



'09 MICHIGAN CITY YOUTH GIRLS FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

[ALL TOURNEYS AT PATRIOT PARK]]

CHECK BOX(S) OF TOURNAMENT(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:



CHECK BOX	DATE	EVENT NAME	AGE / DIVISIONS	FEE	FORMAT
	MAY 23-25	MEMORIAL MADNESS	12U & 14U	\$350	4-GAME MINIMUM

MUST REGISTER TEAM WITH NSA (\$20), and MUST INITIALLY REQUEST TO PLAY IN TOURNEYS AT PLAYNSA.COM

Make checks payable to: Michigan City Parks & Recreation
Attn.: Jeremy
Six on the Lake
Michigan City, IN 46360

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION / INDIANA NSA - SPORTS APPLICATION & WAIVER
MUST SUBMIT COPY OF COMPLETED NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ROSTER AND NSA SANCTION NUMBER**

As the manager/coach, I request the team listed on this application be permitted to participate in a Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department and NSA sports tournament. I understand that failure to follow all rules imposed by the M.C. Parks & Recreation Department, including all rules imposed by the NSA and any and all governing bodies and/or sanctions, will be cause for the team's dismissal from the tournament. I also understand that there is an element of risk with regard to personal injury involved in my teams' participation in this sporting activity.

Having read the above, and after review of the entry packet, and after careful consideration, I and the parents/guardians of this team's players hereby voluntarily assume all risks inherent in this teams' participation in a M. C. Parks & Recreation and NSA tournament. I further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Michigan City, its Park Board and Parks & Recreation and Department, the NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, and all personnel connected therewith, from all liability from any claim that arises out of this teams' participation in said tournament.

MUST SUBMIT COPY OF NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ROSTER AND * INSURANCE CERTIFICATE
INSURANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH NSA – VISIT WWW.PLAYNSA.COM FOR INFORMATION

ALL TEAMS MUST SANCTION AND ENTER ROSTER ONLINE AT PLAYNSA.COM

TEAM NAME _____ NSA SANCTION# _____ DATE _____

DIVISION: CIRCLE DIVISION 12U 14U

EMAIL: _____

TEAM MANAGER _____ Phone # _____ / _____
HOME PHONE / WORK PHONE

MANAGER'S ADDRESS _____
STREET, CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE

As the Manager/Coach of the above listed team, I have carefully read and considered the information included with this application and the COMPLETED NSA ROSTER SUBMITTED. I agree to follow all rules, and I understand that I will be held accountable for this team. I also understand that the validity of this roster and application, and the validity of the players listed, is my responsibility as Manager/Coach.

Manager Signature: _____

**APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT MANAGER / COACH SIGNATURE
AND THE SIGNED "COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS" FORM ON NEXT PAGE**

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- 11) Provide a sports environment for all teams that is free of drugs, tobacco or alcohol within the confines of the playing field and refrain from their use at all NSA softball events.
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PRINT NAME

COACH SIGNATURE

DATE

2009 YOUTH GIRLS FASTPITCH TOURNEY

PATRIOT PARK - Michigan City, IN



TOURNAMENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Team sanctioned with the NSA, and initial tournament request, submitted on-line at playnsa.com
- Fully completed Michigan City Parks & Recreation/INDIANA NSA "Sports Application and Waiver" form.
- Fully completed Michigan City Parks & Recreation / INDIANA NSA "Coaches Code of Ethics" Form.
- Fully completed **NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** Roster: Must have all required signatures and NSA Sanction number. **MUST ENTER ROSTER ONLINE.** (Printed On-Line roster may be attached, and completed roster including all parent/guardian signatures may be submitted at tourney site check-in.) NSA age eligibility is December 31st.
- Must provide a copy of team insurance certificate. Insurance is available through the NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. If you need insurance, I encourage you take advantage of the NSA package. The NSA Program offers \$3,000,000 of primary liability coverage and \$100,000 Accident Medical Coverage – Excess per injury **to each team as they participate in all amateur softball competitions** for a very reasonable price. **This is not limited to NSA competition.** Please visit playNSA.com for complete insurance information.
- Out-of-State teams (not Indiana) must submit the required "*Out-of-State Travel Permit*". Contact your local NSA Youth or State Director to acquire this form.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- ◆ Check emichigancity.com for hotel/motel accommodations. It is strongly recommended that rooms be booked as early in advance as possible to assure accommodations in Michigan City. Some hotel contacts are Super 8 (219-879-0411), Hampton Inn (219-879-9994), and Comphort Inn (219-879-9190). Most hotels are five minutes from Patriot Park. If rooms are not available in M.C. when you attempt to make reservations, try to book something in LaPorte, which is approximately a twenty-minute drive to the park. Can visit emichigancity.com for more hotel info.
- ◆ The top two (2) finishing teams in each age division will receive a berth to the NSA World Series. Teams must play in respective State Tourneys (regardless of finish) to ratify World Series berth earned.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

- ◆ 1ST and 2nd place teams will receive a sponsor (team) award and 12 individual awards.
- ◆ Each team's Manager/Coach entered in the tournament must check in with the Tournament Director a minimum of one-half hour before the start of its first scheduled game.

- ◆ The Tournament director(s) may adjust and alter format and game times with or without notice. Be sure to visit playnsa.com and click “Approved Equipment” before coming to the tournament.
- ◆ Reasonable and typical admission fees will be charged to enter Patriot Park. Children under 12 will enter free. (Players in uniform will not be charged and each team will be provided with three coach passes.)



The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department strives to create and provide recreational opportunities and competition in a family oriented atmosphere. The enthusiasm, spirit and attitude of our participants are paramount to the tournament's success.



WELCOME TO **Patriot Park**



The Recreation Department will concentrate on strict enforcement of all rules concerning language, alcohol, and glass containers in an effort to secure a family oriented and recreational class atmosphere at Patriot Park. As per Park rules, alcohol not allowed for youth events and only in designated areas.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS FOR ANYTHING! NO DOGS IN PARKS.

TOURNEY RULES

1. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter format or field assignments for any reason with or without notice. Tournament Director(s) has sole responsibility for determining seeding, placements, and final tournament finish/standings.
2. Teams must be at respective field ready to play ball thirty minutes before each start time on bracket. The Tournament Director reserves the right to start any game thirty minutes or less early.
3. No jewelry is to be worn – tape over it is not allowed – please take it off! Penalty assessed as per *NSA Rulebook*.
4. When age or identity verification is necessary and requested by the tournament officials, the team manager and/or individual participant **MUST** provide proper and legal documentation pertaining to age or identity, such as birth certificate. **INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE IDENTIFICATION AVAILABLE AT THE BALL FIELD. MANAGERS MAY WISH TO KEEP A FOLDER WITH AN ID OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE PHOTOCOPY FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER.**
5. **COACHES SHOULD POSSES AND HAVE AVAILABLE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONSENT FORM SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR EACH PLAYER.**
6. The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department and IN NSA will not tolerate acts of vocal harassment or physical violence. Any person or team that does not conduct itself in a civil manner towards program officials, umpires, and fellow participants will be suspended from the tournament with **NO REFUND**. The coach, in part, will be held accountable for individual behavior by his or her team members, coaches, and spectators. Team managers are to set conduct parameters. Coaches will be held to an extended standard when unsportsmanlike situations are addressed.

7. An umpire, director, or supervisor may eject player(s), coach(es), or SPECTATOR(S) whenever a situation warrants such action. The umpire, director, or supervisor may also forfeit any game when such action is deemed necessary.
8. Teams that cannot control their individual players, coaches, and/or SPECTATORS, or that are collectively unruly and disorderly, will be excluded from future Parks and Recreation activities with NO REFUND.
9. Any person(s) or team(s) behavior and/or conduct that is contrary to Park Department policy and expectations will be subject to expulsion from the NSA INDIANA STATE TOURNAMENT with NO REFUND.



POINTS OF EMPHASIS

NO TOLERANCE FOR FIGHTING OR "TRASH TALKING"

THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION WILL NOT TOLERATE FIGHTING OF ANY KIND. ANY SITUATION INVOLVING PHYSICAL CONTACT OR FIGHTING WILL BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY AND ACTED UPON APPROPRIATELY BY THE GAME OFFICIALS, LEAGUE DIRECTORS AND PARK SUPERVISORS. THE GAME MAY SIMPLY BE CALLED AND THE OFFENDING TEAM(S) WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE FACILITY.

- A. Harassment, baiting and/or taunting between participants WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ALL!
- Contrary to what some participants think, taunting, baiting or "trash talking" has no place in the game of softball - THIS APPROACH DOES NOT PROVIDE A STRATEGICAL ADVANTAGE - IT ONLY STARTS TROUBLE! This behavior will not be tolerated, and is an area we will concentrate on. If there is a problem, said player(s) or team(s) will be removed from the tournament with NO REFUND OF FEES.
 - No umpires, directors, participants, or fans should have to listen to any verbal abuse from anyone. This includes loud outbursts of foul language regardless of any situation or self-perceived justification from ANYONE!
 - Children and family members do not need to see and hear anyone (coaches, players, parents, or fans) acting like uncontrollable idiots at Patriot Park. We want to create a family oriented atmosphere to be enjoyed by all!

VERY IMPORTANT...

The coach or a team captain **ONLY** must do any questioning of calls made by the umpires. Coaches and participants are not at liberty to question and critique umpires, and are subject to ejection for doing so. Questions or concerns directed to umpires should be done only by the coach or captain, and should be done only in a sportsmanlike manner.

All participants and spectators should approach the game as recommended by the IHSAA:

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Show respect for the opponent at all times.
2. Show respect for the officials.
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contest.
4. **MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!**
5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of team affiliation.

A Well-Played Contest Will Be Enjoyed By All Only if Each Of Us Assumes Our Responsibilities.

AS A PLAYER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Play, have fun, and enjoy the game. **THE GAME IS FOR YOU!**

2. Demonstrate Sportsmanship toward your opponents, and treat them with respect.
3. **EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES**, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
4. Respect the judgment of the officials and their interpretations of the rules.
5. **Regarding clarification of a ruling, communicate with the game officials through your captain only.**
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**CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY
PARKS & RECREATION**



Patriot Park



**The People of Michigan City
Welcome You!**

RULES

- 1. No Glass Containers**
- 2. Noise Ordinance Enforced**
- 3. No Overnight Parking or Camping**
- 4. No Littering**
- 6. Hunting is Prohibited**
- 7. No Pets outside of Vehicles**
- 8. Curfew: 11:00 pm Daily**
- 9. Picnic Shelters available through
Reservations at Park Office: 219-873-1506**
- 10. No Motorized Vehicles except in Designated
Parking Areas**
- 11. No Metal Detectors on Grass**
- 12. Alcohol in Designated Areas Only:
Prohibited on Roadways, Parking Lots or
in Proximity of any Youth Activities**
- 13. No Skateboarding in Roadways or Parking Lots**

WE RECYCLE!

Please use proper receptacles.

2224 North 950 West

**The preceding rules apply to all
City of Michigan City park property**



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**** COACHES COPY ****



FROM INTERSTATE 80/ 94...

- ◆ Take US 421 Exit to Michigan City
- ◆ Turn right (SOUTH) on US 421 in M.C. (Note this is going opposite the arrow pointing towards Michigan City. Patriot Park is just off the interchange heading south of Michigan City.)
- ◆ At the first stop light you come to on 421 (US 421 & CR 300) - turn left onto 300 N. (Points of interest: Harley-Davidson Store is to your right at this intersection - there is a car dealership on your left.)
- ◆ Turn right onto CR 950 W at stop sign (this is the first right hand turn you can make off of CR 300, and there is a Patriot Park sign) - You will then see the entrance to Patriot Park on your right.

FROM US HIGHWAY 30...

- ◆ Take US 421 North (right turn off 30) to Michigan City.
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FROM US HIGHWAY 20...

- ◆ Take 20 West to I 94 West to US 421 South
- ◆ Take us 421 South to stop light at US 421 & CR 300 - turn left onto 300 N. (Points of interest: Harley-Davidson Store is to your right at this intersection - there is a Harbor car dealership on your left.)
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SAFETY NOTE: BE CAREFUL AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 421 & CR 300

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP AT THIS INTERSECTION / STOPLIGHT - NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC BOTH HAVE GREEN LIGHTS AT THE SAME TIME, AND THERE IS NOT A "TURN-ARROW SIGNAL"!!!!