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Special thanks to Manchester Parks and Recreation for hosting the Softball Championships

2010 Connecticut Senior Games

Slow Pitch Softball

Coordinator:	Bill DiNeno and Jan Brown
Date of Competition:	Saturday, May 22 nd and (if necessary) Sunday, May 23 rd
Schedule:	The Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Schedules will be posted by 4:00 PM on May 18 th , 2010
Location:	Manchester, CT: Charter Oaks Park, New State Road, and Robertson Park.

Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Info:

Play may be round robin or double elimination depending upon entry. Age groups may be combined to provide opportunity for play. Awards will be presented for 1st through 3rd place for each division within each age group based on records after round robin play. Team rosters shall be limited to 20 persons, including non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel. A maximum of five out-of-state players are allowed. Athletes may compete with only one team per sport. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules, except as modified herein.

Age Groups:

50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+

Age Cut off Date:

Your age division / group will be determined by your age as of December 31, 2010. If you are turning 50 in the calendar year of 2010, you are eligible to compete in the 2010 Connecticut Senior Games!

Qualifying Rules:

1. All first-, second-, and third-place winners at a 2010 NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2011 Summer National Senior Games.
2. Team rosters shall be limited to 22 persons, including non-playing coaches, non-playing captains and non-playing bench personnel. No more than 20 of these persons may be players. A maximum of five out-of-state players are allowed. Teams in the 70+, 75+ and 80+ age divisions may have six out-of-state players on their rosters.
3. This tournament will be conducted in accordance with Softball Players Association.
4. Commitment line: A 6 foot line drawn perpendicular to the 3rd base line, beginning at the base line and extending into foul territory. This line is located 20 feet from point of home plate, measured along the 3rd base line. Once a runner .s foot touches the ground on or past the commitment line, the runner may not return to third base; the runner must continue toward the scoring plate. Violations will result in an out.

5. Scoring plate: A scoring plate shall be placed 8 feet from the back tip of home plate on an extended line from first base. A line shall be drawn from third base to the scoring plate. The scoring plate is for use by the offensive player only.
6. All plays at the plate shall be force plays. A defender shall record an out at the plate by having possession of the ball and tagging home plate prior to the runner touching the scoring plate. If a defender attempts to tag an offensive player at the scoring plate the runner shall be called safe. A runner who attempts to score by touching other than the scoring plate shall be called out. Players who violate this rule are subject to ejection from
7. Strike zone mat: A strike zone mat will be used. The mat will measure twenty-one (21) inches wide and thirty-five (35) inches long with a white home plate centered at the front of the mat measuring seventeen (17) inches across the front, 8 1/2 inches down each side, and 12 inches diagonally to a point nearest the catcher. A legal pitch not swung at that strikes any part of the strike zone mat or home plate shall be called a strike by the
8. Pitcher's Plate/ Box: A pitcher's box consisting of the area from the front of the pitcher's plate, 50 feet from home plate, and extending back eight feet (8ft) and twenty-four (24) inches wide perpendicular to the pitcher's plate shall be used. The pitcher must release the ball after coming to a complete stop with one foot or both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate or within the pitcher's box.
9. Double bag/mat: A double bag/mat, twice the size of a standard base shall be placed at first base, the double portion of the bag or mat being in foul territory. For the purposes of plays at first base, the entire bag shall be considered to be in fair territory.
10. Runner's line: A runner's line measuring 3-inches wide and 30-feet long shall be marked parallel to, and 3 feet away from, the first-base foul line in foul territory, extending from first base back toward home plate. Runners shall stay between this line and the foul line while running to first base. Failure to do so will result in the runner being declared out.
11. Runs per inning: For all games, there shall be a seven run per inning rule, with unlimited runs allowed in the seventh or final inning.
12. Mercy rule: A mercy rule will be in effect for all games. The rule shall be 20 runs after four innings and 15 runs after five innings, ending the game.
13. Homerun rule: All teams except those in the Platinum division will play under the 1-homerun +1-up single rule. Teams in the Platinum division will play under the 3-homerun +1-up single rule. The first ball hit over the fence will count as a home run. Subsequent balls hit over the fence by the same team will count as singles until the opposing team has hit a ball over the fence (homerun). Base runners may only advance one base per single over the fence. This rule shall continue throughout the entire game.
14. Time limit: The length of a game will be seven innings or one hour and fifteen minutes. After one hour the umpire shall announce that teams will finish the current inning and play one more. This last inning shall be played with unlimited runs allowed in accordance with Rule 12. Tie games after seven innings or at the end of regulation time will continue until one team is ahead after the completion of any subsequent inning using the International tie-breaker rule. There will be no time limit for championship / medal games.

15. Courtesy runner: A player may only be used as a courtesy runner once per inning. The men's divisions will play 12 -inch slow pitch (.44 cor and .375 compression). The women's divisions will play 11 -inch slow pitch (.47 cor and .500 compression).
16. All bats with a BPF of 1.20 or less will be legal for play except those bats listed on the most current SPA banned bat list.

Directions – Charter Oak Park – Manchester, CT

From Springfield, MA:

Take I-91 S via the ramp on the left to Hartford Ct entering Connecticut. Take exit 35A to merge onto I-291 E toward Manchester. Take the exit onto I-384 E. Destination will be on the left.

From Providence, RI:

Take US-6 W entering Connecticut. Continue to follow US-6 W. Merge onto US-6 W via the ramp to Willimantic/Hartford. Slight right toward US-6 W/Willimantic Rd. Continue straight onto US-6 W/Willimantic Rd. Continue to follow US-6 W. Continue onto I-384 W. Take exit 2 for Hartford Rd/Keeney St. Turn left at Keeney St. Turn left to merge onto I-384 E toward Providence.

From Danbury:

Take I-84 E/US-202 E/US-6 E/US-7 N via the ramp to Waterbury/New Milford. Continue to follow I-84 E. Take exit 59 to merge onto I-384 E toward Providence. Destination will be on the left.

From New Haven:

Take I-91 N. Take exit 29 to merge onto CT-15 N/US-5 N toward I-84 E/E Hartford/Boston. Continue onto CT-15 N. Merge onto I-84 E. Take exit 59 to merge onto I-384 E toward Providence. Destination will be on the left.

National Senior Games – Houston, TX:

The 2010 Connecticut Senior Games are a qualifier event for the National Senior Games which will take place June 16th – 30th, 2011 in Houston, TX.