

# General Information

## Men's 23U Fast Pitch

August 2 – 3, 2014

<b>Roster/Tournament Entry Forms</b>	<p>We must receive the following items by Friday, July 25, before your team is considered an official entry into these championships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ASA Championship Roster (Signed by local ASA Commissioner)</li><li>• ASA Official Tournament Entry Form (Signed by local ASA Commissioner)</li><li>• Tournament Entry Fee (\$400 payable to St. Joseph Softball Board)</li></ul>
<b>Website</b>	<p>The official tournament website is: <a href="http://www.stjoemo.info/Calendar.aspx?EID=313">http://www.stjoemo.info/Calendar.aspx?EID=313</a></p>
<b>Tournament Director</b>	<p>Chuck Kempf, (816) 271-5517 or <a href="mailto:ckempf@ci.st-joseph.mo.us">ckempf@ci.st-joseph.mo.us</a></p>
<b>Lodging Coordinator</b>	<p>Lodging information can be obtained by calling Lindsay Bernard, (816) 233-6688.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Your team's home commissioner must approve and sign your roster. Even so, the responsibility of roster integrity is that of the team manager. Please see the 2014 ASA Code Article 301 for clarification and interpretations.</p>
<b>Draw Procedure</b>	<p>Article 311 of the ASA Code governs the draw. The bracket draw will be performed on Tuesday, July 29, 7:00pm, at Heritage Park, in St. Joseph. Attending the draw is optional, but all teams are welcome to attend. The bracket will be posted on the website no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 30. The National ASA office strongly advises draws to be done in advance to give team's sufficient notice.</p> <p>The bracket draw procedure is: the association with the most teams will draw first, the association with the second most teams shall draw second, etc. In case of ties between associations, the tie will be determined alphabetically. When more than one team within an association must draw, positions to draw shall be determined based on alphabetical order according to the team name listed on the roster.</p>
<b>Format</b>	<p>The tournament will be played under a three-game guarantee format.</p>
<b>Awards</b>	<p>Awards will be given out in accordance with ASA Procedural Manual (Section 306). Team and individual awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.</p>
<b>Opening Game &amp; Schedule</b>	<p>Depending on number of teams entered, opening games are anticipated to take place on Saturday, August 2, beginning at 8:00am at Heritage Park Softball Complex. Games will continue into Sunday with championships</p>

anticipated for Sunday afternoon.

**Manager and  
Player Check-in**

Manager check-in will take place at Heritage Park Softball Complex (2202 Waterworks Road) on Friday, August 1, from 6:00 to 8:00pm and Saturday morning at 7:00am at Heritage Park.

*All players participating in the tournament must provide current valid picture identification prior to participation.*

**Manager's Meeting**

The pre-tournament manager's meeting will take place at Heritage Park, Friday, August 1, at 8:00pm.

**Bat Check**

All bats are required to be checked prior to being used in the tournament. A bat check will be set up at Heritage Park, Friday, August 1, 6:00 – 8:00pm. The bat check will then be available at Heritage Park prior to each team's first game. Bats will be checked against the ASA approved bat list, as well as with the G4 SSL (ASA model) bat compression fixture.

**Official Game Ball**

A 12", .47 Cor, 375 Comp, Optic Yellow softball will be provided for the tournament.

**Uniforms**

All players on a team shall properly wear uniforms that are like in color and style. Ball caps are mandatory and must be alike and worn properly.

**Time Limits**

There will be no game time limits during this tournament.

**Game Rules**

All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be governed by the 2014 ASA Official Rules of Softball.

**Run Ahead Rule**

For all tournament games, the run rules will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings or 7 runs after 5 innings. Refer to Rule 5, Section 9 of the 2014 ASA Official Rules of Softball.

**Team Seating**

The team listed on the top of the bracket will sit in the 1<sup>st</sup> Base dugout. The team listed on the bottom of the bracket will sit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Base dugout. In the event a team plays back to back on the same field, changing dugouts will not be required.

**Line-ups/Line-up  
Cards**

Tournament officials will provide line-up cards for each game. An official line-up must be submitted to the scorer at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled game time.

**Bench Area/Coin  
Toss**

Registered players, coaches, and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the dugout. Home and visiting team will be determined by a coin-toss fifteen minutes before scheduled game time when line-ups are turned into the scorer.

**Conduct**

Managers are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field. Any report of damage by hotel management will be dealt with by the

tournament committee in accordance with **Article 510, GENERAL REGULATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY, Section M, Team Conduct.**

<b>Game Times</b>	Please follow the times listed on the tournament brackets. Teams should be prepared to start a game once the proceeding game is completed. Game time is forfeit time.
<b>Playing Fields</b>	Heritage Park Softball Complex, 2202 Waterworks Road is the location of the tournament. The complex offers modern amenities, including sufficient, free parking. Overnight parking is not permitted. Each dugout will have water, ice and cups. <b>NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINK OR COOLERS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE ADMISSION GATES.</b> Full concessions will be available, alcoholic beverages and a wide variety of quality, reasonably priced foods. Pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash and under the control of their owner.
<b>Infield Practice</b>	No infield practices will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm-up in the outfield grass if time allows.
<b>Protests</b>	The tournament UIC will rule on all protests. As manager, please be familiar with rules of the game including proper protest procedure (Rule 9, ASA Rule Book).
<b>Rain Delays</b>	In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager's responsibility to stay in contact with tournament officials. <b>SPORTS HOTLINE: 816-271-5503</b>
<b>Medical</b>	We will have Medical Staff on site during the tournament. Please make sure your team coaches and spectators are hydrated. Heat and humidity can be dangerous in late August.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Souvenir t-shirts will be available throughout the weekend. Sales will take place Friday - Sunday.
<b>Player/Coach Passes</b>	Passes will be distributed to two coaches/managers per team. All players must be in uniform to gain entrance to the softball complex. All other staff associated with the team must purchase either a tournament or daily pass. The coach's passes will be distributed during team check-in.
<b>Admission/Tourney Passes</b>	Event passes will be available for daily entry, as well as full tournament passes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tournament Pass - \$10</li><li>• Daily Pass - \$5</li><li>• Children (12 and under) - Free</li></ul>
<b>Complex Restrictions</b>	No outside food, drink, or coolers will be permitted into the complexes. No Alcoholic Beverages are permitted. Rollerblades, bicycles, scooters or skateboards are prohibited.