

***Grafton Invitational 12B Softball Tournament
June 17 – 19, 2016
Nelson Park, Grafton MA***

We hope to have another outstanding tournament again this year. Last year's event featured teams from all over Massachusetts and beyond. Each team will have a chance to play three different teams on Friday and Saturday. The standings after the three games will determine the seeding for a single elimination playoff on Sunday. This will give each team a minimum of four games over the weekend (weather permitting).

We are limiting the field to just 12 teams. So, please register early to secure your spot. You may register online at www.asanewengland.com. Teams are not officially registered until we have received a check for the full tournament fee.

Please note that this 12B event is sanctioned by the MASS ASA and only ASA-registered class B and C teams are eligible to participate. (*Out-of-state teams may be eligible to enter the tournament. Please contact us to discuss your situation.*) Teams must complete ASA rosters and have them available to the tournament director at all times.

We believe that we offer one of the best tournament experiences in New England. All games will be at Nelson Park which has 3 well-groomed softball fields in one location. Our dedicated volunteers drag and reline the infields ***before every game!*** The Field House includes a concession stand and clean rest rooms. Plus, there is ample parking and plenty of space for teams to relax between games.

We hope that the tournament will be a positive and enjoyable experience for the players, coaches, and families of each of the teams entered.

For more information please contact me directly.

Regards,



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Hosted by: GRAFTON GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC.

Grafton



Softball

DATE: JUNE 17 - 19, 2016

LOCATION: Nelson Park - North Grafton, MA

FORMAT: 12U (Age 12 or younger as of 1/1/16)
Pool games - Friday and Saturday
Single elimination playoff - Sunday
4 game guarantee (weather permitting)

ENTRY FEE: \$500.00

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2016
Teams will be registered on a first come basis.
Teams are deemed registered when we receive full payment
12 team maximum

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Enclose this form with a check payable to "GRAFTON GIRLS SOFTBALL"

TEAM NAME _____

12U HEAD COACH _____

CONTACT (if different) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAIL TO: GRAFTON GIRLS SOFTBALL, INC.
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General Information

Complex Info:

The Nelson Park is located at 6 Prentice St in North Grafton. The complex has 3 softball fields, a Field House, basketball court and a playground. There are no outfield fences. There is plenty of open space to picnic and relax between games. Please note that the Town of Grafton prohibits smoking at Nelson Park.

Parking:

There is ample parking in the large grassy area on Route 140 across the street from Nelson Park. Library parking is reserved for tournament volunteers and handicapped patrons.

Please note that Nelson Park is located within a residential neighborhood. While there is limited on-street parking along Prentice Street and surrounding streets, we strongly encourage everyone to use the lot across the street. If you do park along Prentice or side streets, please be courteous to our neighbors and make sure you do not block driveways or park on someone's lawn.

Field House:

Our Field House contains a concession stand and rest rooms. This year we will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream treats in addition to drinks (water, soda & Gatorade) and snacks.

T-Shirts:

Tournament t-shirts will be available for sale in the concession stand.

Format & Awards:

Each team will play a total of 3 pool games on Friday and Saturday. Results of pool games determine seeding for single elimination championship round on Sunday. Weather permitting, every team will play a minimum of 4 games. Team and individual trophies will be presented to the two finalists. Every player will receive a participation pin at the conclusion of their final game.

Roster:

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Scorebook:

The home team will keep the official scorebook if an official scorekeeper is not provided. Both teams must provide game results to the tournament director immediately following the game.

Rules:

A complete set of rules is provided in this packet.

Weather:

Rain-outs and rain delays will be determined at the field by the tournament director based on current conditions. Game times and number of games played may be adjusted if weather requires.

Nearby Hotels:

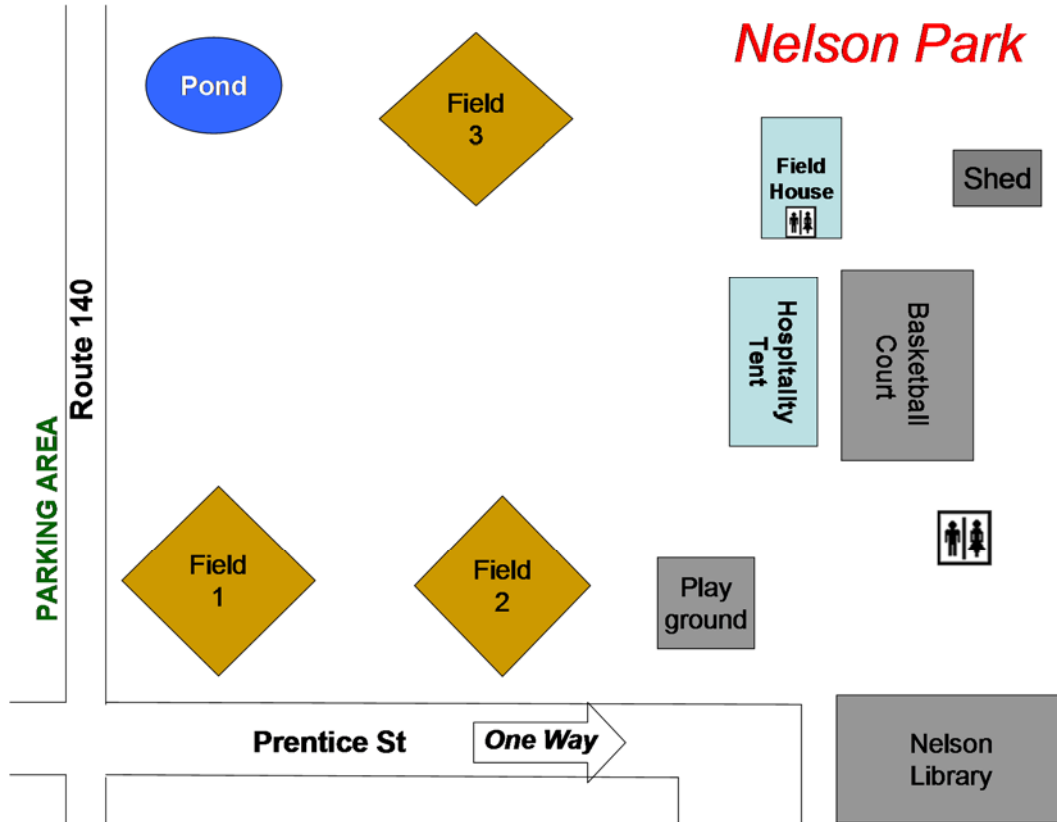
The DoubleTree Hotel - 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581 (9.29 miles from Nelson)
www.bostonwestborough.doubletree.com

Courtyard by Marriott – 3 Technology Drive, Westborough, MA 01581 (9.54 miles from Nelson)
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosbr-courtyard-boston-westborough/>

Hampton Inn – 736 Southbridge St, Auburn, MA 01501 (10.20 miles from Nelson)
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/massachusetts/hampton-inn-auburn-ORHMAHX/index.html>

Fairfield Inn & Suites – 1 Fortune Blvd, Milford, MA 01757 (18.7 miles from Nelson)
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bosnm-fairfield-inn-and-suites-boston-milford/>

DIRECTIONS TO NELSON PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS HOME OF THE GRAFTON DIAMONDS



Grafton Girls Softball plays all games on the grounds of Nelson Park located at 6 Prentice Street in North Grafton, MA. There are 3 softball fields and plenty of open space. The Field House has permanent rest rooms and concessions. (There are also portable rest rooms on site)

DIRECTIONS TO THE NELSON PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS:

From Mass Pike:

- Take Route I-90 West / Mass Pike
- Take Route 122 – Exit 11 – toward Millbury / Worcester
- Follow sign for Route 122 South
- Turn left onto Bridge Street (Statewide Glass in front of you)
- At light, turn left onto North Main Street / MA-140.
- Continue to follow MA-140
- Nelson Park will be on your right just after Braddish Hot Dog Stand. Parking will be on your left.

From Route 290, Route 20 or Route 9:

- Take Route 140 South Exit
- Follow Route 140 into Grafton
- Nelson Park will be on your left shortly after you cross into Grafton. Parking will be on the right.

From Route 495 South:

- Take the Exit for Route 290 and follow above

From Route 495 North:

- Take Exit 21B – West Main St., Upton
- Continue on West Main St towards Upton for 4-5 miles
- At light, take right onto Route 140 North.
- Follow 140 North for 7-8 miles through Grafton
- Nelson Park will be on your right just after Braddish Hot Dog Stand. Parking will be on your left.

TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 12U

This tournament will abide by all rules and regulations as stated under ASA FAST PITCH SOFTBALL with the following exceptions.

Team coaches or representatives must report to the Tournament Director at least 20 minutes before first game. The tournament director will review the official ASA rosters and proof of insurance at that time.

All players must wear matching uniforms. Metal spikes are NOT allowed. In case of player injury, (i.e. bleeding) the player will have a reasonable amount of time for uniform repair (umpires discretion). At this point, unlike uniforms are permitted and proper care should be taken for disposal of the bloodied garment.

Home team is determined by coin flip for pool games; higher seed is home team on Sunday.

Games are seven innings or time limit. No new innings will start after 1 hour 30 minutes. Umpires will declare last inning. Semi-Final and Championship games are 7 innings and have no time limit.

For pool games, we will utilize ASA Rule 7, Section 2F which gives team the option of batting more than 9 players. All other ASA rules apply including those covering courtesy runners, substitutions and playing shorthanded. (see rule book for details). For playoff games, we will use a straight 9 batting order (with the option to use a Flex/DP)

We will be using one umpire for pool games, two umpires for playoff games.

Pool games can end in a tie. For elimination games, we will use the international tie breaker in case of a tie (see ASA rulebook).

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

The home team will keep the official scorebook if an official scorekeeper is not provided.

Immediately after each game, both teams will submit the game result to the Tournament Director (or designated official). It is the responsibility of each team to go to the Hospitality Tent and submit the score. Teams have 30 minutes after the end of their game to dispute a score. After that time all scores are final.

Protests MUST be settled on the playing field before the game will be allowed to continue. JUDGEMENT CALLS BY AN UMPIRE ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR PROTEST AND CANNOT BE QUESTIONED. No protest will be allowed after the game is completed. Tournament Director and Umpire Staff will hear protests and make a decision.

Tournament directors will have last say on any rule interpretation that is debated or anything else not fully defined in this document.

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 the number of games played, if necessary. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience should New England weather become an issue.

PLAYOFF RULES

Seeding will be based on pool games. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie.

Tie breakers will be used in the following order:

1. Head to head games.
2. Least amount of runs allowed,
3. Coin flip. (or “names drawn from a hat” if more than 2 teams are tied.)

Higher seed will be home team. Coin flip will determine home team if teams are equal seeds.

Games will be 7 innings. During the first round and quarter-finals, no new inning may start after 1 hour 40 minutes. There is no time limit for the semi-final and championship games.

In the event of a tie, we will use the international tie breaker (see ASA rulebook).