

NEW DIVISIONS of PLAY

NEW HOME RUN RULES



Welcome to the
Knights of Columbus
66th Annual

State Softball Tournament

August 9-10, 2014...Pelican Park...Carencro, LA
Msgr. Teurlings 3202, Host



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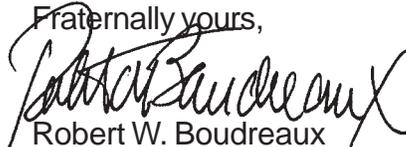
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Enclosed are the rules and entry blanks for the 66th Annual State KC Softball Tournament. The entry blank is for Your Council's entry into the State Tournament. Please note that this year, councils enter directly into the state tournament. Simply complete the entry form and submit with entry fee and you will be able to compete in the state tournament, provided you meet the August 5th deadline.

These rules apply to the State Tournament only. State Tournament play is under USSSA rules. Tournament play will be in **COMPETITIVE DIVISION**, **RECREATION DIVISION**, and the **MIXED DIVISION** of play. Brother knights may only play in one division of play.

Once again, any team wishing to participate in State, only need complete the enclosed roster and submit with entry fee made payable to **PELICAN PARK** and mail to **MYLES MILLER, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN**. Deadline for receipt of ALL entries is August 5, 2014, 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS! COMPETITIVE Division, RECREATION Division, and Mixed Division play will be double elimination tournaments. Brackets will be posted at www.louisianakc.org and www.ussa.com on Thursday, August 7, 3pm. Brackets will **NOT** be mailed in advance.

Fraternally yours,


Robert W. Boudreaux
State Office Administrator


Myles Miller
Tournament Director



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COMPETITIVE & RECREATION DIVISION RULES

1. The U.S.S.S.A. OFFICIAL RULES of Softball shall apply in the State Tournament except in instances where one of the following TOURNAMENT RULES states otherwise. In such instances, TOURNAMENT RULES will prevail.

2. ENTRIES AND DEADLINES! Entry blanks with attached fees for ALL ENTRIES MUST be received by TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN by 5:00 p.m., August 5th. NO EXCEPTIONS.

3. ROSTERS! MEMBERSHIP CARDS! Rosters are to be listed on official entry blank and are unlimited as to number of men included; but ALL listed must be members in good standing All listed members must be able to display a current membership card upon registration. If a council is entering more than one team, no member's name may be listed on more than one team's roster. No team shall be allowed to ADD any name to its team roster once roster has been submitted for entry. Player MUST be member of council on whose roster he is listed. Please include KC Membership Number for ALL players.

4. PLAYING LINEUPS will consist of 10 men but a minimum of 8 men is necessary to avoid a forfeit. A team may continue legal play if its 10-man lineup is reduced for any reason (injury, ejection or the like) to nine or eight men but no less than eight. The "AH1" and "AH2", or "Additional Hitters," is allowed to any team so choosing to use one, thus allowing a 12 man lineup but such an option MUST be made ONLY before game begins. ALL games will be 7 innings long; however, a game shall be completed after 4 1/2 innings if home team has a lead of 10 or more runs or if such lead is enjoyed by the visiting team after 5 innings or more are completed. All tournament play will be on a double-elimination bracket basis. Team manager and/or captain is responsible for all team members being familiar with tournament rules.

5. HOME RUN HITTERS will be limited in the State Tournament. Each team in COMPETITIVE play, will be allowed FIVE (5) HOMERUNS PER GAME. RECREATIONAL & MIXED play will have NO home runs. Other than the designated home runs, any player that hits a fair untouched fly ball over the fence in that game will be ruled out.

6. TOURNAMENT BALL will be any U.S.S.S.A. approved 12 inch Classic M or Classic Plus, or 11 inch in Mixed play, USSSA Classic W Approved softball. Teams will provide their own. U.S.S.S.A. approved/KC stamped softballs may be purchased in the Pelican Park Pro Shop.

7. ONCE PLAY HAS BEGUN, umpires will have FULL Authority and their decisions are final. The host committee will have FULL authority regarding re-scheduling because of rain delays. Only manager and/or captain may discuss disputes relative to rules with umpire. We will expect that a high degree of sportsmanship be displayed. This definitely includes proper language. Nothing less will be tolerated. If a player is ejected from a game by the game officials, that player will be removed from the balance of the current game, and will be denied play in the next played game, unless the severity of the ejection warrants removal from the tournament. Disciplinary action WILL BE TAKEN, as it has in the past, if an individual and/or team behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner that warrants such action.

8. NO DRINKING of beer and/or other alcoholic beverages will be permitted under any circumstances on any playing field or in any dugout area during the tournament. UMPIRES can forfeit a game through a team's failure to comply.

9. GAME OFFICIALS will declare a game FORFEITED if a team fails to appear at GAME TIME. If any entry forfeits its first scheduled tourney game without sufficient cause, tournament chairman with State Office Administrator approval, can disqualify entry from participation in LOSERS BRACKET. To help maintain our schedule, we will ask that no infield or batting practice be taken before game.

10. ENTRY FEE is \$200 per team. Entry fee MUST be attached to entry blank and received by TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN by 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS.

11. THE MANAGER of each team shall present to the scorekeeper his lineup and batting order 15 minutes prior to each game. The official scorer who will check lists against official team rosters. Such lists should show both first and last name of each player. Names on roster MUST match names on members membership cards! No Nicknames!

12. THE PROTEST COMMITTEE shall consist of three men: the State Office Administrator; the Tournament Chairman; and the State Council Activity Director. The committee will consider protests based on rules violations or rules interpretations ONLY. A majority vote of the committee shall prevail.

13. STATE TOURNAMENT AWARDS. One team award will be presented for every four (4) teams entered in each event with a minimum of two (2) team awards being presented. Individual awards will be presented in each division, for every eight (8) teams entered. Individual awards will be fifteen (15) in quantity.

14. Only participants ON ROSTER allowed in dugouts.

REMEMBER - your sportsmanship or lack of it will be on PUBLIC display and will reflect upon ALL Knights of Columbus. Let's keep that reflection a happily bright and untarnished one!!!!

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The 66th Annual State Softball Tournament will include THREE divisions of play.

- 1) Competitive Division (5 HR Limit)
- 2) Recreational Division (0 HR)
- 3) Mixed Division (0 HR)

The Mixed will allow smaller K.C. Councils to field teams with only five (5) members.

Please see rules on reverse side.

Participants will only be allowed to participate in one of the three events.



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Mixed Team Rules

Rule 1. Five male (5) and five female (5) players must be in the lineup at all times (six and six if A.H. is used). Any five (5) male and any five (5) female players must play defense. Exception: A minimum of nine (9) players can start a game. However, there must always be five (5) females players in the lineup. An out shall be declared for the tenth position in the lineup when that position is scheduled to bat. A tenth player may be added in the tenth position of the lineup at any time before the end of the game. That added player must be male. A minimum of eight (8) players (4 male/4 female) is required to participate in any game.

Rule 2. Male and female players must alternate in the batting order. NOTE: If a team starts the game with nine (9) players, a female player must occupy the first position in the batting order.

Rule 3. The 11 Inch Classic W USSSA approved softball will be used when a female is batting and a 12 Inch Classic M, or Classic Plus USSSA approved softball will be used when a male is batting. It is an appeal play when the wrong ball is pitched to a Batter. (Teams will provide their own) If the appeal is allowed, then the batter returns to bat with the same ball and strike count he/she has at the time of the pitch. Also, any base runners must return to the base occupied at the time of pitch.

Rule 4. When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base with the next female batter having the option to walk or bat.

NOTE: If the next female chooses to walk, it is not considered an intentional walk for the purpose of making an appeal.

Rule 5. Female players will be limited to spouses, daughters and/or sisters of KC members.

Rule 6. Any batter who hits an untouched fair ball over the fence (300') will be declared out.



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