



cranston national budlong
RAVENS8U
invitational

Friday, June 27 ~ Sunday, June 29, 2014

Coach-Pitch U8 (class C)

\$200 ~ 4 Game Guarantee

Cranston, Rhode Island

www.CranstonRavens.com



CNB Ravens 8U Invitational

Friday, June 27 – Sunday, June 29, 2014

Divisions: U8 (class C)

Format: 3-Game Pool + Single-Elimination Bracket

Price: \$200 per team

Checks payable to "CNB Ravens".

No refunds after June 14, 2014.

Check-In

Check-in at the facility hospitality tent (each facility has one) at least one (1) hour prior to first tournament game:

- At least one coach must be ACE certified.
- Emergency team contact phone.
- Signed ASA Roster/Waiver. Non-rostered players are ineligible to participate.
- Copy of insurance certificate.*
- Player birth certificates must be on-hand if requested. Failure to produce the birth certificate may result in the player being disqualified.

Awards

In elimination bracket play, 1st- and 2nd-place teams will receive trophies.

During pool-play, MVP pins will be awarded to a player from each team following each game. Opposing team will choose MVP. MVP pins will be provided to teams at check-in.

Team & Spectator Conduct

NO alcohol, smoking**, harassment of the umpires or opposing players, fighting, or unfair tactics will be tolerated. Managers are expected to control themselves, players, coaches and spectators. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of the game and/or ejection from the tournament. **Smoking is only permitted in parking or designated areas.

No noise-makers allowed (horns, bells, whistles, etc.).

Tournament Contacts

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Tournament news and updates on www.CranstonRavens.com.

Elimination Bracket Seeding

Bracket Seeding is based on the following:

- 1 : Best winning percentage. All games count, even if some teams play more games than others.
- 2 : Most wins.
- 3 : Head-to-head competition. If more than two teams are tied, head to head applies if, and only if, the tied teams have all played each other and there is a clear order.
- 3 : Fewest runs allowed.
- 4 : Coin flip (if more than two teams involved, a draw out of a hat shall be used).

Bad Weather

If inclement weather or other conditions impede the normal progress of the tournament, the Tournament 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. Should the tournament be cancelled entirely due to inclement weather, the registration fee will be returned as follows:

If tournament begins and...

- no games are played: full refund minus tournament expenses. Teams will receive a tally sheet explaining expenses.
- only one game played: \$200 refund (1/2 entry fee).
- two-or-more games played: no refund.

First-Aid*

Ice and a small supply of bandages are available in the concession stand. Managers should have an emergency supply kit for their team and spectators available at all games. Garden City Medical Center is centrally located for minor emergencies (see attached map): 401-946-2400.

** Each team is responsible for their own insurance. Cranston National Budlong, the Town of Cranston, the softball facilities in use for the tournament, tournament directors and the umpire(s) in chief assume no responsibility for insurance or injury.*



8U Coach-Pitch Playing Rules (page 1 of 3 rule pages)

1 : 2014 ASA rules will be followed for all games, except as noted below.

- 2 : ASA umpires will be used for all games in this tournament.
- 3 : This is a zero tolerance tournament. If you are ejected from a game by the umpire, you must immediately leave the facility and the tournament director has the right to ban you for the duration of the tournament.
- 4 : Games will last six (6) innings. No new inning may begin after one (1) hour and 30 minutes. Time begins with the game's first pitch. A new inning begins immediately following the 3rd-out of the home team's at-bat. The semi-final and championship elimination games will have no time limit. There is NO drop-dead rule as the new inning will be played to it's conclusion. Umpire shall announce "last inning" to both coaches (if game will end early due to time).
- 5 : Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension. The tournament director reserves the right to amend the schedule as needed, including reducing the number of games played or cancelling the tournament. We appreciate your flexibility and patience should weather become an issue.
- 6 : Please arrive 30 minutes early to scheduled games as they may begin early.
- 7 : Minimum of nine (9) players required to play a game. Failure to have the required number of players to start or continue a game will result in a forfeit. If a game is started with nine (9) players and the 10th-player arrives late, this player may immediately be inserted into the game and will be placed last in the batting order.
- 8 : Each team is responsible for providing a lineup sheet to the opposing team ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game. Provide to umpire during the pregame meeting at homeplate.
- 9 : Ground-rules will be covered during the pregame meeting at homeplate with the coaches and umpires.
- 10 : There is no grace-period for teams unable to start the game as scheduled. A forfeit shall be called, resulting in a 7-0 score.
- 11 : During pool-play, dugouts are not assigned. During elimination bracket play, the home team will occupy the 1st-base dugout. Exception: if continuing on the same field, teams will remain in the same dugout they currently occupy.
- 12 : No infield allowed before games. Teams may take ground balls in the outfield grass on their respective side.
- 13 : During pool-play games, a coin-flip will determine the home team. The umpire will decide which team will call the coin-flip. During elimination games, the higher-seeded team will have the choice of "home" or "visitor".
- 14 : The home team is responsible for keeping the scorebook. At the end of each inning, both teams must agree to the score, otherwise the home book is considered accurate. The scorebook will be maintained by Cranston Ravens staff for all championship games.
- 15 : No game protests are allowed. All disputes will be resolved at the time of the incident with the ONLY the head coach and umpire prior to game continuation. If necessary, the on-site tournament official will have last say on any rule interpretation that is debated or anything else not fully defined in this document. The game clock shall be paused if tournament official becomes involved in discussion. Only the head coach may disuss
- 16 : There will be no arguing or disputing umpire judgment calls... PERIOD! If this takes place, the offending coach will be given one warning that will apply to the entire coaching staff. If it occurs again the game shall end and be declared a forfeit.
- 17 : Pool-play games may end in tie (no extra innings even if time allows). During elimination games, if the game ends in a tie, the ASA International Tiebreaker rule shall be used until a winner is determined.
- 18 : Run-ahead rule: If a team is ahead by 12 runs after four (4) complete innings (3-1/2 innings, if the home team is ahead), or eight (8) runs after five (5) complete innings (4-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead), the game is over.

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8U Coach-Pitch Playing Rules *(page 2 of 3 rule pages)*

- 19 : A continuous batting order (all players bat) shall be used. Should a player be unable to take her turn at bat for any reason, the batting team shall proceed to the next scheduled batter without penalty. The player that was unable to take her turn at bat is out and cannot return to that game.
- 20 : Coaches pitch to their own team.
- 21 : Each batter will be pitched a maximum of six (6) pitches. If still at the plate after the 6th pitch has been thrown, the batter will be declared out. Balls and strikes shall not be called. If, after two swinging and/or foul strikes, a batter can strike out swinging.
- 22 : A safely hit ball to the infield will allow both the batter and all base runners to advance one base with the liability of being put out.
- 23 : A safely hit ball to the outfield, whether in the air, on the ground, or after being touched by a defensive player (ball must reach the outfield grass) allows both the batter and all base runners to advance 2 bases with the liability of being put out.
- 24 : A chalk line will be installed in the outfield at 125-feet from home plate. If a ball is hit past this line in the air, on the ground or after being touched by a defensive player, the batter and all base runners will be allowed to advance as many bases as they want to with the liability of being put out. At fields with fences less than 125-feet, any ball hit off the fence will have the same effect as traveling past the 125-foot line. A ball that bounces over the fence will be called a ground-rule double.
- 25 : A defensive player will occupy the pitchers position on either side of the adult pitcher. Player must stay inside (both feet) the pitchers circle until the ball is hit.
- 26 : Any batted ball touching the adult pitcher will constitute play being halted and a "no-pitch" declared. The batter will return to the plate and resume the previous count, all base runners will return to the bases previously occupied. The adult pitcher must immediately attempt to get out of the way of defensive players once the ball has been pitched, and cannot impede a player from making a catch or throw. If, in the umpire's discretion, it is believed that the adult pitcher has violated this rule, the batter will be called out and all base runners returned to the base that they previously occupied.
- 27 : Two coaches are allowed to be on the field to provide instruction when their team is playing defense, with one in the outfield and the other behind the infielders. The coach in the outfield will also help monitor the 125-foot chalk line. The coach in the infield must position themselves behind the infielders. If a coach, that is on the field with the defensive team, is struck by a batted ball, the batter and all base runners shall be awarded two (2) bases.
- 28 : A maximum of four (4) runs can be scored in any inning except for the last inning, which allows for unlimited runs.
- 29 : There is no infield-fly rule in the 8U division.
- 30 : The umpire will make all calls except for those involving whether or not a ball has passed the chalk line that is installed in the outfield. One coach from each team will monitor the chalk line. If the ball passes the line, the coach shall raise their hand above their head. If there is a difference of opinion as to whether or not the ball crossed past the line, the home plate umpire shall make the call.
- 31 : There are free defensive substitutions (no need to report defensive substitutions to the umpire). All players must play a minimum of three (3) innings on defense unless the game is shortened by the run rule.
- 32 : Each player that throws the bat will be given one warning. An out shall be recorded, whether the ball was struck or not, should the same player throw the bat again. If the ball was safely hit, all base runners shall return to the base they previously occupied. The umpire shall inform coaches when a warning has been given and will record the player's uniform number on his/her lineup card.

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8U Coach-Pitch Playing Rules (page 3 of 3 rule pages)

- 33 : Pitching distance will be 30-feet for the 8U division. Base distances will be 50-feet. A Worth R.I.F (reduced injury factor) level-1 softball will be used.
- 34 : Ten (10) defensive players are allowed in the field: six (6) in the infield and four (4) in the outfield. The four (4) outfielders do not necessarily need to be on the outfield grass in order to be considered an outfielder; however they must play behind the infielders and not alongside them. An outfielder may not make a play in the infield unless the play is unassisted, (ie– an outfielder cannot play over the second base bag and accept a throw).
- 35 : A game may begin or finish with nine (9) players.
- 36 : There will be no tag-up and advance on a pop-fly caught by an infielder. Only flyballs caught by an outfielder, while behind the infielders, will allow a runner to tag-up and advance.
- 37 : Team cheers will be positive in nature and should be designed to rally the team that is doing the cheering, not to razz the opponent.

Message from RI ASA Youth Commissioner

Lastly, the sole purpose for creating this 8U division was to provide a venue for younger players in which they can play and learn the game of softball, free from any undo pressures placed upon them. The rules in this division were developed to ensure that is what takes place. With that being said, on a batted ball that goes past the 125 Ft line, I do not want to see a third-base coach sending their runners when the ball is back into the infield and in possession of a fielder. This is not about taking advantage of young and developing players in order to score a run, it is about teaching them the fundamentals of the game. If a coach tried to advance that runner in the next age division, she would be thrown out at home plate. If I am made aware that a coach is doing this, that coach will be facing a suspension. If you think that I am not serious about this, I suggest you ask around. –Dave Ethier



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Cranston National Budlong

198 Aqueduct Road, Cranston, RI 029210

Google Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/STnWi>

A: AQ3 Softball Field

B: AQ4 U8/Teeball Field

Parking is tight in the lot and overflow can park along the street next to the baseball fields. Full concession stand, boys and girls restrooms + portable near the softball field, stands, batting cage and basketball courts.

Time to Brayton Park: 6 min (2.9 miles)

Time to Bain (Tate Fields): 8 min (3.7 miles)

Time to Western Hills: 7 min (2.8 miles)

From I-95 (North)

Take exit 16 (Route-10 North) to the RI-2/Reservoir Ave exit. Turn right on Reservoir Ave. Follow for 1.5 miles and turn left onto Aqueduct Rd (just past Taco Bell). Go 0.3 miles. Field is on right, just past Budlong Pool.

From I-95 (South) or I-295 (North or South)

From I-95 (South)... Take exit 14B to Route-37 West...

From I-295... Take exit 3A to Route-37 East...

Now... take exit 2B onto RI-2 North/New London Ave. Continue for 1.6 miles (New London Ave turns into Reservoir Ave). Turn left onto Aqueduct Rd (just past Taco Bell). Go 0.3 miles. Field is on right, just past Budlong Pool.



Bain – Tate Softball Fields

Oak St and Trainor St, Cranston, RI 02910

Google Map: <http://goo.gl/Jtrxp>

A: Tate Upper Field

B: Tate Lower Field

Plenty of parking in front of Tate Upper field and lot behind Tate Lower field. Boys and girls restrooms, stands at upper field, walking track and lots of space for the kids to play.

Time to Cranston National Budlong: 8 min (3.7 miles)

Time to Brayton Park: 8 min (3.7 miles)

Time to Western Hills: 5 min (1.5 miles)

From I-95 (North)

Exit 16 (Route-10 North) to the RI-2/Reservoir Ave. Turn right on Reservoir. Follow 0.6 miles and turn right at Park Ave (just past Wash Trust Bank). Go 0.5 miles and turn right at Gansett Ave. Fields are one block on left.

From I-95 (South) or I-295 (South)

From I-95 (South)... take exit 14B to Route-37 West...

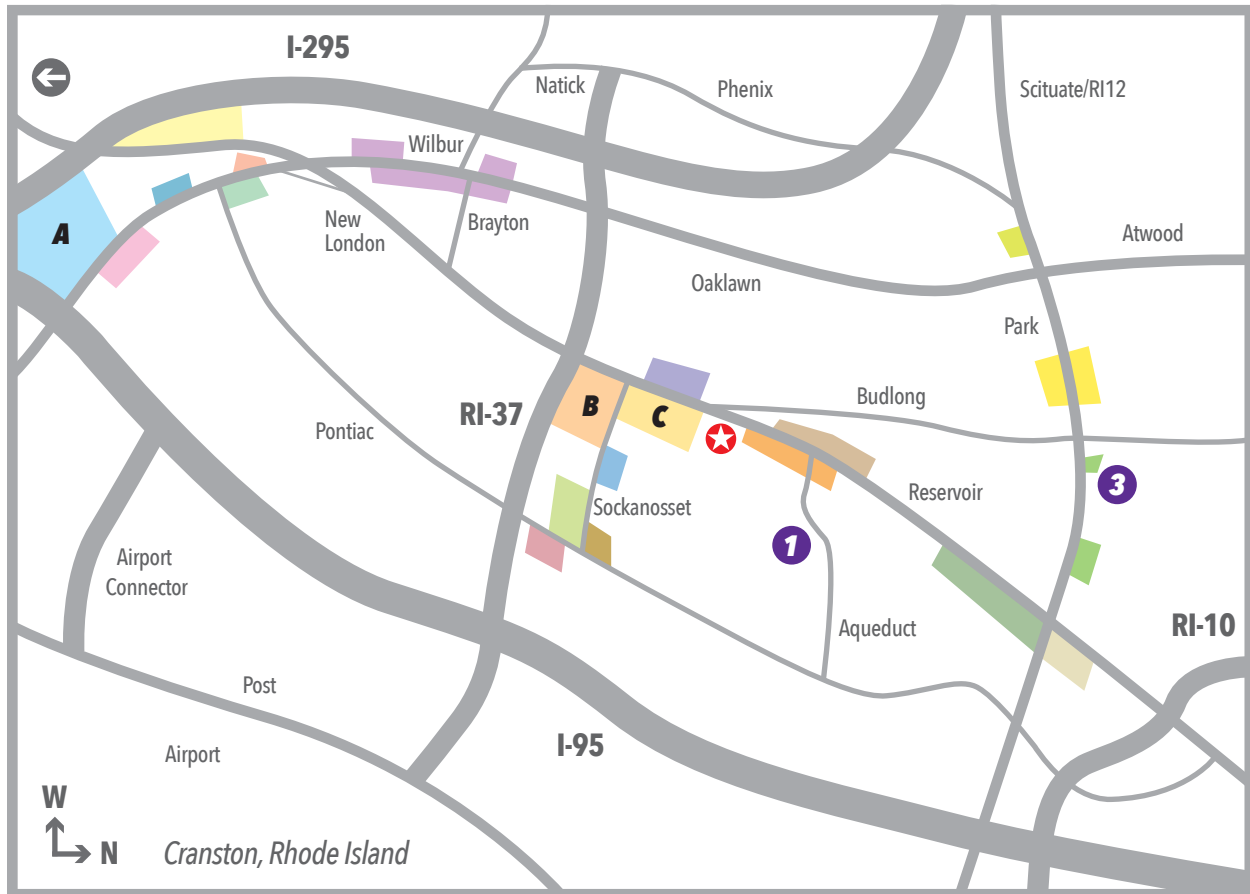
From I-295 (South)... take exit 3A to Route-37 East....

Now... take exit 2B to RI-2 North/New London Ave. Continue for 1.1 miles (New London Ave turns into Reservoir Ave). Just past Garden City, veer slight right towards Woodridge Rd (traffic signal). Go through signal and turn right at Budlong Rd. Continue 1.1 miles (Budlong Rd becomes Dyer Ave). Turn right at Pine St/Trainor St. Fields are a few blocks ahead on left.

From I-295 (North)

Exit 4 to Plainfield Pike and turn left at signal. Continue on Plainfield Pike for 1.5 miles. Turn right on Atwood Ave. Continue for 1.4 miles. Turn left at Phenix Ave (CVS) and continue for 0.8 miles (Phenix Ave becomes Park Ave). Turn left at Dyer Ave. Turn right at Pine St/Trainor St. Fields are a few blocks ahead on left.

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