

Softball ACT in conjunction with Fastpitch Softball League ACT Inc

2010 Canberra International Skins

"Australia's Original Fastpitch Skins Tournament"

**Hawker International Softball Centre,
Walhallow St, Hawker, ACT 2614
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 3rd December to 5th December 2010**

The Fastpitch Softball League ACT, in conjunction with the Australian Softball Federation and Softball ACT, is again conducting Australia's most challenging Skins Tournament: the Canberra Skins, at the Hawker International Softball Centre in Canberra commencing Friday 3rd December through Sunday afternoon 5th December 2010.

Skins Format

The 2010 Skins will cater for up to **(12)** x A Grade teams and **(12)** x B Grade teams. Each team will play five to six games in the Round Robin competition. The Finals will be contested as follows:

A Grade: The two highest money-earning teams will contest the Grand Final. Should the moneys be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.

B Grade: The two teams with the most points will contest the finals. Should the points be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.

If two pools are necessary 10 or 12 teams then top 2 of each division will play 1 v 2 and 1 v 2 with the winners to the final.

Registrations

For all teams registration fees will be;

- A grade; \$1000
- B grade; \$700
- Deposit for Team registration of \$200 non refundable (**Addressed to FPSL**) closes 1st November 2010 and should be forwarded to PO Box 534 Kippax ACT 2615. The balance of fees must be in no later than 19th November 2010. No cheque payment will be accepted passed 19th November 2010. All EFT payments to FPSL National Australia Bank BSB number 082962 account 606177644 must include Team name as a deposit reference.
- Team names and officials to be confirmed by 19th November 2010.

Tournament Entry

A small fee will be charged for entry to the Skins Tournament. A notice showing entry amounts (maximum to be \$35 for family passes for the three days of the Tournament) will be posted at each entrance to the Hawker enclosed area. Players and team officials will not be charged an entry fee.

Entry Fees:

1 day adult pass - \$10

3 day adult pass - \$20

1 day family pass - \$15

3 day family pass - \$35

All children under 12 free

Evening pass \$5.00 for Adult

Evening pass \$10.00 for Family

Prizemoney

A Grade

A single Round Robin tournament will be played aiming at each team playing a minimum of five games. The tournament will consist of a Skins format with prize money awarded on the following basis:

Round Robin

- \$50 to the team winning each innings. If not won will jackpot to next innings, if tied at end of game will be split between both teams.
- \$60 to the team winning the game. if tied at end of game will be split between both teams.
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- \$200 to the team with the most runners reaching 1st base for the whole tournament but not including finals. Ties will be evenly split.
- \$400 to the team with the most home runs. Ties will be evenly split. **All teams are eligible.**

Finals

The top team in each pool earning the highest prize money during the Round Robin games will contest the Grand Final. Should the moneys be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder. If still tied the Team with most runs for will finish higher. Prizemoney will be awarded as follows:

- \$400 to the team winning the game.
- Innings won increases from \$50 to \$100 per innings, if not won will jackpot to next innings, if tied at end of game will be split between both teams.

B Grade

Teams will play a standard Round Robin tournament. Points will be awarded for a win and a loss (3pts for a win, 2 pt for a tie, 1 pt for loss and no pts for a forfeit). Prizemoney for B Grade will be:

- 1st - \$1500
- 2nd - \$750
- 3rd - \$250
- \$100 to each Pitcher who pitches a no hitter for the entire game.
- \$100 for players with most home runs. Money to be split evenly if more than one.

Note: Prizemoney for B grade is based on a minimum of 8 teams.

Umpires

All A grade and B grade games will have registered umpires in attendance.

Accommodation

Special accommodation arrangements have been made with one of the tournament sponsors – Belconnen Way Motel & Serviced Apartments. They can be contacted on (02) 6254 22 22.

Flights and Ground Transportation responsibility of teams

Competition Arrangements

All arrangements and prize monies may be subject to change, depending on number of teams. The Canberra Skins committee decisions will be final. We require information for programs by 19th November 2010. **This is why ALL team entries must be confirmed by 1st November 2010.**

Draws

Will be posted on the website once teams are registered. All draws will be final prior to the competition with no late alterations allowed. www.fpsl.act.softball.org.au

Tournament Rules

These Tournament Rules are in addition to the Official Rules of Softball.

1. Round Robin games will be strictly timed games of 1hr 30min duration. No new innings with 10 mins to go. If innings has started it must be completed. **Prizes for all categories are only awarded for completed innings.**
2. A player may only register in one team and must only play in the team for which he is registered.
3. Scorecards are to be returned to the Registrar at the end of the game by a representative from the winning team. In A grade the Official statistician will retain these.
4. No protests will be permitted.
5. Players, team officials and supporters are not permitted to have alcohol in the dugouts, nor are they permitted to bring their own alcohol into the enclosed grounds.
6. Players are not permitted to wear jewellery such as necklaces, bracelets, facial studs or rings and earrings during a game.
7. A player or team official ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, or reported by an umpire, shall incur penalties immediately, if the umpire feels that the ejection was not sufficient penalty, then a tribunal will be convened to hear the case. Such hearing will occur as soon as possible after the completion of the game in which the ejection occurred. The tribunal's decision will be final with no appeals allowed.
8. Balls will be supplied by the FPSL and are to be returned to the umpire at the completion of each game.
9. First named team will be on 3rd base and Field.
10. **Mercy Rule.** This rule applies only to B Grade. Normal softball mercy rules apply.
11. **Declaration** of innings will be unlimited per team, per game during round robin only but not finals.
12. Where there are two outs and the catcher is on base, then a runner may replace him.
13. In the event of wet weather, the Tournament Committee will make a decision regarding the continuation or resumption of play. Should a game be washed out then it will be deemed a drawn game.
14. In **A Grade** an Official Scorer will be provided for all games. The score and individual results as indicated by the Official Scorer will be final. **The Official scorer will also be responsible for starting and finish times.**
15. Hurry up rule will apply. If the batter is not in the batters box within one minute after the innings is complete, it is a strike on the batter every 10 seconds. If the defensive team (including all nine players) is not on the diamond within one minute, a ball should be called on the batter every 10 seconds.
16. DR rule, if teams use a DR they may come in and run once in any inning and only need to be announced as a DR.
17. **If a team is at the bottom of the innings and in front (time is nearly up or bottom 7th innings), this will be the end of the game. (NEW RULE)**

Finals

18. In **A Grade**:
 - a. Two highest Round Robin money winners will contest the Grand Final. Should the earnings be even then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.
 - b. Grand Final will be of 7 innings duration with a 2hr time limit with the innings in progress to be completed. If the game is drawn then a tiebreaker will be played from the top of the 8th inning.
19. In **B Grade**:
 - a. Two teams with the most points will contest the finals. Should points be even, then the team with the least number of runs against will finish higher on the ladder.
 - b. Grand Final will be of 1hr 45mins duration with no new innings to commence after 1hr 30mins. If the game is drawn then a tiebreaker will be played from the top of the next inning.

2010 Canberra International Skins Tournament

The 2010 Canberra International Skins will be held over the period Friday 3rd December through to Sunday 5th December 2010 at the Hawker International Softball Centre.

Teams should note that this is a 3-day event with the draw commencing from **Friday morning**, and presentations expected to conclude at 5 p.m. Sunday. All travel arrangements need to be made around these criteria with no exceptions to the draw possible.

Payment of non refundable deposit should be forwarded to the FPSL, P O Box 534 Kippax ACT 2615 by 1st November 2010.

Any enquires can be directed to Bob Harrow – Secretary FPSL on 0413 276 180 or (02) 6299 8162. Our website is www.fpsl.act.softball.org.au



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