

# **Westborough Girls Softball**

## ***“Battle in the Borough - U10” June 27-29, 2014***

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Directions.** The tournament games will be played at the Mill Pond School located at 6 Olde Hickory Path, Westborough, Massachusetts. Directions are included in this packet.

**Parking.** There is a large parking lot located in front of the fields, parking shouldn't be an issue.

**Field Info.** There are no bleachers at the fields, but there is plenty of room for lawn chairs. Field A is to the left, Field B is to the right. Dogs and personal grills are not allowed at the facility.

**Concession stand.** We will be offering Pizza and a variety of snacks and drinks for the weekend, including assorted candy, chips, goldfish crackers, Gatorade, and water.

**T-shirts.** Tournament t-shirts will be available for sale at the Concession Stand.

**Awards.** Individual trophies will be presented to the winning team and the runner-up team. After every game, each team will select an MVP, who will receive an MVP pin.

Note: No player should receive more than one MVP pin throughout pool play or the playoff round. Please check with the opposing coach to see who has already received a pin. In the Championship Game, all girls are eligible for a pin, whether or not they've previously received one.

**Final Seeding:** Match-ups and start times for Sunday's playoff round will be posted to the MASS ASA JO web site by 7pm on Saturday. The link to the website is below:  
<http://www.asanewengland.com/TournamentDetails.aspx?TournamentKey=1817>

**Rules.** A complete set of rules is provided in this packet.

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### **U10 TOURNAMENT RULES**

The “Battle in the Borough” Tournament games will be played under ASA Fast Pitch rules except where the following takes precedence over published rules:

#### **CHECK IN**

Teams are required to check in at the Westborough Mill Pond Concession Stand at least 1 hour prior to your first scheduled game. You must present the following to the tournament director (or assistant tournament director):

OFFICIAL ASA ROSTER  
BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR PLAYER ID CARDS  
PROOF OF INSURANCE

#### **INFIELD PRACTICE**

Teams will be allowed 5 minutes of infield practice prior to their first game of the tournament only. Portable hitting nets can be used, but away from all game areas

#### **JEWELRY & HELMETS**

No jewelry is allowed during this tournament. Jewelry cannot be taped over. Medical bracelets may be worn, but must be taped to the body. Players must wear helmets with approved faceguards and chin straps.

#### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The tournament format is 3 pool play games with a single elimination championship round. Pool play will end at seven innings or time limit. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. Time will start at the first pitch and the start of an inning is noted as the time the last out is made in the previous inning. Any inning started before 1:30 will be played to its completion. The international tiebreaker rule will be used to decide each game in the championship round when 7 innings or time limit has been reached.

#### **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The initial tournament schedule has been posted to the ASA website. If the schedule is altered due to weather conditions (see weather issues), the updated schedule will be posted at the concession stand by the tournament director.

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### **TEAM ARRIVAL**

Teams must be onsite 30 min prior to start time to keep all games on schedule. Line ups are to be handed to the Umpire and opposing coach a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The game clock will start at the conclusion of ground rules. Home team will be determined by a coin flip during pool play. Higher seed will be home team on Sunday.

### **WEATHER ISSUES**

Should any game be suspended due to weather or unusual circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension. If we have inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the schedule, including reducing game times to 1 hour, reducing games to five innings, or reducing pool play. Teams are asked to provide the tournament director with a cell phone number and contact in order to communicate delays or changes to the tournament.

### **Mercy Rule**

The following mercy rule will apply:

15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.

### **PITCHING Rules:**

- The pitcher’s mound will be 35’ from home plate.
- Pitchers may use windmill or modified fast pitch style.
- Pitcher’s will be allowed 5 warm-up pitches in the first inning & 3 warm-up pitches each inning thereafter.
- Only the first pitcher of the game may be removed from that position and then later in the game return to that position.
- The pitcher will be removed from the game if she hits 3 batters in one inning or 5 batters during the course of the game.
- The play is dead when the ball is in the pitcher’s possession in the pitcher’s circle as long as all runners have stopped any further attempt towards the next base.

### **INFIELD FLY RULE**

- Infield fly rule will not be in effect.

**BATTING:**

- All players are to be included in a continuous batting order. If a batter leaves the game she will be considered an out at her time to bat unless the reason is for medical/health reasons. Only players listed in the batting order are eligible to play in the field.
- The first thrown bat will result in a team warning. Each time any player from that team throws a bat in the same game she will be called out.
- If a batter is hit by a pitch, and in the umpire's opinion made a reasonable attempt to avoid the pitch, she will be awarded first base.
- A maximum of 6 runs per team can be scored in an inning unless it is the last inning, then it will be unlimited runs. The umpire must inform both teams that the inning will be the last.
- Bunting is allowed; however, slash bunting (i.e. batter fakes the bunt and then pulls back and swings away) is not allowed. Slap bunting is not permitted.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD**

- A maximum of 10 players are allowed on the field. Outfielders must be in the outfield grass prior to each pitch.
- Teams may play with 8 players. Those who fail to do so will forfeit that game..
- Free substitution is allowed with the exception of the pitching position, where only the starting pitcher is allowed to re-enter the game at that position.

**BASE RUNNING:**

- Runners may not leave the bag until the ball reaches the plate.
- Stealing of second and third is allowed. There will be unlimited number of steals per inning with no stealing of home.
- There will be no stealing by winning team if there is a 10 run lead.
- A runner cannot advance a base on an overthrow on the steal attempt.
- A batter cannot advance to 1<sup>st</sup> on a dropped third strike.
- A courtesy runner may be used only for the catcher to speed up the process of the game. The courtesy runner shall be the girl who made the last out.

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### **UMPIRES**

We will be using one umpire for pool games on Saturday and Sunday with two umpires for the championship round on Sunday.

This is a zero tolerance tournament. If the umpire ejects you from a game, you are banned immediately from the premises for the duration of the tournament.

### **GAME RESULTS**

Game results should be reported to the tournament director by the home team (or designated official) at the Concession Stand, immediately following the game.

### **PROTESTS**

Protests **MUST** be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. Judgment calls by the umpire are not grounds for protest and cannot be questioned. No protest will be allowed after the game is completed. The tournament's Game Site Administrator and umpire staff will hear protests and make a decision.

### **PLAYOFF RULES**

- Seeding will be based on win/loss record from pool games (2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie). Tiebreakers will be used in the following order:
  1. Best record
  2. Least amount of runs allowed
  3. Most amount of runs scored
  4. Coin flip

**Note:** A forfeit will count as a 7-0 win.

- Higher seed will be home team.

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**Directions to Mill Pond School  
6 Olde Hickory Path  
Westborough, MA 01581**

**6/27 Only: PLEASE NOTE:** On Friday June 27, the town of Westborough will be holding a block party on West Main St (Route 30) which will close the road from the rotary at Rte 135 to Church St. You will need to go around this road to stay on Rte 30. The suggestion is to follow rte 135 South towards Hopkinton for about 1/3 of a mile and look for School street on your right. Turn right onto School street and at the stop sign you can turn left onto West Main (Rte 30).

### **From Mass Pike East or West:**

- Take Exit 11A to RT 495 North
- Take exit 23B to merge onto RT 9 West toward Worcester
- Follow the RT 9 directions below

### **From Route 9 East or West:**

- Take the RT-30 ramp toward Westborough/Grafton
- Turn right onto RT-30 West/E Main St.
- Follow RT-30 for 1.5 miles
- Enter roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto RT-30 West
- Follow RT-30 for 2.2 miles
- Turn right onto Olde Hickory Path. If you reach Brewer Dr you've gone a little too far

### **From Route 495 North:**

- Take exit 21A to merge onto W Main St toward Hopkinton
- Follow 1.3 miles then turn left onto RT-135 W/Wood St
- Continue to follow RT-135 W for 5.9 miles
- At the traffic circle, take the 4th exit onto RT-30 West
- Continue to follow RT-30 West for 2.2 miles
- Turn right onto Olde Hickory Path. If you reach Brewer Dr you've gone a little too far

### **From Route 495 South :**

- Take exit 23B to merge onto RT-9 West toward Worcester
- Follow the RT 9 directions above