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18 & UNDER "A" NAFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
JULY 21 – JULY 27, 2008
FLORISSANT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COMPLEX
FLORISSANT, MISSOURI

The following pages will give you the tentative overview of the national tournament to be held in Florissant, Missouri.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be posting additional information, firm dates, and times on all events. So please check back for any updated information.

Information on housing, area maps, car rental, airlines, and local information on area, restaurants, and sites of interest will be added soon.

An Entry Form is also available page 9. Please send this in as soon as possible..

Each team is encouraged to send an **e-mail address** with the entry form, as it is much easier, and quicker to communicate. We will also be sending a weekly newsletter via emails to keep you updated on the national tournament.

Thanks for your interest,

Jack Spahr, Director
NAFA Region 4
jack@nafa-region4.com



Manager/Coach/Parent

The 2008 18 & Under "A" NAFA National Championship will be held at the Florissant Athletic Association Complex. This beautiful complex is located in Florissant, MO, which is located in metro St Louis area. You will be flying into St Louis International Airport. The fields are located just 30 minutes from the airport.

As soon as we receive your entry form, entry fees, we will send you a confirmation of your entry into the tournament. Your entry fee is non-refundable, unless approved by the NAFA 4 Regional Director.

The Official Tournament Roster Form is available on the Region 4 web page – please fill out completely, it is important that all requested information be filled in. **Hand carry this along** with birth certificates or some approved certification of age to registration. Please have all requested information forms filled in prior to registration; this will help speed things along.

Your coaches and player passes will be distributed to you at registration.

Information on individual and team photos will also be available at registration.

**Send team picture, and team information to: Bob Bone – 114 Fair Acres – Wentzville, MO
email: roberteb@charter.net**

Please send picture, and team information as soon as possible.

There will be a gift exchange before first game in pool play.

Please – the Rules Discussions are important, as this is where your questions will be answered, and rules are discussed. **ALSO – THE TEAMS PICNIC IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR PLAYERS', PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THESE – ALSO, PARENTS AND FANS ARE INVITED TO THE PICNIC FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE.**

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NAFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

2008 NAFA rules will govern all play, except as noted herein.
(Age as of January 1, 2008)

18 & UNDER “A” PITCHING DISTANCE IS – 43’

- 1) Team dress code will be enforced. Coaches will not be allowed on the field unless dressed in appropriate attire.
- 2) Coin flip 30 minutes prior to game time to determine home team, the coin flip will be at a designated area. During pool play, home team will occupy the first base dugout; in bracket play, team listed at top of bracket will occupy the first base dugout.
- 3) Home team will be the official scorekeeper in pool play, and bracket play.
- 4) Line-Up cards are available from the UIC at time of coin flip.
- 5) Tournament softball: Dudley Thunder Heat WTASPFA, Optic, .47 Core – one to each team will be distributed at the coin flip.
- 6) Pre-game conference between managers and umpires will take place at home plate five (5) minutes prior to start of game. If previous game runs long, next game will start ten minutes following completion of previous game. Game time is forfeit time.
- 7) No infield practice before games. Teams may warm up on grass while infield is being prepared. **NO BATTING PRACTICE IS ALLOWED ON FIELDS, OR IN THE COMPLEX AT ANY TIME.**
- 8) Time limit for Pool Play is 1 hour 15 minutes; no time limit in bracket play. Time limits could change in case of tournament interruptions. **GAME CLOCK WILL START 1 MINUTE AFTER PRE-GAME CONFERENCE.**
- 9) Not more than one minute may be used to throw no more than 5 warm-up pitches.
- 10) International tiebreaker is to be used in all games after time limit or 7 innings. In bracket play, international tiebreaker will not be used in semi-finals or championship games.
- 11) Mercy rule: 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings; no run rule in Championship game.
- 12) Courtesy Runners – The team at bat may use a CR for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time. The pitcher and catcher are identified as those players who actually were playing those positions at the end of the previous half-inning. In the top of the first inning only, the pitcher and catcher are identified as the players listed as such on the line-up. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher is required to leave the game under this rule. (See Section 6.7 of the current NAFA Rule Book for details).
- 13) Team manager or a coach only may consult with the umpires; players, sponsors, and other coaches are to keep out of the discussions.
- 14) Protest will be settled immediately members of protest committee are: Tournament Director, Local UIC, NAFA UIC, and NAFA Tournament Representative. Their decision is final.
- 15) No smoking on fields or dugout area.

NAFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES – 2008 (CONT'D)

- 16) Maximum allowed in dugout is 22, which includes 18 players, 1 head coach, 2 assistant coaches, and 1 bat person. The umpire will ask all unauthorized personnel to leave the dugout
- 17) No manager nor coach, when on defense or offense, shall sit nor stand outside the dugout (exception: when on offense, two may stand in their respective coaches box). Coaches may sit on a stool at the dugout opening provided stool remains within the dugout.
- 18) Headgear: Visors, headbands and caps are optional parts of the uniform and may be mixed. All headgear must be worn as intended by the manufacturer. Exceptions: Plastic visors, bandannas, and handkerchiefs are not allowable headgear.
- 19) Rolling up sleeves is legal if player's number remains readable.
- 20) There is no penalty if a player's number is listed incorrectly on the line-up card or scorebook if the player's name is correct. Correct the error and resume play.
- 21) Fitness of a field to start a game will be determined by Tournament Director.
- 22) Teams are responsible for verifying the accuracy of game scores as posted on POOL PLAY LEADER BOARD after each game. If you do not agree with what is posted, DO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE IT, NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND HE WILL CORRECT IF NEEDED.
- 23) Winner of Pool Play determined by won-loss record. In case of a tie, the following will be used:
A: Head to Head Competition B: Fewest runs allowed in pool play C: Coin Flip
- 24) TOURNAMENT FORMAT: POOL PLAY (3 GAMES) SEEDED INTO DOUBLE ELIMINATION, INTO FINAL FOUR.

JUST A REMINDER: CHIN STRAPS AND FACE MASK ARE MANDATORY IN NAFA.



TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday	July 21, 2008	REGISTRATION – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm TBA MANAGERS MEETING & RULES DISCUSSION – TBA PICNIC for Players, Coaches and fans – TBA HOME RUN DERBY & OTHER CONTEST – TBA
Monday Evening	July 21, 2008	OPENING CEREMONIES – TBA
Tuesday	July 22, 2008	8:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 8:00 AM
Wednesday	July 23, 2008	6:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 8:00 AM
Thursday	July 24, 2008	6:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 8:00 AM
Friday	July 25, 2008	6:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 8:00 AM
Saturday	July 26, 2008	6:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 8:00 AM
Sunday	July 27, 2008	6:00 am GATES OPEN – GAMES START AT 9:45 AM FINAL FOUR GAMES

TOURNAMENT SITE: Florissant Athletic Association Complex – Florissant, MO

NAFA Nationals Hotels

**BLOCKED ROOMS WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL
ENTRY FORM & FEE ARE RECEIVED.**

**(YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO USE THESE, THEY ARE JUST PART OF
OUR GUARANTEE FOR ROOM BLOCKS)**

Double Tree Westport

www.doubletreewestport.com

Rate was \$99

Indoor Garden Pool with adjoining Patio

Located 20 minutes from Florissant Area Athletic Association

Just completed a 5 million dollar renovation (the hotel looks beautiful!)

Complimentary Shuttle to the Airport, Westport Plaza and Harrahs Casino

Located ½ mile from Westport plaza (see below for details on Westport Plaza)

Mini Refrigerators in all rooms and Double Tree Cookies upon arrival

2 Queen size beds in all double Rooms

Patti.miller@swphotels.com or 314-212-2150

Quality Inn Westport \$79

Located 20 minutes from Florissant Area Athletic Association

Oversized Heated Indoor Pool, Hot Tub and Arcade Room & Game Room

Full Service Restaurant and Bar (Sybergs)

Complimentary Continental Breakfast

Located ½ mile from Westport plaza – see above for description of Westport Plaza

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Hilton St. Louis Airport

www.hiltonsstlouisairport.com

Rate \$99

Located 20 minutes from Florissant Area Athletic Association

Indoor Pool with adjoining Patio

Just completed an 8 million dollar renovation, everything in the hotel is brand new

Full Service Restaurant and Bar

Holiday Inn West \$82

www.holidayinn.com/stlairportwest

Located 20 minutes from Florissant Area Athletic Association

Just Completed a 2.5 Million Dollar Renovation

Indoor/Outdoor Pool with Swim Through Wall

St. Louis' MALONE'S SPORTS BAR serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

1 Mile from Dave and Busters

1 Mile from Harrahs Casino

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ENTRY FORM

Please Print

Team Name: _____

Head Coach: _____

Manager*: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Please include an email address, if you don't have one; see if someone else on the team has access to one.

2008 NAFA Membership Number: _____

***Please note if you are the business manager.**

Entry Fee: \$400.00 /
Plus \$30.00 NAFA Membership Fee if not already a member
Make Check Payable to: NAFA REGION 4
Mail to: NAFA REGION 6 – 5417 QUEAL ROAD, SHAWNEE KS 66203
(You may FAX this entry form ahead and send in with entry fee)
FAX - 913-273-1856