

1st Annual First Responders Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

(This year the tournament is to benefit the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team)

June 10-12, 2016

17C Town of Union
Endicott, NY

The proceeds of this tournament are to help the **Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team** (WWAST). The WWAST was formed 5 years ago to help raise awareness, through exhibition and celebrity softball games, of the sacrifices and resilience of our military, and highlight their ability to rise above any challenge. Their goal is to show other amputees and the general population, that these athletes through extensive rehabilitation and training are able to express their desires and perform the sport they love.

Date

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Fee

\$300.00 per team (non-refundable)

Prizes

Rotating Team Plaque for first place team. The plaque will be returned to the tournament director before the start of the next year tournament. Winning team players will receive 2 tickets to NYSEG stadium for the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Game vs. Broome County Law Enforcement Team on July 30, 2016

Registration

All teams need to register by **Friday, May 20, 2016**. Each team is responsible for own insurance.

Teams and Uniform

Each team will consist of ten (10) players each, but no more than twenty (20). Teams are encouraged to create a team nickname and uniform. The team with the most creative uniform will be awarded a small prize. **Disrespectful language on uniforms will not be permitted.**

Tournament Format

The tournament will consist of no more than sixteen (16) teams. The tournament format will be a guarantee of 2 games weather permitting. Teams will flip for home and away at home plate before the start of the game. Teams listed on the top line of the bracket will be on the first base line and teams listed on the bottom part of the bracket will be on the third base line.

No new inning will start after 90 minutes. In the event that there is a tie after the 90 minutes, we continue until a winner is declared after a completed inning.

Please ensure all equipment is approved by the Amateur Softball Association. Game balls will be provided the day of the event. Illegal or enhancing equipment will not be allowed. Players found to be using illegal equipment will be issued a warning. Continued use of illegal equipment will result in disqualification.

Team Lineup

A total of 10 players are active on a team at a given time, either on offense or defense.

Game Rules

The Softball Tournament rules will be based on the rules elaborated by ASA

1. Game times are set. If you do not have a minimum of 9 players at game time, your team forfeits.
2. Defensive changes are unlimited provided that the game is not delayed. Once a player leaves the game on defense, they are unavailable for the remainder of the game on both offense and defense. If a player is injured or physically disabled, they may leave and return when they are once again able to play.
3. Runners may **NOT** slide legs up or with the intent to take out the defender. Interference will be called and the runner will be out.
4. Only softball bats are allowed
5. The infield fly rule will be enforced.

Player/Team Conduct

1. An official who is in absolute control of the game will do the officiating.
2. Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of spectators, players or coaches can result in ejection or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain in the designated area.
3. The officials shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules. Only a protest of player eligibility or rules interpretation will be accepted. Official's judgment is not arguable.
4. Individual and team sportsmanship is of the utmost importance for all of its participants.
5. Certain behaviors will not be tolerated before, during, or after intramural activities:
 - a) Actions meant to cause harm to any person.
 - b) Verbally abusive or threatening language towards players, spectators, or officials.
 - c) Arguing with the umpire, officials or field supervisor.
 - d) Lack of control by individuals or the team.
 - e) Swinging or throwing the bat in a dangerous manner.
 - f) Intentionally throwing the ball at any player.
 - g) Any behavior deemed unsportsmanlike and/or inappropriate by the umpire, officials or field supervisor. Consequences of these actions will result in ejection from the game or tournament.. Consequences will be given out as seen fit by the Officials and field Supervisors. **If a player has been ejected he/she will not be allowed a replacement and must leave the field of play and/or any other area deemed inappropriate by the Field Supervisor.**

Registration Form

Please fill out all information and return with your entry fee

Mail to:

Brian Kittle
6 Earle Drive
Binghamton, NY 13903

Make checks payable to:

Brian Kittle
In memo please write "WWAST"

Team
Name _____

Team
Contact _____

Mailing
Address _____

E-Mail
Address _____

Phone Number
Home _____ Cell _____