

## 2009 WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS 4A, BI-3A & 2A, FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT

### SPRINKER RECREATION CENTER

TACOMA, WA

May 22-23, 2009

### RULES & REGULATIONS

#### **COACH CHECK-IN AND MEETING INFO:**

Coaches must check in with the tournament director upon arrival at the tournament site. Coaches meetings will be held on Friday at the tournament trailer at 9:00am for all 10:00 am games, at 11:00am for all 12 noon games, and at 1:00pm for all 2:00pm games. A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday at 9:00am for all 10:00am games involving teams that did not play on Friday and at 11:00am for all 12noon games involving teams that did not play on Friday.

1. The Tournament Manager is Marc Blau. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the District Tournament, please call him at (253) 582-3585 during the day and (253) 848-1360 in the evening. His cell # is (253) 677-2872. E-mail address is marc@winningseasons.net (work) or blaumarc@qwest.net

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**Please complete the on-line roster form on our website at [www.wcd3.org](http://www.wcd3.org). Please submit them NOW rather than wait until you qualify as changes can always be made. Receipt of this information allows us to create an attractive souvenir program with complete rosters for every team and therefore your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.**

3. PASSES - Players in uniform will not be charged an admission fee, however they will be expected to present an ASB card when not in uniform or they will have to pay the regular fee.

No passes given out during the contest.

A tournament pass list from each team will be located at the field entrance and it will be good for the entire tournament. They will include the following: 20 players; five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers, scorekeepers; school district superintendent; five (5) school board members; principal; two (2) assistant principals; two (2) athletic directors; one (1) school newspaper representative; one (1) school photographer; and one (1) video operator. League passes will NOT be honored. W.C.D. Executive Board member passes will be accepted. **Picture identification and sign-in required before admittance.**

4. The team bench is limited to 20 players and five (5) team personnel i.e. coaches, managers, trainers and scorekeepers authorized by the school, as indicated on the Official District Tournament Entry form provided in this packet.
5. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Tournament Manager for rescheduling information. Teams must be prepared to play on the next available day, except Sunday. If games are rained out on Friday, then there is a possibility that the entire tournament will be played on Saturday. If games are rained out on Saturday, the tournament will be played on Monday and the tournament will be completed during the week of Monday, May 18th. Weekday games, if necessary, will start no earlier than 10:00 a.m.
6. The official tournament ball will be the BADEN 2BSFPY LEXUM , optic yellow leather with red stitch, .47 COR/375 compression, polycore center with NFHS stamp. Balls will be provided by the tournament committee.
7. All games are 7 innings and must be played to completion, except when one team is ahead by 10 runs for fastpitch after 5 innings have been completed.

8. The National Federation tiebreaker rule will go into effect at the end of eight (8) complete innings, as per state adoption.
9. For all first round games the team on the bottom of the bracket is the home team and will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. For all remaining games, the team on the bottom half of the bracket will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. and take infield first. Exception: A team playing back to back on the same field will occupy the same dugout and warm up first.
10. The home team, for all second round games and beyond, will be decided by a coin flip which will be conducted during the pre-game conference by the umpires. The home team will keep the official scorebook for each game.
11. Each team will be allowed five (5) minutes infield prior to their first game of the day. For all other games there will be no official warm-up conducted, however teams may take infield on the other available practice field. Infield warm-up will also be allowed behind the shortstop and second base areas prior to the start of each game if time permits following the conclusion of a game and any necessary field preparation. Fields available to practice on include Sprinker #1 and additional outlying areas.
12. Teams must be prepared to play immediately upon conclusion of the preceding game on their scheduled field, should it go beyond the starting time for your game.
13. *Continuing Suspended Game - Any game that is interrupted with teams having played less than the required number of innings will be continued from the point of suspension. The tournament manager shall determine when the game will be completed. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game.*
14. *In case of inclement weather, the following speed-up procedures may be used. Your cooperation and understanding under adverse weather conditions is appreciated.*
  - a. *No throwing the ball around the horn.*
  - b. *No infield warm-up each inning.*
  - c. *No catchers throwing ball down to 2nd base at start of each inning or after strikeouts.*
  - d. *No pre-game infield allowed.*
  - e. *Pitchers limited to 3 warm-up pitches each inning.*
  - f. *No rah-rah huddles that delay the game.*
  - g. *Batters must keep one foot in the batter's box when taking signals unless they swing and miss or hit the ball or ask for a timeout. Failure to comply will result in a warning.*
15. Identical regulation team uniforms with numbers at least 6" high must be worn at all times. Uniform caps or visors are optional for individual players as long as they are clearly part of the uniform. Bandanas are prohibited.

A reminder to all coaches that, when on the field, you are required to be in a team uniform or properly attired as per Rule 3, Section 5, Article 3 on page 38 which states -Any time a coach is in live-ball area to confer with players or an umpire, or to occupy a coach's box, the coach shall be attired in school uniform or jersey/coaching shirt with coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits (including fleece warm-ups) in school colors or colors of khaki, black, white or gray. Cut-offs or any type of jeans are prohibited.≡ Jackets are not considered part of the coach's uniform. **PENALTY: A coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted in the field of play following the pre-game conference for the duration of the game or until the situation has been remedied.**

<p><b>For the good of the game this rule applies to all bench and field personnel.</b></p>
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16. Protests: Protests regarding rule interpretations and player eligibility **MUST** be made prior to the next pitched ball in order to be considered. The protest must then be resolved immediately by the tournament committee. Protests will not be accepted concerning a judgement call by the umpire.

17. No signs except official school banners may be displayed or posted. No noise makers are allowed.

18. The admission fee as set by the West Central District is:

Adults	\$7.00
Students with ASB	\$5.00
Students without ASB	\$7.00
Sr. Citizens (62 & over)	\$5.00
Elementary (under 12)	\$4.00
Preschool (with parent)	Free

19. **AWARDS** - West Central District will provide a trophies for the first and second place team in each tournament and a participation certificate for each player involving teams from the WCD.

20. Game officials will be assigned games in direct proportion to the number of teams serviced by their organization.

21. The 2009 National Federation rulebook will be used.

22. The double or safety base **WILL** be used at Sprinker Recreation Center. Please make sure your players are versed in their use.

23. Coaches should be prepared to abide by all rules as they relate to blood on individuals and/or uniforms and equipment.

24. There is no parking fee.

25. A full service concession will be in operation throughout the tournament.

26. **MEDICAL AID** - Emergency medical services available within two minutes of the complex include:

General Medical Clinics	537-3724
Friday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	
Spanaway Fire Department	537-7026
On call 24 hours	

**TRAINER** - Athletic trainers from MVP Physical Therapy will be present throughout the tournament to tend to injuries and other medical needs as required. **Teams need to bring their own athletic training supplies with them to the tournament if they want to get taped.** Heather Brown is the ATC in charge and can be reached during the tournament at 562-355-1596.

27. Any matter not covered above will be left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

28. **Directions to Sprinker Recreation Center (253-798-4080)**

14824 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98444

Take exit #127 off I-5 and get onto Highway 512 going East. Take the 2nd exit (Parkland/Spanaway) and turn right onto Pacific Avenue headed South. Go about 2-1/2-3 miles and turn right on Military Road (152nd) which is the next right past McDonalds. Go two blocks and the fields are on your right.