

Dear Athletic Directors and Coaches:

Congratulations on your school's fastpitch team qualifying for the WCD Fastpitch Championships scheduled for May 22-23 at Sprinker Recreation Center.

Please make sure that the roster submitted on the WCD Website is accurate as THAT will serve as the official pass list as well as the attached Pass List form. You have until this Thursday by 2:00pm to make adjustments but please understand that the gatekeeper staff does not have the flexibility to respond to pass list inquiries at the tournament. These issues need to be resolved in advance thus the reminder notice. Individuals not on that list will not be admitted without paying the posted admission price.

The ballfield complex will be open at 8:00am each day so that teams may have access for warmup purposes. Because of so many teams there are few areas to warmup other than on baseball field #1 and behind two of the smaller fields. You are welcome to drive down to Gonyea Fields which are about 5 minutes away but you will need to work that out with your bus driver. To get to Gonyea, go North on C Street to 138th and turn left. Go to 10th Avenue South and turn right and the fields are about three blocks down on your left.

All coaches need to check in at the tournament trailer IMMEDIATELY upon arrival to the complex. I will be present to answer any last-minute questions and give them their tournament packet.

Because we have games on Friday starting at different times, a coaches meeting will be held as follows:

9:00am for all 10:00am games

11:00am for all 12:00noon games

1:00pm for all 2:00pm games

5:00pm for all 6:00pm games

Please note that this is only for coaches who have not yet played a game.

On Saturday, coaches meetings will be held at 9:00am for all 10:00am games and at 11:00am for all 12:00 noon games--again only for coaches who have not yet played a game.

School buses may park in the Sprinker Recreation Center parking lot however they must adhere to the parking regulations established by the staff for this event in order to maintain proper traffic flow. If the lot is too crowded please inform your transportation center to let drivers know that they will be directed to park in the shopping center parking lot one block away--regardless of the weather. It is important that they be informed of this as it avoids arguments on the day of the tournament. Bus drivers are not in charge in this particular instance.

Weather conditions call for clear blue and sunny skies --of course. On the outside chance that this is not the case, athletic directors and coaches are welcome to call me at 253-677-2872 for an update. If your home and cell phone numbers are posted on the official roster form that you submitted, then I can call you. If not, they I cannot. If you call and the line is busy, it is better to call me back rather than leave a message as trying to respond quickly to 38 teams can get to be a challenge and, of course, everyone wants to know right away. I understand that and will do my best but trying to retrieve messages when everyone is calling is difficult. But, by all means call as I want to save you unnecessary trips whenever possible.

If you have any questions prior to the tournament please ask now whether it be about pass lists, rules, uniforms or whatever. The more we can respond to know the more relaxing things will during the tournament and everyone can concentrate on the task at hand--qualify for STATE!! Good luck.

Marc Blau
Tournament Director