 players. All teams must submit a properly completed roster (with name, birthdate and player number) prior to their first game to the tournament director.

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Game Lineups:

Intent: The spirit of the tournament is to get as much participation as possible by allowing all players present to bat.

Designated Hitters: not allowed

Extra Players (EP): Up to six EP's are allowed. The batting order consists of a maximum of 15 players. Teams should have at least 3 pitchers. All players present are required to bat.

Game Length: Games will be 7 innings except:

- No new inning will start after 1 hour, 45 minutes of play.
- Mercy rule: 12 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.
- International Tie Breaker after 7 innings or 1 hour, 45 minutes
- There is no time limit for Semi-Final and Final games; Mercy rules remain in effect.

Safety:

- Managers should have an emergency supply kit for their team and spectators.
- Ice and a small supply of bandages are available in the concession stands.
- There is little shade at fields and there are no covers on dugouts. If you would like to bring a tarp or portable tent to set up please feel free to do so.
- All diamonds have bleachers. Lawn chairs are suggested for personal comfort.
- We will use the double first base orange and white bag for safety purposes.
- Batter helmets must have double ear protection and safety straps. We strongly recommend the use of cages on all helmets.
- Catcher's helmets must have both ear and throat protection.

Umpires: There will be two (2) umpires provided for each game.

Protests: Any and all protests will be resolved at the time of the protest. The Chief Umpire will make final decisions on protests.

Game Results: The Coach of the winning team must report their game score to the Tournament staff immediately upon the conclusion of their game.

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Misc. Rules:

- Home team is determined by a coin toss during pool play. The team traveling the furthest distance calls the coin toss. In all playoff games, the highest ranked team has its choice of being the home or away team.
- Nine fielders are allowed on the field.
- Courtesy runners are allowed for injured players, pitchers and catchers.
- Infield fly rule is in affect.
- Dropped 3rd strike rule is in affect.
- Runners may leave bases when ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- No jewelry is allowed.
- Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- Game balls will be provided and are to be returned to the tournament director after each game.
- No infield or batting practice is allowed on the diamonds.

Sportsmanship:

This tournament is for the players. All players, coaches, managers and spectators are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner. Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable. Examples include abusive language, criticism of another player or team, purposeful attempt to cause injury, badgering of umpires and/or tournament officials, negative cheering of opposing players, etc.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, in the eyes of umpires or tournament officials, may result in immediate ejection. In cases of ejection, the offending party will have 2 minutes to leave the field area, and 5 minutes to leave the complex (including the parking lot). Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the forfeiture of the game being played in which the incident occurred.

Rain: In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director will contact team representatives to provide information. Additionally, the Orchard Park Little League voice mail system (667-3715) can be accessed for updates.

Trophies: Team and individual trophies will be given to first and second place in each age group.

For further information please contact Joe Pici via email at joepici@msn.com or phone at home: 662-0120 or cell: 949-8923.

Please complete the registration below and send it along with your check payable to "Orchard Park Little League" to Joe Pici, 48 Henning Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127.

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Registration Form

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| <p>Organization / League Name _____ Team Name _____ Age Group _____</p> | |
| <p><u>Contact Information #1</u> Name _____ email _____ Phone – Cell _____ Phone – Day _____ Phone – Home _____ Address _____</p> | <p><u>Contact Information #2</u> Name _____ email _____ Phone – Cell _____ Phone – Day _____ Phone – Home _____ Address _____</p> |