

2010 PFFW Softball Tournament Rules

- ASA rules will be in force. 6 - 12 ft arc. (It was changed to 10 feet this year. After consulting with a number of departments, the decision was made to go with the 6 - 12 ft. arc.)
- 2 strikes and 3 balls. Umpires will enforce all ASA Rules.
- Home plate and mat will be a strike.
- If a ball is thrown too flat or too high the umpire will call out illegal pitch. You still have the option of swinging at it. If you swing, ball is in play.
- All bats must be ASA Certified 2000 or 2004 sticker, not on the ASA banned bat list. There are 118 bats banned. We will provide a list the week before the tournament or hand it out at the check-in gate. If you need further information, check the ASA website. Remember, this is the Firefighters State Tournament, so if you have a bat you cannot use or is deemed illegal, please be courteous and don't use it.

For the draw:

- The top four teams pursuant to past history will be seeded. If there are at least 16 teams to run a 4 division tournament, we will try to make this double elimination with the losers coming for a chance to win through the losers bracket. (Of course this depends on the number of teams that sign-up). Guaranteed 2 game minimum, or a pool play will take place (similar to what Eau Claire did with the seeds coming out of the pool play with runs for and against). 4 team pool. This should guarantee everyone 6 games.
- Efforts will be made to schedule later games for the teams that have the longest travel time. (Depending on the draw.)
- After the top 4 teams are seeded, a Madison team will be put in each bracket by hat draw. (Local 311 will have 4 teams this year and will try to put them in separate brackets if possible.)
- Subsequently, we will draw the rest of the seeds out of a hat. If your team is not one of the top 4 seeds, it does not mean anything except we forgot how good you were or did not have room. Mike Dibble will be doing the draw and will get more information from other PFFW members to see who should be seeded.

- The cost is **\$40.00** per PLAYER. (No matter if you have 9 or 14.) This covers balls, field rental, umpires, food and beer, and anything else we can find for you.
- Important: Please send ASAP the money for your team and YOUR ROSTER TO:

Local 311

ATTN: Sharon

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