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Doug Berg



Jack Jones



Rose Kreitingner



Mike Lyman



Kyle Magnusson

## Six elected to hall of fame

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee, meeting in conjunction with the NDASA Winter meeting in January, has elected six new members to be inducted into the North Dakota Amateur Softball Hall of Fame. The six will be inducted at ceremonies to be held the evening of Saturday, April 17 at the Gladstone Inn in downtown Jamestown.

The newly elected inductees include Chris Assel, long time fast pitch player from Bismarck; Doug Berg, a premier fast pitch pitcher from Devils Lake; Jack Jones, manager and sponsor of several slow pitch teams and co-director of the McQuade tournament; Rose Kreitingner, long time slow pitch star in Bismarck women's softball; Mike Lyman, who could be described as a total softball devotee; and Kyle Magnusson, who has made his mark on the National

scene in fast pitch softball.

The addition of this year's inductees brings the total membership in the softball shrine to 234.

### Chris Assel

Chris Assel played fast pitch softball for twenty two years with five different teams in Bismarck establishing himself as an excellent fielder while maintaining a .363 batting average along with long ball capability. During his long career, Chris was called upon to play shortstop, first base, third base and outfield. His teams participated in 19 state tournaments, 10 regionals and six national tournaments. His only state championship came while playing with Frontier Directory in 1991 when he hit a three run, two out home run in the bottom half of the 12th inning of the title game.

In addition to state, regional and national tournaments, his teams

also captured tournament titles at the Minot International five times, the Fargo Holm's Classic twice and the Grand Forks invitational on three different occasions.

Along with his long time friend and teammate the late Jim Kapp, Chris is credited with keeping fast pitch softball alive in Bismarck for several years after the sport had declined. He actively recruited new players and then saw that they were scattered throughout the league so they played on a regular basis and kept the local league viable. He has also assisted in establishing the Junior Olympic fast pitch rebirth in Bismarck.

Chris and his wife Karen have three children, a son Dustin and two daughters Elizabeth and Annie.

### Doug Berg

Doug Berg of Devils Lake played most of his 22 years of playing

time with Southam and Devils Lake men's fast pitch teams. His primary position was pitcher but he also played shortstop and first base when necessary. His pitching record was 477-143 with 27 no-hitters. His batting average was a gaudy .409. He played in 15 state tournaments and 6 regional and was on the winning team six times in state tournaments and once in a regional.

Remarkably, Doug learned to pitch on his own and developed a great drop ball and change up. He was the only pitcher for his team at Southam and often was called upon to pitch four or five games in a one day tournament.

One example of his value to his team is cited by one of his sponsors who states that in one game against the Winnipeg Black Knights he pitched a no hit shutout and hit a home run in the last inning to win

the game. Two weeks later, this same Winnipeg team, representing Canada, won the World Tournament in the Phillipines.

Everyone of the sponsors and endorsers of Doug mention the fact that he never complained, not to an umpire, a teammate or opponents. A competitor on the field and a true gentleman off the field is a common comment.

Doug works on his family farm and enjoys spending time with his family including his wife Mary, his son Jason and his daughter Tricia.

### Jack Jones

Since moving to Mandan in 1990, Jack Jones has been an indispensable man in Bismarck-Mandan softball and on the state level. He has managed and sponsored both women's and men's slow pitch teams with success at all levels.

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# Commissioner's Column

Welcome to the 2010 NDASA softball season. I imagine that many of you have started thinking about the upcoming season or have already started putting teams together.

Following the meeting of the NDASA mid-winter conference the North Dakota Hall of Fame Council met and named six individuals to the Hall of Fame. These people are: Chris Assel, Doug Berg, Jack Jones, Rose Kreitinger, Michael Lyman and Kyle Magnusson. They will be inducted at the banquet held in Jamestown at the Gladstone Inn and Suites on Saturday, April 17. Congratulations to each of these new inductees.

We had a wonderful season during 2009. At the conclusion of the season North Dakota had 33 teams participate in national ASA tournaments. In the Men's Master 50 tournament Mandan Dust-Tex placed 2nd. Congratulations to them and all of the teams that entered ASA national tournaments.

Before I cover some of the activities of the Executive Board meeting on January 9th, one item that has come up every year is the location of state tournaments. The policy of NDASA is to award state tournaments to cities that support our organization. Many of you have shown dissatisfaction with some of these placements. NDASA will continue to award tournaments to these cities in the future. If the city

supports NDASA, we will support them by awarding tournaments to them.

At the national ASA Conference in Reno last November, Minot and Bismarck were awarded national tournaments for 2010 and Bismarck was awarded a national tournament in 2011. In 2010 Minot will host the WSP C & D national tournaments from September 2—September 6, while Bismarck will host the MSP Class E (Rec.) from September 2—September 6. As always all teams eligible to participate in these tournaments will be allowed to enter as long as they have participated in their respective state tournament.

I have named three new members of our Executive Committee—Mike Wolf of Bismarck, Jack Jones of Mandan, and Wayne Byers of Wahpeton. The Executive Board has been short of members according to the constitution and by-laws, so therefore, I filled the vacancies with these appointments. They are very actively involved in NDASA softball so will be good additions to the Committee. I also have named Bill Butterfield of Dickinson/Richardton to be the new JO softball commissioner. He will be assisted by Brian Neuhardt and Mike Wolf in the western area and Pat Johnson in the eastern area.

The JO committee recommendations to the Executive Committee

that were approved are: JO Commissioner, with input from the host city tournament manager will do all state tournament draws; all registrations for GFP will be individual registrations costing \$8.00; one coach must be ACE certified and all coaches and individuals on the field must have a background check which will be done at team registration for the cost of \$13.00, the exception will be high school and college coaches; background checks must be concluded by July 1st; state tournament dates for GFP will be July 24-25 with all tournaments held in the Fargo Area; and all state tournament entry fee check must be sent to the State Office in Jamestown with the cost for state tournaments being \$100.00. State tournaments for GSP again will be held in Jamestown the weekends of July 10-11 and July 17-18. On the early weekend the 16 & Under and 18 & Under will be held and on the second weekend the 12 & Under and 14 & Under will be held. All entries and fees must be sent to Kathy Stefonek in Jamestown. All registrations for GFP and in advancing GSP to a national tournament must go through the individual registration process. The registration process will be done through the ASA site this year. The program will still be listed as Register ASA. Brian Neuhardt of Bismarck understands

the process much more than I do, so contact him on how to register. Each individual group will do the registration of their teams or players. Brian can be contacted through e-mail at:

brian.neuhardt@securi-annd.com or call him at 701-663-8636.

In Masters Division of play: NDASA will allow players to play in both tournaments, 35 & 50, and 40 & 60 during that weekend of scheduled tournaments and revised the Masters 60 underage player rule to allow a maximum 4 underage players of this only two can be 58. Other actions adopted by the Committee were: state tournaments with mandatory two umpire system in Men's Division I, II and III and Women's C & D to increase the fee to \$150.00 with the increase going to the host city; NDASA will pay the entry fee for the National E Tournament to the winner of the Men's Rec 1 state tournament and North Dakota C class teams moved to B classification by ASA shall be allowed to play in North Dakota C invitational tournaments for 2010.

It is your responsibility or player representatives responsibility to remember these important ROSTER DEADLINE DATES: May 15 Team Registration Deadline; June 1st is roster deadline and also the late fee begins for rosters not yet turned into our state office, June 12



Jim Hanley

Final roster change deadline and July 9 is the Classification Meeting in Jamestown.

Player Representatives and managers are responsible for knowing their team classifications for 2010. Many teams had their classifications changed so be aware of your team(s) new classification. It is the responsibility of the manager to know what teams or players are ineligible for the 2010 season or are serving a probationary period.

Have a wonderful season and if you have any questions or problems, you can e-mail me at jimhanley@gra.midco.net or call me at 218-779-1525.

# President's Report

Welcome again to another softball season in North Dakota. Rules Clinics will be held throughout the state in April and the season begins shortly thereafter.

I attended the ASA National Council meeting in Reno this past November along with Walt Stack, Mike Wolf, and a delegation from Bismarck and Minot. Thanks to each of you for representing our program at the National level. Great news out of the council meeting as Minot was awarded the 2010 Women's D National Slow Pitch Tournament which will be held Labor Day weekend along with the previously awarded Women's C National. A great opportunity for our women's C & D teams in the state to participate in a National Tournament. Any WSP C, D, or even Rec 1 team in North Dakota who plays in the State Tournament will be eligible to participate in these events. I encourage our teams to take advantage of this opportunity. Minot has a long tradition of holding outstanding National Tournaments and I am confident they will do a terrific job and provide the players and fans a memorable experience.

Other good news from the ASA National Council meeting is that Bismarck was awarded the 2010 Men's E/Rec National Slow Pitch

Tournament, also to be held Labor Day weekend. I feel this tournament fits our program as well as any we have hosted. A large number of Rec teams in the State participate in the State Tournaments as well as the McQuade. If you are a Rec team in North Dakota and participate in a State Tournament, you will be eligible to participate in the E/Rec National Tournament. We look for this to be a great event for our teams, and provide National Tournament opportunity for players where there has not been. Don't let this one slip by, take advantage as we hope to have a large turnout. Bismarck was also awarded the Men's C Northern National for 2011. So we thank Bismarck for all their hard work in bringing two great tournaments to our State the next two years.

In 2010 we have additional opportunities in our Region as the Men's C Northern Slow Pitch will be held in Rochester, Mn. Rochester also has a long tradition of holding outstanding National Tournaments. Rochester has a tremendous organization and will provide teams with a memorable experience as well. Rochester also has a reputation of generating a great number of teams in their events. So, North Dakota C teams, take advantage of this opportunity.

You will not be disappointed in Rochester.

Also in 2010 in our Region is a GFP Northern National for 16U-B held in Mankato, Mn 8/5-8/8/10. Lots of opportunities this summer and great for our teams.

Congrats to Mandan who received the James Ferrell National Award of Excellence for the 2009 Men's Master's 40 SP National Tournament. This tournament was one of the highest rated tournaments in the country. Mandan received a 98% rating.

Great job Mandan, you made us all proud.

On the National level, ASA Championship participation was up 250 teams in 2010, and JO Championships are up 430 teams from two years ago, great news. In North Dakota our registrations were up as well in 2009. Our adult program was up about 50 teams and the GFP program in N.D. increased participation as well. The NDASA GFP State Tournament in North Dakota almost tripled in teams as compared to 2008. We have some very dedicated people working with the GFP program and we look for great things. Mr. Hanley appointed Mr. Bill Butterfield of Dickinson as the new GFP Commissioner in North Dakota. Bill and his assistants Brian Neuhardt in the west, and Pat Johnson in the east, together with the GFP Committee, are working hard to provide opportunities for the JO girls. I am confident this program is in good hands.

Also on the GFP front, the ASA and the National High School Federation have formed a relationship in the development of coaching certification w/USA Softball. Mike Candrea, (former Olympic coach) has developed a training video. See the ASA web site for details.

The ASA Council meeting approved a number of playing rules

changes including a pitching distance change for GFP 16U & 18U, and a pitching height limit change in Slow Pitch. See complete rule changes in this newspaper.

This past January, the NDASA mid-winter meeting was held in Jamestown. A number of issues were discussed including State Tournament sites, ASA Code and ASA Rule changes, recommendations by Jack Jones of the Masters committee, as well as dates and deadlines for our program in 2010. At the January meeting the Presidents of all the divisions of play in North Dakota are in attendance as well as player reps from around the State. Recommendations from this group are forwarded to the Executive Board for approval for the upcoming year. A reminder to all local associations in the State that in league play, you may use different rules than NDASA/ASA rules to accommodate your league play. However, if you are holding a NDASA sanctioned Invitational or State Tournament, you must follow the code and rules provided and approved by the NDASA/ASA. No Exceptions.

The NDASA Executive Board was also expanded at the mid winter meeting and three new members were added. Jack Jones of Mandan, Wayne Beyer of Wahpeton, and Mike Wolf of Bismarck. The Executive Board consists of 11 members. Other members of the board are James Hanley of Grand Forks, Jack Lukes of Lisbon, Walt Stack of Bismarck, Scott Collins of Minot, Greg Kaeding of Fargo, and Kathy Stefonek of Jamestown as well as myself. These people work hard for the program and we thank each and everyone of them.

I would like to congratulate the NDASA Hall of Fame inductees for 2010. Chris Assel of Bismarck, Doug Berg of Devils Lake, Jack Jones of Mandan, Rose Kreitinger



Dick Gulman

of Bismarck, Michael Lyman of Dilworth, and Kyle Magnusson of Salt Lake City, UT. A Hall of Fame induction banquet will be held Saturday April 17, 2010 in Jamestown, N.D. Contact the State Office for ticket information.

Special thanks again to Gary and Connie Tharaldson and Tharaldson Enterprise of Fargo for sponsoring the trophies and banners for our State and National Tournaments in North Dakota in 2010. This is a significant donation to our program that allows us to keep tournament entry fees as low as possible. We are grateful to Gary and Connie and Tharaldson Enterprise for their continued support and commitment to softball and softball players in North Dakota.

I would like to congratulate Walt Stack, a very good friend of mine and friend of NDASA/ASA Softball for his great service all these years, especially the last six (6) as Regional UIC and serving on the National Staff. Walt received an award at the National Council meeting for his work and leadership these last several years as UIC for our Region. Walt is very well

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## From Behind the Catcher

I'm writing this column about ten days before I am supposed to have the first copy submitted to the newspaper which will publish it. I am usually pretty good at meeting deadlines but this year I am way ahead of schedule. The reason is that I have been bored to tears this winter with no umpire responsibilities for the first time in years. I remember resigning as the state Umpire in Chief way back in 1981 and saying I just wanted to do some umpiring and not be responsible for any supervisory duties.

I had been the state chief for twelve years and had a most capable deputy, the late Tarz Timm, who then served for twelve years as the state chief while I agreed to help out as a Deputy in Bismarck and the Southwest Region. So I stayed involved but not as much as when I was the chief.

Then Tarz had a stroke and was unable to continue as the state UIC so the late Commissioner Duane "Tiny" Schafer asked me to resume the job until he could decide on a permanent replacement for Tarz. Before that could happen, "Tiny" suffered a stroke and passed on. You guessed it, Jim Hanley, the new Commissioner asked me to stay on as UIC until he got his feet on the ground and appointed someone else.

While I was serving in that capacity, the job of Regional Umpire in Chief came up and I was elected to that post for a period of four years. Turned out to be six years due to a couple of unforeseen circumstances and it ended last November at the National Council Meeting in Reno, Nevada. So now I really have no umpire responsibilities except to wait for the 2010 season. I am hoping to get back into active umpiring, provided my arthritis will allow it.

I was really lucky to have the opportunity to serve as Regional Umpire in Chief and as a member of the National Umpire Staff. I got to instruct at National Umpire Schools in California, Washington and Texas as well as each of the three states in the Northern Region.

I also got to schedule, supervise and evaluate umpires at National Tournaments in Florida, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington as well as Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota.

I met so many fantastic people everywhere I went which only served to reinforce what I have always known-softball has wonderful people everywhere. Softball really does have a family of great people who enjoy the game, who play hard or manage or coach or umpire with dedication and manage to also be great friends and human beings.

I gained new friends everywhere I went and had nothing but positive feelings about every new experience.

One of the big changes coming in the 2010 season is the decision by the voters at the National Council Meeting to change the maximum height of the pitch in slow pitch softball from 12 feet down to 10 feet. This is a really dramatic change and caused a lot of conversation at the National meeting. Some of you who have been around a long time will remember that at one time we played slow pitch with no maxi-



Walt Stack

mum arc, then we went to a 10 foot arc and then to a 12 foot arc and now back to 10 feet.

The change was suggested by a committee established a couple years ago whose mission is to go around to slow pitch events and tournaments to observe the game and interview players as to changes they would like to see in the game.

Apparently, the players want this change so we'll try it for at least a year and see if it works. From an umpire's point of view, I like it. It seems to me that it will be easier to judge than 12 feet. For one thing, it's the same height as the hoop in basketball and most of us have taken a shot or two at that height. I do think it makes it easier for the hitters who already have a huge advantage.

Bismarck and Minot will both be hosting show pitch National Tournaments this coming Summer with Minot hosting the Women's Class C and the Women's Class D Northern National tournaments. They bid originally on the Class C but the National Office decided to combine it with the Class D event as well. It should be a pretty big event and I know Minot will do a great job as they always have for Nationals.

Bismarck was awarded the Men's E/Rec tournament which is only in its second year. This was awarded this year and from now on will be awarded two years in advance. A tournament organizing committee has been formed and we are having meetings. I am a member of the committee and hope to help out with umpires or anything else they ask me to do.

Finally, want to congratulate the six new members of the NDASA Hall of Fame who will be inducted at ceremonies on Saturday, April 17 in Jamestown. They are Chris Assel and Rose Kreitinger of Bismarck; Jack Jones of Mandan, Kyle Magnusson of Minot and Salt Lake City, Doug Berg of Devils Lake and Mike Lyman of Dilworth, Minnesota.

They will be honored at a banquet and induction ceremony to which everyone is invited. The banquet is held in conjunction with the annual Spring meeting and starts at 5:30 in the evening so people who are in attendance at the Spring meeting can stay over for the banquet and induction ceremony and also to enable people who want to attend the banquet to come in and still drive home that same evening. For further information, see the Hall of Fame Banquet story in this issue.

See you around the diamonds.

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respected on the National level and represented this region with integrity, respect and with the best interest of the game, as a member of the National UIC Staff. You make us all very proud Walt, it has been my distinct pleasure to work with you.

A special thanks to the NDASA Executive Board, NDASA Advisory Board, League Reps, Umpires, Tournament Directors, and the hundreds of volunteers who make it possible to run our program in North Dakota. We couldn't do it without you. Keep up the good work and have a great softball season in 2010.

### Slow Pitch Rule Change

As Chairman of the ASA Equipment Testing and Certification Committee, I feel compelled to provide players, umpires and fans with an explanation of the recent change in the Slow Pitch pitching rule. Rule 6, Section 3H: The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 10 feet from the ground. (Previous rule 12') This rule change has created some controversy and much discus-

sion. I must remind all that ASA has a very democratic process, everyone has a chance to speak on issues and at the end of the day recommendations are made out of committees, and the entire council of delegates votes.

I must admit after pitching for 32 years I was not in favor of this rule change. I was also not in favor of this change from an equipment committee standpoint. I was concerned of a faster pitch speed resulting in higher batted ball speed (BBS). A faster pitch speed is certainly a result of a lower arc but I was interested in the effect on BBS and or reaction time for the pitcher and infielders.

The ASA Equipment Committee has been very diligent to make decisions based on science, not on personal opinions, but making decisions to uphold the integrity of the game. I posed the question of the effect on BBS and reaction time to the utmost authority regarding the science of the game in the United States. Dr. Lloyd Smith, professor of Mechanical and Materials Engineering at Washington State University has been a consultant of ASA for a number of years and operates a lab for bat and ball test-

ing at WSU. Dr. Smith was and is involved in the development of bat and ball standards and compliance of the same for ASA.

Dr. Smith is the most respected authority on this science in the country. Dr. Smith gave the following reply to my question regarding the arc change: Lowering the pitch height from 12' to 10' lowers the ball trajectory angle at the batter from 45.5 degrees to 40.2 degrees. Lowering the pitch height from 12' to 10' increases the pitch speed by 0.45 mph. Increasing the pitch speed by 0.45 mph increases the batted ball speed (BBS) by 0.05 mph. Increasing the batted ball speed by 0.05 mph reduces the pitcher reaction time by 0.0002 seconds. Therefore, the psychological effect of a reduced pitch height appears to be greater, than the real effect.

I hope this helps players and umpires understand the real effect this change has on the game, even if I and others really didn't like the change.

Thank you,  
Dick Gulmon  
Chairman, ASA Equipment, Testing and Certification Committee



Minot Mayor Curt Zimblemann, 2010 Hall of Fame inductee Kyle Magnusson and Scott Collins in the Minot booth at the ASA National Council meeting in Reno, Nevada last November.

## Minot to host two nationals in 2010

### Women's Class C And D Awarded Magic City

During the 2008 National Council Meeting of the Amateur Softball Association, Minot was awarded the Women's Class C West National Tournament to be held over the Labor Day weekend in 2010. The ASA National office has since decided that due to a shortage of teams, they would combine the Women's Class C and the Women's Class D Nationals and that Minot would be the host city for both.

National tournaments are awarded two years in advance to allow host cities to prepare for these national events.

Scott Collins, Director of Recreation for the city of Minot will be the tournament director and he is in the process of selecting a committee to take care of the many details involved in hosting a national tournament. Members of the Minot Recreation staff will be involved along with community volunteers and softball officials from around the state. Minot has hosted several national championship tournaments over the past two decades but this will be only the

second slow pitch event to be held in the Magic City.

Collins is looking at the possibility of 16 to 24 teams entered in each of the two tournaments which will be held at the South Hill Softball Complex beginning September 2 through September 6, 2010. Umpires from the Northern Region will be assigned to umpire the event and the National ASA Office will also assign an Umpire in Chief and an ASA Representa-

tive. Both these assignments are pending at this time.

Teams from North Dakota who are classified as either Class C or Class D may enter either of the two tournaments as long as they compete in their respective state tournaments. Teams classified as Rec I women's teams may also enter the Class D tournament. Further tournament details will be available for the Summer issue of this paper.

### Some Things You Need To Know

Team Registration Deadline .....	May 15
Roster Deadline.....	June 1
Roster Change Deadline .....	June 12
Spring Meeting Date.....	April 17
Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony.....	April 17
Women's Slow Pitch Class C and D National Tournament to be held in Minot .....	Sept. 2-6
Men's Slow Pitch Class E (Rec) National Tournament to be held in Bismarck .....	Sept. 2-6



# Ump Chat

It won't be long before the first ten foot arc pitches will be thrown to start the season. The upcoming season comes with some new rule changes. The biggest change for this season will be the change in the maximum pitching arc from twelve feet down to ten feet. Yes, that is not a typo—the new maximum pitching arc is now ten feet.

Umpires and players alike will need to adjust to this change. There will be a learning curve for pitchers not to exceed the ten foot arc and for umpires to be consistent calling illegal pitches that exceed ten feet. We will be holding several field clinics for umpires throughout the state that everyone is invited to attend. At past field clinics we have stretched a string twelve feet high and another string six feet high between the pitchers mound and home plate to use as a training tool for umpires to see where the twelve foot limit was and where the six foot minimum was.

This year we will add a ten foot string to those poles and I highly recommend that pitchers, players, and managers take the time to attend the portion of the field clinic at the beginning where we cover the pitching height to get a true feel of

where the ten foot arc limit will be. Twelve feet wasn't as high as most people would think. A lot of eyes have been opened at our field clinics when we stretch the string and start throwing pitches. So, please consider attending a field clinic and take a look at the new pitching arc. There is a complete listing of field clinics listed elsewhere in this issue.

I was fortunate enough to attend the ASA National Conference in Reno in November. It was great to see some old friends and also meet some new people. Besides making playing rule changes and code changes, cities from across the country come to bid on hosting national tournaments. I was fortunate enough to be able to be a voting delegate and it was a great experience.

We will have a lot of opportunities for umpires from ND to work national tournaments this summer. Minot will be hosting the Women's C & D National Tournament and Bismarck will be hosting the Men's E/Rec National Tournament. Both are over Labor Day Weekend. The Men's E/Rec tournament will be a great opportunity for Men's Rec I and below to play in a national

tournament. We are hoping several ND teams will take advantage of this opportunity.

Other opportunities for our umpires and teams within our region include the Men's C in Rochester and the Girl's 16U National in Mankato, MD. I am also working on some umpire exchanges for national tournaments outside our region. I've already worked out exchanges for the Men's E/Rec Western national in Idaho, and the Men's A/B fastpitch national in Salem, OR.

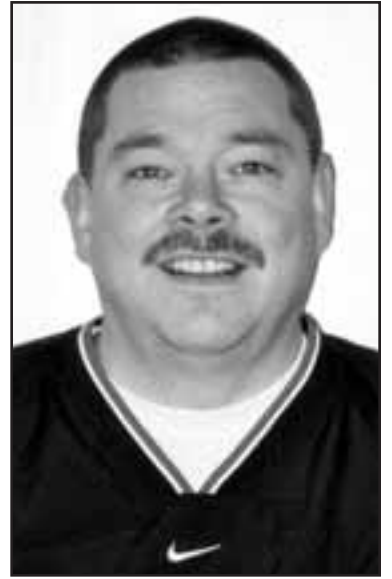
It is also time for my annual plea to recruit more umpires. Leagues around the state are growing, and some umpires retire, so we are always in need of new umpires. Bismarck will especially need more umpires as we are opening a new six diamond complex. Players can make good umpires because they have a knowledge of the rules and a feel for the game. Plus, where else can you find a part-time job—outdoors, where you can make around twenty dollars an hour?

If you have any interest at all to umpire, please contact me and I can put you in touch with someone from your area of the state. Or, check out the listing of field and

classroom clinics in this issue and you can show up and register. If you have any questions or concerns about umpiring, please contact me and I'd be happy to visit with you. Even umpiring one night a week can make a big difference in helping out your local league.

I would like to thank all of my Deputy UIC's throughout the state. They all bring a vast amount of knowledge and experience and are a valuable asset to NDASA. Our DUIC's are: Lyle Rader—Wahpeton, Naomi Erdahl—Bismarck, Don Daniel—Williston, Tom Harty—Jamestown, Elliott Gerhardt—Bismarck, Ron Smith—Minot, Pat "Rock" Healey—Grand Forks, Mike Lien—Fargo, Mike Nider—Bismarck, Randy Olson—West Fargo, and Al Ziemann—Bismarck.

I enjoy visiting with a lot of you throughout the state during the year on various issues. I appreciate each and every question or concern I receive. As always, I am here to help in any way that I can to make softball more enjoyable for players, umpires, and fans. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know. Drop me an email or give me a call and I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can! You can reach me at



Mike Wolf

wolfden8993@yahoo.com or my home number 701-222-0478, or my cell 701-400-2100.

Finally, don't hesitate getting in your McQuade registration. Some divisions are full and others are filling fast. Check out the article on McQuade Tournament elsewhere in this issue.

Here's hoping snow and water issues won't be a concern or factor throughout the state when it comes time to start the 2010 season. Have an enjoyable, fun, and safe summer!

## Updated 2010 Umpire and Managers Rules Clinic

March 23	Bismarck Women's Managers	Amvets	6:00	Wolf
March 25	West Fargo Umpires	VFW Club	6:30	Olson
March 28	Jamestown Umpires	IDK Bar & Grill	2:00	Harty
March 30	Bismarck H.S. & ASA FP Workshop	Sertoma Club Comm. Center	7:00	Erdahl
March 31	Fargo Umpires Info & Registration	Bowler	6:00	Lien
April 5	Bismarck Men's Managers	Amvets Club	6:30	Wolf
April 6	Grand Forks Managers	Muddy Rivers	7:00	Healey
April 6	Devils Lake Umpires/Managers	Burdick Arena	7:00	Harty
April 7	Mandan Umpires	Community Center	7:00	Wolf
April 7	Minot Umpires/Managers	Minot Auditorium	7:00	Smith
April 7	Valley City Umpires/Managers	American Legion Club	7:00	Harty
April 7	Wahpeton Umpires/Managers	Community Center	6:30	Rader
April 8	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	7:30	Wolf
April 8	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	6:30	Lien
April 12	Minot AFB	Community Center	4:30	Smith
April 12	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:30	Wolf
April 13	Mandan Men's/Women's Managers	City Hall	7:00	Wolf
April 13	Grand Forks AFB Umpires/Managers	Fitness Center	6:00	Healey
April 13	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	6:30	Lien
April 14	Bismarck Umpires	TBA 400-2100	6:30	Wolf
April 14	May/Port Managers & Umpires	Floyd's—Portland	7:00	Healey
April 14	LaMoure Umpires/Managers	Legion	7:00	Harty
April 14	Williston Umpires/Managers	Recreation Center	7:00	Daniel
April 15	Bismarck Umpires	St. Mary's Grade School	6:30	Wolf
April 18	Jamestown Umpires Field Clinic	Hillcrest Softball Complex	2:00	Harty
April 19	Dickinson Managers/Umpires	Rec Center	6:00MT	Wolf
April 19	Dickinson Fastpitch Managers/Umps	Rec Center	6:30MT	Gerhardt
April 20	Grand Forks Umpires	Kelly School	7:00	Healey
April 21	West Fargo Umpires Test Night	VFW Club	6:30	Olson
April 21	Grafton Managers/Umpires	Generations	7:00	Healey
April 21	Fargo Umpires	Bowler	6:30	Lien
April 21	Beulah Umpires/Managers	Aliibi's Bar	6:00MT	Wolf
April 21	Wahpeton Umpires Field Clinic	Diamond 2	6:30	Rader
April 22	Fargo Umpires	Fargo Park Dist—701 Main	6:30	Lien
April 22	Mandan Field Clinic	Meet Parking Lot SB Complex	6:00	Wolf
April 23	Bismarck Umpires Field Clinic	16 <sup>th</sup> Street Diamonds	6:00	Wolf
April 26	Grand Forks Umpires	Kelly School	7:00	Healey
April 26	Minot Umpires	Planet Pizza	7:00	Smith
April 26	Bismarck Umpires	Amvets	6:30	Wolf
April 27	Bismarck Umpires Field Clinic	16 <sup>th</sup> Street Diamonds	6:00	Wolf
April 28	Fargo Field Clinic	Anderson Complex	6:00	Lien
April 28	Grand Forks Field Clinic	Ulland Park	6:30	Healey
April 28	Bismarck Umpires Field Clinic	16 <sup>th</sup> Street Diamonds	6:00	Wolf
April 29	Fargo Field Clinic	Anderson Complex	6:00	Lien
April 29	West Fargo Managers	VFW Club	7:00	Olson
May 2	West Fargo Slowpitch Field Clinic	North Elmwood Park	6:30	Olson
May 2	Bismarck Umpire Test	St. Mary's Grade School	3:00	Wolf
May 3	Grand Forks Field Clinic	Ulland Park	6:30	Healey
May 3	Minot Field Clinic	South Complex	6:00	Smith
May 3	Dickinson Slowpitch Umpire Field	Gress Complex	6:00MT	Wolf
May 3	Dickinson Fastpitch Umpire Field	Gress Complex	6:00MT	Gerhardt
May 4	Minot AFB Umpire Field Clinic	AFB Complex	5:00	Smith
May 5	Beulah Umpires/Mngers Field Clinic	Softball Complex	6:00MT	Wolf
May 5	Fargo Umpires Test Night	Bowler	6:00	Lien
May 10	Minot Umpires Test Night	Planet Pizza	7:00	Smith
May 14	Red Willow	Red Willow	7:00	Harty

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that before or after most of the manager's clinics and before or after at most of the field clinics, teams will be able to get stickers put on their bats. We suggest that managers bring bats to their rules clinics or a field clinic to get them stickered before the season starts. If you bring your bats to get stickered, please bring them before the session starts or after the session ends so as not to interrupt the field clinics or rules clinics. If you have questions concerning stickers, please contact your local DUIC. Managers and players are encouraged to attend any of the field clinics to see the new ten foot pitching arc demonstration.

## Spring meeting date set Gladstone Inn will be site of meeting

State Softball Commissioner Jim Hanley of Grand Forks has scheduled the annual Spring meeting of the North Dakota Amateur Softball Association for Saturday, April 17 at the Gladstone Inn in downtown Jamestown.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. with a general session following which the various divisions will hold separate meetings. The group will reconvene after an hour or more to hear reports from the Slow Pitch men's committee, Slow Pitch women, Umpires, JO Fast and Slow Pitch and adult fast pitch.

Following that general session, lunch will be served buffet style.

All player representatives are urged to attend as team rule books, scorebooks and other information will be made available.

The Executive Committee of NDASA will meet at 6:30 Friday evening, April 16 and again after the general meeting session on Saturday. The annual Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will take place at the Gladstone Inn beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

## 2010 Home Run Limits State Invitational tournaments

### Women's Divisions

Class C .....	4
Class D .....	2
Rec I.....	2
Rec II.....	2
Rec III.....	2

### Men's Divisions

Class B.....	6
Class C .....	4
Class D .....	2
Rec I.....	2
Rec. II.....	2
Rec III.....	2
Rec IV .....	2
Masters 35 and 40 .....	4
Masters 50 and 60 .....	3
COED.....	2



2010 State Tournaments

Men's Slow Pitch		
July 17-18	Masters 40	Fargo
	Masters 60	Fargo
July 24-25	Masters 35	Mandan
	Masters 50	Mandan
July 31-Aug. 1	Division I	Fargo
	Division II	Fargo
	Division III	Fargo
	Rec. 1	Jamestown
	Rec II-East	Fargo
	Rec II-West	Williston
August 7-8	Rec III-East	Grand Forks
	Rec III-West	Bismarck
	Masters 50 Wood Bat	Mandan
August 14-15	Rec IV-East	Fargo
	Rec IV-West	Dickinson

Women's Slow Pitch		
July 24-25	Masters	Bismarck
July 31-Aug. 1	Class C	Minot
	Class D	Minot
	Rec I	Valley City
August 7-8	Rec II-East	Devils Lake
	Rec II-West	Mandan
	Rec III-East	Wahpeton
	Rec III-West	Dickinson

Coed		
Sept. 11-12	Div. I, II, III, IV	Fargo

Junior Olympic		
July 10	GSP 16 & Under	Jamestown
July 11	GSP 18 & Under	Jamestown
July 17	GSP 12 & Under	Jamestown
July 18	GSP 14 & Under	Jamestown
July 24-25	GFP 10 & Under	West Fargo
July 24-25	GFP 12 & Under	West Fargo
July 24-25	GFP 14 & Under	West Fargo
July 24-25	GFP 16 & Under	West Fargo
July 24-25	GFP 18 & Under	West Fargo

Prairie Rose State Games to be in Bismarck

The 24th annual Prairie Rose State Games are scheduled July 9-11 in Bismarck. There are 46 sports that will be taking place over the three days, including men's and women's softball and youth girl's fastpitch. "We are inviting all softball teams to Bismarck to compete, have fun and be a part of this sports festival," said Mike Wald, Prairie Rose State Games coordinator.

Bismarck/Mandan gearing up for McQuade Tournament

By Michael Wolf  
The 35th annual Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament is rapidly approaching and will be held June 25, 26, and 27. As of March 1st, we already have over 125 teams registered. To celebrate our 35th anniversary, we are considering holding a fireworks display Friday evening at the Clem Kelley Complex.

We have made a couple of "team friendly" changes to our tournament this year. The big change comes with our decision to split the Men's D/Rec 1 division into two separate divisions. We will split the old forty-eight team combined division into two separate twenty-four team divisions. The teams in these divisions have been very receptive and appreciative of this change and by early March, both of those divisions will be full.

In the past, we have also combined the men's Rec 3 and Rec 4 divisions. This year we will have a separate forty-eight team Rec 4 division and two sixty-four team Rec 3 divisions. This will be a great opportunity for Rec 4 teams to compete for a trophy against teams of their own caliber. Once the Rec 4 division is filled, overflow teams will be placed into one of the Rec 3 divisions.

We also hope to have a Girl's Fastpitch Division again this year. It was a big success last year. The fastpitch divisions will begin play on Friday morning and conclude prior to the adult games starting Friday evening. We are also trying to revive the Men's A/B Division. An anonymous donor has offered the tournament \$5,000 with \$3,000 to be used as a cash payout to the two top teams and \$2,000 is being donated directly to the McQuade Tournament to benefit our many charities. ASA is also offering \$2,000 to the winner to travel to the national tournament in Oklahoma City. We will know by March 20th or so if this division will take place.

This year's tournament will feature a double elimination bracket for the Women's C, Women's D, Men's A/B, and the Men's C divisions.

There will be a change in the Men's Master's 35 and Over division this year. Instead of a three game guarantee, we will be seeding the teams into two separate tournaments. The state Men's Master's Committee will assist us in seeding the teams properly. It looks like we will have another "family" team entered in the tournament.

Be sure and get your registration form and payment in ASAP. With the diamond expansion in Bismarck, we will be able to expand the number of teams. However, don't procrastinate as the tournament fills very quickly. Last year we turned away over 100 teams. Don't be that manager that has to explain to their team that you forgot to send in the registration. We are hoping to beat last year's record of 437 teams.

Registration forms have been mailed to all non Bismarck teams who were in last year's tournament. Bismarck managers received registration forms at their January meeting. If you missed that meeting, didn't play in the tournament last year and want to this year, or haven't received a registration form in the mail, you can print one off the McQuade website which is [www.mcquades.com](http://www.mcquades.com) and click on the softball link.

At this year's tournament, we will once again offer each team an opportunity to purchase an extra home run. This has been a popular feature at past tournaments. Last year we raised over \$3,000 for local charities from those teams that purchased an extra home run. More information will be included on the website and in the tournament program.

A record \$75,000 from last year's tournament was distributed to charitable organizations throughout the state and with your help and generosity we hope to be able to surpass that amount with this year's tournament. If you were a part of last year's tournament in some way, you were an important part of the tournament being able to donate all of that money to local charities and organizations. Thank You!

The silent auction we have during the tournament is also an area that raises a considerable amount of money for the charities. If you have any items that you would like to donate to the silent auction,

please contact me. Any item that is new, gift certificates, or sports memorabilia make great items for the silent auction. Businesses or individuals can donate and your donation is tax deductible.

We will be holding our fourth "Defenders of Freedom" division for soldiers stationed overseas. We are working on arrangements to possibly host the fourth Defenders of Freedom Division for our soldiers stationed at Camp Victory over in Baghdad. Our first Defenders of Freedom Division was held for soldiers stationed in Bosnia in 2006. New this year, we will be sponsoring a "Defenders of Freedom" division in Kosovo where a lot of ND soldiers are stationed.

We will once again be sending softball equipment, balls, and t-shirts to all of the soldiers participating in the tournament. We are in need of cash donations to help defray the cost of the t-shirts and shipping. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please send your donation to the McQuade Tournament, Defenders of Freedom Division, P.O. Box 1196, Bismarck, ND, 58502.

The soldiers really appreciated the fact we go out of our way to hold a division for them. They told us being able to play softball really helped them take their minds off their very stressful situation. Please help make a difference in their lives by contributing to our Defenders of Freedom Division fund.

In addition to our other duties on the Board of Directors, Jack Jones and myself will once again serve as Co-Tournament Directors. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact either of us. The McQuade cell phone number is 701-400-2255, my cell phone is 701-400-2100, and Jack's phone number is 701-426-8700. I can be reached via email at [wolfdn8993@yahoo.com](mailto:wolfdn8993@yahoo.com) and Jack can be reached at [jack@btinet.net](mailto:jack@btinet.net) or contact us a [www.mcquadesoftball@yahoo.com](mailto:www.mcquadesoftball@yahoo.com)

Here is one more reminder to get your team registration in early. We wouldn't want your team to miss out on all of the fun and excitement of the premiere softball event of the summer—the 35th Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament.

Tharaldson provides trophies, again

Super sponsor and softball booster Gary Tharaldson will again provide the trophies and the championship banners for all state softball tournaments sponsored by the North Dakota Amateur Softball Association. Included are all the awards for the Junior Olympic program as well as adult awards in both slow pitch and fast pitch. The number of trophies and banners depends on the number of teams entering each of the state tournaments.

Gary Tharaldson and his wife Connie continue their commitment to North Dakota softball with sponsorship of both men's and women's adult teams. Gary's sponsorship started in the early 1980's and includes sponsorship of many state championship teams, Regional

champions and several national tournament teams. He was elected to the state Softball Hall of Fame in 1995 as a player and coach of some of the most successful teams ever to play in North Dakota. He played for many years at the highest level of slow pitch softball and won over 650 games as a pitcher. He led his teams in over thirty state tournaments, a number of Regional events and close to two dozen National Tournaments.

NDASA is able to provide the trophies and banners only through the cooperation and generosity of Gary Tharaldson and his various business enterprises. NDASA gratefully acknowledges his many, many contributions to North Dakota softball.



FIFTH ANNUAL

JAYBIRD CHARITY

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

(A.S.A Tournament)

May 22<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

(for rain out or large divisions)

Mandan Softball Complex

•Men's Division: Rec I, II, III, IV

•Women's Division: Rec I, II, III, Class D, Class C

Tournament Director: Brett & Kari Charvat 220-3756 or 663-8301

\$90.00

Team

Entry

Entry

Deadline:

May 9<sup>th</sup>,

2010

Complete, Cut & Mail To: Jaybird Foundation, Inc.

2123 Missouri Loop N \*Mandan, ND 58554

\*Remember To Include Entry Fee\*

Men's Team \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Team \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W/C): \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2009 Men’s Slow Pitch teams that must move up for 2010

FROM CLASS REC I TO CLASS D (4)	
1. Minot Buffalo Wild Wings/Barley Pop	
2. Mandan Dust-Tex	
3. Hillsboro Sky Tractor	
4. Dickinson Mikkelson Drywall/Army's/Przymus Optometric	
FROM REC II TO REC I	
<u>East</u> (5)	<u>West</u> (4)
Fargo McNeelus Steel	Minot Space Aliens/Central Power
Fargo Ken Kraft Agency	Mandan Captain Jack's
Fargo Budweiser #2	Minot Precision Plus
Fargo Miller Lite	Mandan Shirt Shack
West Fargo Schmitz Agency	

REC III TO REC II	
<u>EAST</u> (6)	<u>WEST</u> (6)
Fargo Bank of the West	Elgin Seib's Bar
Fargo Zims	Mandan Chervet Construction
West Fargo PCI	Minot Creekwood Construction
Fargo Ruby	Minot Nola's Lounge
Fargo Jag Bombs	Mandan Align/Minot Chiropractic
Fargo Wing Zone	Anamoose Merchants
REC IV TO REC III	
<u>East</u> (6)	<u>West</u> (6)
No move ups; tournament rained out	Mandan Roundup
	Mandan Sporting Goods
	Flasher My Place/Bammers
	Dickinson Basin Hydraulics
	Minot Boehm & Sons

ALL TEAMS MOVED UP WILL HAVE TO PETITION TO HAVE THEIR CLASSIFICATION LOWERED. ONLY UNDER EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THAT REQUEST BE OKAYED. REQUEST MUST BE SENT THROUGH THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER OR REPRESENTATIVE TO JACK LUKES FOR FINAL DETERMINATION.

THE FOLLOWING MEN'S SLOW PITCH TEAMS CHALLENGED UP FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS:	
FROM REC 2 TO REC 1:	
1. Minot Ready Builders/Space Aliens/Lite-Form	
FROM REC 3 TO REC 2:	
1. Fargo NoDak Stores	
FROM REC 4 TO REC 3:	
1. East Grand Forks American legion	
2. Grand Forks King's Corner/Plaza Jewelers	

Masters Move Ups to be dermined at a later date.

WHEN A TEAM CHALLENGES UP TO A DIFFERENT STATE TOURNAMENT, IF THEY WIN TWO OR MORE GAMES THE TEAM MUST STAY THAT CLASSIFICATION UNTIL THE NEXT CLASSIFICATION MEETING. A FORFEIT DOES NOT COUNT AS A WIN.

## 2009 Women’s Slow Pitch teams that must move up for 2010

FROM CLASS D TO CLASS C (1)	
West Fargo Peterson Dental	
FROM REC I TO CLASS D (2)	
Minot Badger Daylighting	
Bismarck Great Plains/GA	
FROM REC II TO REC I (1 East, 1 West)	
<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
Gackle Merchants/Lehr Waterhole	Mandan Leingang Construction
FROM REC III TO REC II (3 East, 3 West)	
<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
West Fargo 3 Lyons Pub #1	Bismarck Fronteer Payroll
Jamestown Frontier Fort	Bismarck Pure Country/Elbow Room
Portland Floyd's	Mandan NoDak Mutual

THESE TEAMS WILL HAVE TO PETITION TO HAVE THEIR CLASSIFICATION LOWERED. ONLY UNDER EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THAT REQUEST BE OKAYED. REQUEST MUST BE SENT THROUGH THE LEAGUE COMMISSIONER OR REPRESENTATIVE TO MARY HAGER FOR FINAL DETERMINATION.

No Women's Teams Challenged Up for State Tournaments

## Players must carry picture ID at tourneys

North Dakota ASA will continue to follow the National Rule which requires that all players carry a current picture ID with signature at all tournaments. After June 15th, managers must also carry a copy of the team roster.

Spot checks will be made. Any person playing without proper ID will face suspension as do his teammates and/or manager. Games will be forfeited at that time. The NDA-SA executive committee meeting last fall adopted the following rules in regard to picture ID:

When questioned, if the player does not have a picture ID on his person, he or she will be given five minutes to present it.

The player is ineligible until a picture ID has been presented.

The players in violation will be ejected from the game if no ID is available.

The game is not forfeited. The team can replace the players if they have substitutions.

If the ejection brings the team number down to nine, the team will be allowed to continue with an out in the batting position of the players ejected. This is similar to the injury rule.

If the player turns out to be an illegal player, the present rules for the use of illegal players will be in effect.

MANAGERS—be sure all your players have picture identification so they will not be embarrassed and lose their right to play.

## Playing rule changes for 2010

**Rule 2, Section 1:** The pitching distance for Junior Olympic Girls Fast Pitch 18U B and 16U A/B classifications will be 43 feet.

**Comments:** This adapts the ASA pitching distance with the ability of the Junior Olympic athletes.

**Rule 2, Section 1H:** The Double Base... Half of the base is white (over fair territory) and half of the base (over foul territory) is a contrasting color.

**Comment:** This allows the host of a National Championship more options with the foul territory portion of the base.

**Rule 3, Section 1A:** The official bat for ASA Championship Play must meet all the ASA specifications and the requirements of Rule 3, Section 1, and

1) The official bat shall be free of burrs, dents, cracks, sharp edges, and audible rattles and show no signs of excessive wear. The official bat shall be marked OFFICIAL SOFTBALL by the manufacturer, be no more than 34 inches long nor exceed 38 ounces in weight. The official bat shall not be more than 2.250 inches in diameter at its largest part, including any tolerance expansion. The official bat shall be smooth and round to 0.050 inches in diameter and bear either the ASA 2000 certification mark or the ASA 2004 certification mark as shown below (in the 2010 ASA Rule Book) and must not be listed on the ASA Non Approved Bat List. And

2) must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA or

3) must in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA Bat Performance Standard.

**Comments:** Gives a better description of the approved ASA bat design.

**Rule 3, Section 1B Safety Knob:** The knob shall have a diameter of at least 1.6 inches with no sharp edges. The knob will be permanently attached to the bat and may be taped with safety tape

**Comments:** Describes the minimum knob used in ASA and allows a less restricted knob design.

**Rule 3, Section 1C Handle:** The region of the bat from the knob, not including the knob, to the start of the taper where the diameter increases. The handle will include a safety grip.

**Comments:** Adds a definition of a handle to the rule book.

**Rule 3, Section 1D Safety Grip:** Covers the handle region of the bat. The safety grip shall not be less than 10 inches and not more than 15 inches. There shall be no exposed metal in the 10 – 15 inch area. The safety grip may be a molded finger formed grip as long as it is permanently attached to the bat, or attached with safety tape. Resin, pine tar or spray substances are permissible on the safety grip only. Any tape applied to the safety grip must be a continuous spiral. A

bat having a flare or cone shaped grip attached is legal.

**Comments:** Eliminates the extra tape issue and allows cone and flare grips.

**Rule 3, Section 1E Taper:** The transition area between the handle and the barrel. The taper shall have a generally conical shape. It starts where the barrel decreases in size and ends where the handle diameter becomes constant. The taper shall be free of burrs, dents, cracks, sharp edges, and audible rattles and show no signs of excessive wear.

**Comments:** Adds a definition of a taper to the rule book and helps the bat manufacturers with their designs.

**Rule 3, Section 1F Barrel:** The region of the bat from the end of the taper to the end cap, not including the end cap. The barrel region shall be round within 0.050 inches.

**Comments:** Better defines the barrel of the bat.

**Rule 3, Section 1G End Cap:** The cap placed at the barrel end of the bat. The end cap shall be permanently affixed to the bat to prevent alterations to the interior of the bat. It shall be affixed so that it cannot be removed by anyone other than the manufacturer without damaging or destroying the end cap or barrel.

**Comments:** Adds a better definition of an end cap.

**Rule 3, Section 1H Altered Bat:** The official bat shall not be an altered bat. The distribution of weight and length of the bat shall remain fixed at the time of manufacturing and may not be altered in any way thereafter, except otherwise specifically provided in Rule 3, Section 1 or as specifically approved by the ASA. Inserting material inside the bat, or painting a bat other than the top for identification purposes are examples of altering a bat. Laser marking for ID purposes is not considered an altered bat. Engraving ID marking on the barrel end of a metal bat is considered an altered bat. Approved bats shall not be rolled, shaved or modified to change their characteristics from that produced by the manufacturer and shall be considered an altered bat.

**Comments:** Clarification of an altered bat.

**Rule 3, Section 6G:** Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Boys and Girls 18U A/B, Gold and 16U A/B classifications of play may wear metal cleats.

**Comments:** This allows the upper classifications of Junior Olympic Boys and Girls Fast Pitch players to wear metal cleats.

**Rule 3, Section 7:** Characteristics of approved equipment cannot be changed. Examples include icing or cooling of any equipment. In addition, approved bats shall not be rolled, shaved or modified to change their characteristics from that produced by the manufacturer. Warming sleeves on bats are now approved.

**Comments:** Changes the rules to allow warming sleeves used on bats

and includes rolling or shaving of bats to be an illegal act.

**Rule 4, Section 6C [3]:** Replaces the words when reaches base safely with “when they complete their turn at bat and are discovered”

**Comments:** Clarifies the rule that previously stated when the batter reached first base safely.

**Rule 4, Section 7C [5]:** No electronic equipment to include cell phones, pagers, etc. is allowed to be worn or carried on the playing field.

**Comments:** This would change the rule from communication to electronic and eliminate the use of video equipment from the dugout.

**Rule 6, Section 3H:** The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6 feet from the ground while not exceeding a height of 10 feet

**Comments:** The Slow Pitch players wanted this change implemented into the Slow Pitch game.

**Rule 6, Section 3K [1]:** The 9 Man A Modified Pitching Rule now becomes the same as the 9 Man Major Modified Pitching Rule.

**Comments:** This allows for a single pitching rule in 9 Man Modified.

Rule 6, Section 6A: The pitcher may use an approved manufactured drying agent in Modified Pitch.

**Comments:** Is now consistent with Fast Pitch.

**Rule 8, Section 10:** Allow a courtesy runner in the game of Modified.

**Comment:** Is now consistent with Fast Pitch.

## Hall of Fame Banquet set for April 17

The annual Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held in the Gladstone Inn in downtown Jamestown at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17. This year's event will feature the induction of six new members to the softball shrine which will bring the number of honorees to 234.

The event is held the same day as the annual Spring meeting of the Amateur Softball Association and is held early in the evening to allow those attending the annual meeting to stay over for the Hall of Fame event and to allow guests coming from out of town the opportunity to return home that same evening.

Notice has been sent to all Hall of Fame members but the event is open to everyone. Ticket and menu information is available from the state office of NDASA by telephone 701-952-4448 or email at ndasa@daktel.com.

## South Dakota Umpire in Chief named region chief

Steve Riswold of Sioux Falls, South Dakota has been named the Regional Umpire in Chief for the Northern Region. Riswold also serves as the South Dakota state UIC and will now represent the Northern Region on the National Umpire Staff.

Riswold has a long history with ASA starting when he coached a girl's slow pitch team when he was seventeen years old. He began working slow pitch softball and baseball in 1989 and continued umpiring as he attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls. In 1994 he attended a five-week professional baseball umpire school in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Upon his return home, he umpired college and amateur baseball

and served as a fill-in umpire in the Northern League. He continued to work ASA softball and became the local UIC for Sioux Falls in 2002 and in 2004 was named a state Deputy Umpire in Chief. He began umpiring fast pitch at about that time and instructing in local fast pitch camps as well.

He has worked seven national championships as an umpire, six as an assistant UIC and one as UIC. He has been the South Dakota UIC since 2008 and in that capacity has conducted a number of state sponsored umpire schools.

The Regional UIC position is on a rotating basis between the four local associations which comprise the Northern Region. Riswold will serve through the 2013 season.



Steve “Riz” Riswold



# Advisory Board and Executive Committee minutes for 2010

North Dakota Amateur Softball Association  
2010 Advisory Board Minutes  
January 8-9, 2010,  
Jamestown, ND  
**GENERAL**

Spring Meeting April 17. Roster deadline is June 1. Roster change deadline is June 12. Registration deadline is May 15. Late fee deadline is June 1. Classification meeting is July 9. 2010 National Tournaments:

Minot WSP Class C&D, Sept. 2-Sept. 6.

Bismarck MSP Class E (Rec), Sept. 2-Sept. 5.

2011 National Tournament.

Bismarck MSP Class C, Sept. 1-Sept. 5.

## Womens' Slow Pitch

Reported by Sue Lachenmeier  
(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WSP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

Women C&D no longer have a division in the Hooters National Tournament.

National C&D tournament in Minot - Rec I teams can participate, but will be bumped up to D for the next year they play in the Rec I State Tournament.

Umpires at state tournament should **NOT** get paid for "IF" games not played. NOT FAIR TO THE ASSOCIATION RUNNING THE TOURNAMENT!

Prairie Rose State Games July 9, 10 & 11 in Bismarck will have a Women's Slow Pitch Division.

## Men's Slow Pitch

Reported by Roger Weigel  
(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MSP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

State tournaments with mandatory two umpires, the entry fee should be raised from \$130 to \$150 per team. Extra fee goes to host city. Passed.

1-1 count with courtesy should be used for league and non-advancing tournaments. Failed.

Motion that the Rec I State winner have entry fee paid for National. Passed.

Any team that plays in a state tournament that meets qualifications, and pays entry fee can enter North Dakota National "E" tournament. Passed.

North Dakota C teams moved to B classification by National ASA shall be allowed to play in North Dakota C invitationals for one year. Passed.

NDASA continue sponsor of Dakota Cup at \$300 per year. Failed.

## Masters Slow Pitch

Reported by Jack Jones  
(THESE ARE THE RECOM-

MENDATIONS OF THE MASTERS GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken) 2010 State Tournaments:

Recommendation made for Masters 35/50 to be held in Mandan .. Masters 40/60 in Fargo. Masters 35/40:

Recommendation dropping placement round in Masters 35. Some teams have been accused of intentionally losing placement games in order to play in the lower division ... recommend using the double elim/3game guarantee format used at ASA Masters 40 National in Mandan.

Recommend Masters 35 have only three divisions of play instead of four.

Masters 50/60:

Recommend a single wall bat list from ASA website be established for 2010. All bats must be checked prior to the first round of metal bat tournament.

Host city must use the scoring line, not a second home plate. Scoring line allows base runners more room to avoid contact with defensive player. Recommend a Consolation Division in Masters 50 State. Consolation Champion trophy can be given instead of third place.

Suggestion was made to begin pool play in Masters 50 on Friday evening, with tournament completed on Saturday evening. Teams will be surveyed regarding this proposal.

Revise "underage player" rule in Masters 60.

Maximum 4 underage players, Maximum two 58 year old.

Comments were made that current underage point system rule is too confusing.

Allow players to play both Masters 35&50 or 40& 60, even if the tournament is played on the same day or weekend. This change was recommended in 2009, but rejected by the NDASA Executive Committee. This is allowed per ASA Code, as each group is considered a separate "division" in ASA Softball. Every player is allowed to participate in all divisions in which they are age qualified to play. The Masters players very strongly support this change.

## Girls Fast Pitch

Reported by Jim Hanley  
(THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MSP GROUP TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

(See Executive Committee minutes for final actions taken)

July 1 is deadline for background checks.

All coaches must be ASA registered and have a background check. Cost is \$13. Exception: high school and college coaches.

One coach of a team playing in a state tournament must be an ACE certified.

State tournament dates - 18 & to 10U, in Fargo July 24-25, 2010.

All state tournament entry fee checks - send to State Office. Cost for state in 2010 is \$100.

Bill Butterfield named new JO fast pitch commissioner.

State JO commissioner with input from host city tournament manager will do all state tournament draws.

JO Fast Pitch individual registration cost is \$8.00 per player.

## Executive Committee

MSC Approved all 2010 tour-

namment sites.

MSC Mike Wolf, Wayne Beyer, and Jack Jones were appointed to the executive board.

MSC Bill Butterfield named JO Fast Pitch Commissioner.

MSC To approve all recommendations from the Girls Fast Pitch group:

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MSC Revised Masters 60 underage player rule. Maximum 4 underage players of which only two can be 58.

MSC State tournaments with mandatory two umpire system in Men's division I, II & III and Women's C & D, the entry fee for state tournaments will be raised to \$150. Fee increase goes to host city.

MSC NDASA will pay the entry fee for the National E tournament for the winner of the Men's Rec I state tournament.

MSC Any men's team that plays in a state tournament that meets qualifications, and pays National entry fee can enter the National E Tournament that's being held in North Dakota in 2010.

MSC North Dakota C class teams moved to B classification by ASA shall be allowed to play in North Dakota C invitational tournaments for 2010.

No Action was taken on recommendation by the Women's Association for non-payment to an umpire for the "if" game in a state tournament. This concern was sent to the Umpire Committee.

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In 2008 he sponsored teams which captured three national championships in one day! One of his teams won the Men's Class D Northern National tournament in Bismarck, and his other teams won the 50 and Over National title as well as the 55 and Over National title on the same day in Spokane, Washington.

In addition to his success as manager and sponsor, Jack has been a leader in promoting softball in Mandan. He served as the City Softball Commissioner from 2001 through 2007. Presently serves on the NDASA Classification Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors for Mandan softball was instrumental in planning and promoting improvements to the Mandan Softball Complex making it one of the premier softball sites in the state. He also served on the committee to bid the successful Master's 40 and Over tournament in 2009. Just to have something else to do with his summers, Jack is also Co-Director of the massive McQuade Charity tournament each June.

## Rose Kreitinger

Rose Kreitinger has played slow pitch softball for 29 years most of them in Bismarck and all of them on some of the top teams in their divisions. During a ten year period from 1990 through 1999 her team won the state championship each year! She has played in 28 state tournaments including Old Pro and Co-Ed as well as three regionals and 9 nationals. Her team sponsored by Fiechtner ENT team has also won the McQuade tournament five times. She has been one of the most consistent players on each of the teams for which she played, batting in either the number three batting order or in the clean-up slot. She has a batting average of .500 and still is a very dangerous hitter with plenty of power. In the field she is known as a defensive stalwart in left field with a strong throwing arm. She is a fierce competitor who is rated as a reliable, productive player and an exceptional teammate. One of her endorsers states "she brings such an up-beat attitude to each game and encourages her team to do their best and keep their heads up". Win or lose, Rose has always displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

## Mike Lyman

Mike Lyman was nominated in the Meritorious Service category but he could just as well have been nominated as player, coach, sponsor, umpire and all around promoter of softball in Fargo-Moorhead and

in the state.

During his playing career, Mike had a .285 batting average while performing as a catcher in the fast pitch game. During this time, Mike was the catcher for some of the finest fast pitch pitchers in the surrounding area. Among others, he caught Hall of Fame members Ray Clark, Jim Baum, Pat Stockert and the late Jim Kapp.

As a manager, his team record is approximately 700 wins against 400 losses while as a sponsor one of his teams, the Outlaws, won the Class C Regional and finished in the top 20 at the national tournament. As am umpire, Mike has been involved for at least 15 years, working 10 state tournaments and having the opportunity to umpire in the 1997 Women's Class A National Championship tournament.

Mike continues to stay active in fast pitch softball pushing strongly for an infusion of youth into the game. He sponsored younger teams into the Fargo-Moorhead league for ten years.

Mike was not only a player but a manager, sponsor and board member of the West Fargo Association, Tri-River Association and the Fargo-Moorhead Fast Pitch Association. He has also worked as a volunteer for every tournament organizing committee in Fargo giving countless hours to contribute to the success of many National and International tournaments.

## Kyle Magnusson

Kyle is a native of Minot and began his fast pitch career in that city 20 years ago before moving on to Salt Lake City where he was a member of one of the top five teams in the nation, Larry Miller Toyota.

He became one of the top true hitters in the game of fast pitch and is considered to be one of the best contact and clutch hitters playing today. He has played at the top level of fast pitch softball for the past ten years and has been a member of eight ASA National Teams. He played for teams which captured ASA National Championship, one at the Class A level and two at the Major Level. He has also competed in three ISF World games and one Pan-American event.

He has been named to All American teams at the major level seven times and has been a member of the United States National team eight times.

Kyle is proud of his North Dakota roots and North Dakota ASA is proud to recognize his national accomplishments with his induction into the NDASA Hall of Fame.

# Pickup Player rules for 2010

Tournament this year and the players to be picked up are Class D or below players.

Other rules governing the use of pickup players remain the same.

Slow pitch players who participate on more than one team must use their highest classification of any team with which they play when being picked up by another team for an invitational tournament.

Managers and players are responsible for declaring his/her eligibility as to their highest classification status.

A player may not be picked up if one of his/her teams is entered in any other tournament.

More than two pickup players may be allowed in hardship cases. Teams must have the league rep complete a permission form to be given to the tournament director.

Rec IV teams may pick up players from Rec III teams except if they are playing in a Rec IV tournament.

With twelve players: No pickup players allowed.

With eleven players: One pickup player allowed.

With ten players: Two pickup players allowed.

With nine players: Two pickup players allowed.

With seven or eight players: Three pickup players allowed with approval of league rep.

Pickup players must wear the team uniform from the team which they were picked up from.

Once a tournament starts, a team is not allowed to add any additional players unless it conforms to the pickup rule for two day tournaments.

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## Bismarck umpire earns Elite status

Veteran Bismarck umpire Elliott Gerhardt has been awarded Elite status as an ASA umpire. This is the highest level an ASA umpire can achieve. The umpires who qualify must have umpired in at least four national championship tournaments, two of which must be in an upper level of championship play. In addition, the umpire must have earned a rating of "Excellent" in the upper level tournaments. He/she must have been a registered ASA umpire for at least seven years and must have attended a National Umpire School within the past five years.

Gerhardt began umpiring in 1994 after playing and managing softball for 13 years. He has umpired in nearly 30 state tournaments, working two or three every year since he began umpiring. In the last five or six years, he has been responsible for scheduling and also acting as the umpire in chief for local and state tournaments. He has umpired three regional tournaments and eight national championship events including six slow pitch tournaments, one JO fast pitch tournament and one 16" slow pitch tournament. The upper level tournaments for which he qualified for Elite status were the Master's 35 and Over in Bismarck in 2000 and the Master's 40 and Over in Mandan in 2009.

He currently serves as a Deputy Umpire in Chief for the Southwest



Elliott Gerhardt

Region which includes the area west of Mandan and south of I-94 including Dickinson. In that capacity, he conducts umpire clinics, field clinics and acts as the umpire in chief for state tournaments in the Region.

Gerhardt claims he has been lucky in his umpire career, being in the right place at the right time and having excellent mentors including state UIC Mike Wolf, Walt Stack, Larry Wood and the late Bobby Larson of Minot.

As an umpire always striving to improve, he is unlikely to rest on his laurels now that he has obtained his Elite status.

## Piedmont Virginia's Andy Dooley begins term as Amateur Softball Association President

Piedmont Virginia Amateur Softball Association commissioner Andy Dooley (Bedford, Va.) began his two-year term as President of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America in November 2009. Dooley previously served as president elect since 2007 and now has started his term as president which will run throughout November of 2011. This is one of the greatest moments of my career and one of the most challenging," said Dooley.

"As thrilled and honored as I am by the confidence you have shown by electing me, I am profoundly aware of the great responsibility the council entrusts in me in the coming years. I am confident that, with the help of everyone on the council, we will raise the ASA to new heights."

Dooley has been involved with the ASA for 27 years and has served as the Piedmont Virginia



commissioner since 1993. He has guided his association through hosting numerous ASA National

Championships and has received six James Farrell awards for excellence in hosting championships.

A native to Virginia, Dooley began his softball career as a player at age 16 competing in men's fast pitch. He played 22 years of fast pitch and also umpired before entering into an administration role in Virginia. His greatest ASA memory is when his Men's Class B Fast Pitch team reached the ASA National Championship in 1987.

"Since age 16, softball has provided me with great opportunities throughout my life," added Dooley. "This sport gives me avenues to continue friendships and the ability to meet new people every day. It also has been helpful in my development in Parks and Recreation and assisted me in facility development and budget preparation."

Dooley is a graduate of Liberty High School in Bedford, Va., and has an associate's degree in Parks and Recreation from old Dominion University.

An avid Virginia Tech fan, the ASA President has been married to his wife Brenda for four years and has two step-children Jeff (37) and Lori (35).

Previous president Joey Rich, commissioner of Missouri ASA, completed his presidential term this week and E.T. Colvin, commissioner of Mississippi ASA, was elected as President Elect.

(Courtesy of Amateur Softball Association)

## Rosters Due When Season Opens

Team managers and League Representatives are reminded that team rosters are due to be turned in the day the team plays its first game.

***NO changes can be made to the roster after June 12, 2010***

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Bismarck's delegation which successfully bid on a 2011 National Tourney: Naomi Erdahl, Lori Schneider, Tim Kuntz and Mike Wolf.

## Bismarck to host men's national in 2011

Bismarck was the successful bidder for the Men's Class C Northern National Slow Pitch Championship to be held over the Labor Day weekend in 2011.

Five cities were in contention for the tournament including Rochester and Moorhead, Minnesota;

Topeka, Kansas and South Bend, Indiana.

National tournaments are awarded two years in advance to allow host cities time to prepare for the national events. Tournaments were awarded during the ASA Annual Council Meeting in Reno, Nevada

in November, 2009.

Bismarck also was selected to host a Class E (Rec) men's slow pitch national in 2010. This tournament is a new tournament which was awarded and held in Topeka, Kansas in 2009.

There have been a number of successful national tournament events held in the capital city and the tourney committee is looking forward to hosting back to back events in 2010 and 2011.

North Dakota cities who are interested in bidding to host National Tournaments are on a rotation basis so they do not compete against each other. Mandan will be bidding in 2010 for a National to be held in 2012. The National Council Meeting will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana this year.

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## Follow the dress code for invitational tournaments

By WALT STACK

From time to time, it becomes necessary to remind teams of the dress code in effect under the rules of the ND Amateur Softball Association. Because of the reclassification of teams, there may be some confusion about the uniform dress code provisions contained in the NDASA rules.

Men's Slowpitch classification B, C and D must have full uniforms. Recreation Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be required only to have shirts with numbers. If a team has uniforms, even in the Rec. Divisions, they are encouraged to wear them for all invitational tournaments.

In Women's Slowpitch, divisions C and D will be required to have complete uniforms while Rec. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will not be required. Caps, visor or headbands may all be worn but must be the same. In other words, one player can not wear a cap while another wears a visor, and a third wears a headband. If any headgear is worn, it must be similar in type.

All short pants must be identical in color and style. Long pants and short pants do not have to be the same color. Numbers— an Arabic number of contrasting color, at least 6" high must be worn on the back of the uniform shirt. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers. If duplicate numbers exist, one of the players will not be permitted to participate in the

game. No player can wear a number with more than two digits. In the past we have seen some large individuals wear the number 747 on the back of their jersey. That will be an illegal uniform and will not be allowed. Fractions also are illegal.

Pickup players—all pickup players must wear their own uniform while playing in an invitational tournament. They are not allowed to wear the uniform of the team which has picked them up. No pickups will be allowed in state tournaments.

Jewelry—all exposed jewelry such as wristbands, bracelets, any type of earrings, neck chains or any other item judged to be dangerous by the umpire may not be worn during the game. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered to be jewelry, but if worn, they must be taped to the body.

Players will be asked to remove jewelry and, should they fail to do so, may be ejected from the game. Coaches and managers in coach's boxes at first and third base must have like colored shirts as the team or wear a shirt carrying the team designation. Tournament umpire-in-chief will instruct umpires to warn players before play begins to correct any uniform infractions before any further action is taken by the umpire. The tournament director must also enforce this rule and issue warnings.

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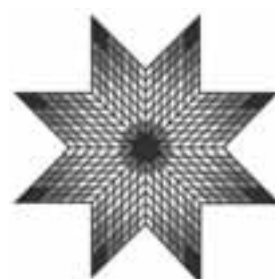
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# 2010 National Tournaments

ASA ADULT FAST PITCH

Men's Major	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	South Bend, IN
Men's Class A	7/28/2010	8/11/2010	Salem, OR
Men's Class B	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Salem, OR
Men's East Class C	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Owensboro, KY
Men's West Class C	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Salem, OR
Men's 23-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD
Men's Masters 40-Over	9/8/2010	9/12/2010	Prescott, AZ
Men's Masters 45-Over	9/8/2010	9/12/2010	Fresno, CA
Men's Senior 50-Over	9/24/2010	9/26/2010	Prescott, AZ
Women's Major	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Stratford, CT
Women's Class A	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Salem, OR
Women's Class B	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Salem, OR
Women's 23-Under	7/15/2010	7/18/2010	Spokane, WA

ASA ADULT SLOW PITCH

Men's Class A	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Men's Masters 35-Over	9/10/2010	9/12/2010	Decatur, AL
Men's Masters 40-Over	8/27/2010	8/29/2010	Ridgeland, MS
Men's Masters 45-Over	9/10/2010	9/12/2010	Tupelo, MS
Men's Church	8/13/2010	8/15/2010	Auburn, AL
Men's Industrial	8/27/2010	8/29/2010	Ridgeland, MS
Men's 16 Inch Major	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Cedar Rapids, IA
Men's 16 Inch Class A	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Yuma, AZ
Women's Open	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Women's Masters 35-Over	8/13/2010	8/15/2010	Tupelo, MS
Co-ed Open	8/26/2010	8/29/2010	Columbus, GA
Co-ed Class C	8/26/2010	8/29/2010	Columbus, GA
Co-ed Class D	8/26/2010	8/29/2010	Columbus, GA

Territory Tournaments

Hooters ASA Men's East Class B	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Tallahassee, FL
Hooters ASA Men's Eastern Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Salem, VA
Hooters ASA Men's Eastern Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Columbus, OH
Hooters ASA Men's Northern Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Rochester, MN
Hooters ASA Men's Northern Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Liberty, MO
Hooters ASA Men's Southern Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Tupelo, MS
Hooters ASA Men's Southern Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Dallas, TX
Hooters ASA Men's West Class B	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Dallas, TX
Hooters ASA Men's Western Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Prescott, AZ
Hooters ASA Men's Western Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Fresno, CA
Hooters ASA Women's East Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Dothan, AL
Hooters ASA Women's East Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Montgomery, AL
Hooters ASA Women's West Class C	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Minot, ND
Hooters ASA Women's West Class D	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	Minot, ND
Men's Class E/REC Eastern	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	TBD
Men's Class E/REC Northern	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	TBD
Men's Class E/REC Southern	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	TBD
Men's Class E/REC Western	9/2/2010	9/6/2010	TBD

Championship Finals

Hooters Championship Series Men's Class B	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Hooters Championship Series Men's Class C	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Hooters Championship Series Men's Class D	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Hooters Championship Series Women's Class C	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
Hooters Championship Series Women's Class D	9/30/2010	10/3/2010	Oklahoma City, OK

ASA SENIOR SLOW PITCH

Senior 50,55,60,65,70,75 East (only Major, AAA, AA)	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Burlington, NC
Senior 50,55,60,65,70,75 West (only Major, AAA, AA)	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Topeka, KS
Senior 50,55,60,65 (only Major Plus)	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Oklahoma City, OK

ASA JUNIOR OLYMPIC FAST PITCH

Girls'GOLD 18-Under	8/8/2010	8/15/2010	Oklahoma City, OK
USA/ASA Girls'Class A 1 O-Under	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	Chaftanooga,TN
USA/ASA Girls'Class A 12-Under	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	Bloomington, IN
USA/ASA Girls'Class A 14-Under	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	Moline, IL
USA/ASA Girls'Class A 16-Under	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	College Station, TX
USA/ASA Girls'Class A 18-Under	8/1/2010	8/8/2010	Hemet-Menifee, CA
Girls' A 10-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	York, PA
Girls' A 12-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	York, PA
Girls' A 14-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Salisbury, MD
Girls' A 16-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	York, RA
Girls' A 18-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Sterling, VA
Girls' A 10-Under Southern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Cumming, GA
Girls' A 12-Under Southern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Fort Worth, TX
Girls' A 14-Under Southern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Ridgeland, MS
Girls' A 16-Under Southern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Fort Myers, FL
Girls' A 18-Under Southern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Raleigh, NC
Girls' A 10-Under Northern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Topeka, KS
Girls' A 12-Under Northern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Kimberly, WI
Girls' A 14-Under Northern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	North Mankato, MN
Girls' A 16-Under Northern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Bowling Green, WI
Girls' A 18-Under Northern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Novi, MI
Girls' A 1 O-Under Western	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Medford, OR
Girls' A 12-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Spokane, WA
Girls' A 14-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Aurora, CO
Girls' A 16-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Fresno, CA
Girls' A 18-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Hayward, CA
Girls' B 10-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Sterling, VA
Girls' B 12-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Sterling, VA
Girls' B 14-Under Eastern	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	York, PA
Girls' B 16-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Dayton, OH
Girls' B 18-Under Eastern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Dayton, OH
Girls' B 10-Under Southern	7/13/2010	7/18/2010	Gadsden, AL
Girls' B 12-Under Southern	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Marietta, GA
Girls' B 14-Under Southern	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Killeen, TX
Girls' B 16-Under Southern	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Broken Arrow, OK
Girls' B 18-Under Southern	7/21/2010	7/25/2010	Gadsden, AL
Girls' B 10-Under Northern	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	Topeka, KS
Girls' B 12-Under Northern	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Kimberly, WI
Girls' B 14-Under Northern	7/26/2010	8/1/2010	Terre Haute, IN
Girls' B 16-Under Northern	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	North Mankato, MN
Girls' B 18-Under Northern	7/28/2010	8/1/2010	St. Joseph, MO
Girls' B 1 O-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Tucson, AZ
Girls' B 12-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Las Cruces, NM
Girls' B 14-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Roseville, CA
Girls' B 16-Under Western	8/2/2010	8/8/2010	Hillsboro, OR
Girls' B 18-Under Western	8/5/2010	8/8/2010	Yakima, WA
Boys' 10-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD
Boys' 12-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD
Boys' 14-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD
Boys' 16-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD
Boys' 18-Under	8/4/2010	8/8/2010	TBD

ASA JUNIOR OLYMPIC SLOW PITCH

Girls' 10-Under	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	LaGrange, GA
Girls' 12-Under	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	LaGrange, GA
Girls' 14-Under	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	LaGrange, GA
Girls' 16-Under	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	LaGrange, GA
Girls' 18-Under	7/29/2010	8/1/2010	LaGrange, GA

ASA MODIFIED PITCH

Men's (10)	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	Cumming, GA
Men's (9) Class A	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	TBD
Men's (9) Major	9/3/2010	9/6/2010	TBD

## 2009 Equipment Committee review

In the past year the Equipment Committee and staff concentrated on ball compliance, ABI (Accelerated Break In) modification, field study and the study of softball options for the game. In 2008 the committee took action establishing a standard regulating dynamic stiffness of softballs at 7500 lbs/ inch (12” ball) when tested under the most current ASTM test method. This standard will better control the use of multi-layer softballs and bring more consistency to the market place. We notified the industry to stop manufacturing, distributing and selling any softballs previously certified by ASA that do not comply with ASA’s new Dynamic Stiffness Standard. ASA will publish a non-approved softball list detailing which softballs are not in compliance with ASA standards this fall and be effective 1/1/10.

The committee met in St. Louis this past June and spent a considerable amount of time addressing the softball for our game as well as field testing. The field testing was done using Rawlings Sci Fly Doppler system to measure BBS using an array of softballs with different COR & Compression, with not only ASA certified bats, but with non-certified bats as well. Field testing

provides important data to assist the committee in determining the best bat and ball combination for our game today and in the future. The equipment committee is interested in the development of alternative options for ASA approved and certified softballs. Alternative softball options would likely involve an additional ball model rather than a replacement of currently accepted models in the market place. The committee issued letters to all manufacturers to encourage input and submit a prototype ball to ASA for field testing in June of 2010. This request to manufacturers is to submit a prototype ball or balls to ASA by March 31, 2010 with the specifications basic components and tolerance levels.

The equipment Committee with the assistance of Dr. Lloyd Smith of Washington State University determined there was a need to make modifications to the recently approved ABI (Accelerated Break In) policy to ensure that bats do not produce BBS higher than the approved 98 mph for the life of the bat. All bats previously certified and new models must now pass the modified and approved version of ABI, commonly referred to as ABI-3. Manufacturers must cease production of any failed model

under ABI-3 and shipping would cease no later than 12/1/09.

The Equipment Committee also set a Dynamic Stiffness Standard for 11” softballs at 9500 lbs/inch effective 1/1/11 and institute a no ship date of 7/1/10 for current balls in the manufacturing process that do not meet this new standard.

The ASA staff negotiated a partnership with WSU, the NCAA and the National High School Federation to lease a Sci Fly Doppler System for future use of monitoring game conditions, field studies and research. Increasing our understanding of the game conditions will quantify how rule changes effect play, including field dimensions, softballs, bats and temperature. Alternative balls will be the first use of this new technology. Future studies could consider bat design, bat break-in (end of life), handle flex of other new technology and potentially a better understanding of ball trajectory. We are very excited about this partnership which will allow us better access and opportunities for field studies of slow pitch. JO GFP, as well as the Fast Pitch game on the adult and college level.

The charting of games was also done this year at the Hooters Championship Series. A smaller

sample was done this year but the results of runs scored and normal and acceptable play was very similar to 2008 and improved from 2006. Poly balls were used in 2006, 2008 & 2009 compared to a cork centered ball in 2007.

In May of 2010 the Equipment Committee will meet in Pullman Washington at the WSU lab with Dr. Smith. Field testing in Pull-

man will include using the Sci Fly Doppler technology to assist the committee in making potential decisions on an alternative softball and future bat and ball combinations that will uphold the integrity of the game.

Sincerely,  
Dick Gulmon, Chairman  
Equipment Testing &  
Certification Committee

## National Umpire School to be in Rapid City

May 1 and 2, 2010. It will be one of eleven sites this year and is the first year in the past several that South Dakota will hold a National School. Instructors from the National Umpire Staff will conduct the two day school and cover a variety of subjects in both classroom and on-field sessions.

Region 15 Umpire in Chief “Wild Bill” Silves of Mt. Vernon, Washington along with Region 11 Umpire in Chief Steve “Riz” Riswold of Sioux Falls, South Dakota will instruct along with

lead instructor Malcolm Boyles of Bothell, Washington. Boyles is the Deputy Supervisor of Umpires for the Western Territory.

North Dakota umpires who may be interested in attending this school should contact Brett Distel of Rapid City who is the local Coordinator. His telephone number is 605-923-7740.

Attendance at a National Umpire School is required for all ASA umpires who are interested in working toward an Elite status as an ASA umpire.



# Code changes and comments for 2010

## 2010 Code Changes with Comments as of 11/18/09

### Article Number Change Article: 201 B 03 f B. Registration Requirements, Fees and Dues.

03. **Dues.** Each local association shall pay the following dues:

- a. Each Adult Team \$ 8.00
- b. Each Junior Olympic Team \$ 8.00
- c. Each Adult Umpire \$ 18.00
- d. Each Junior Olympic Umpire \$ 18.00
- e. Each Scorekeeper \$ 8.50
- f. Individual registrations fees will be approved by the council.

**NOTE:** Each local association may individually register Junior Olympic and/or adult players, managers, coaches, or team officials. Every 10 persons registered individually shall be counted as one team. Each Junior Olympic team must include one adult registration. Each local association may submit their individuals, umpires, and team registrations through a compatible and ASA Board of Director approved registration system of their choice that best suits their Association needs.

**Comments: Establishes an approval process for Individual Registration systems.**

**Article: 301 B 06** Delete last sentence of Duties of President Elect

**Comments: Eliminates the duty of the President Elect taking over for the President if he/she is unable to continue.**

**Article: 301 C New –** Re-number Immediate Past President

1. Term of Office. The Immediate Past President shall serve a term of two years, beginning immediately upon the completion of Term as President.

2. Removal. An Immediate Past President may be removed for just cause by a sixty-six point seven percent (66.7%) vote of the Board of Directors.

3. Duties. If the President for any reason resigns, is unable to act, is removed from office, or dies, the Immediate Past President will assume the duties of the President.

**Comments: Establishes the Duties and responsibilities of the Immediate Past President.**

**Article Number Change  
Article: 301 D Becomes 301 D** Territorial Vice Presidents.

03. Term of Office. Territorial Vice Presidents shall serve a term of two years that shall begin at the conclusion of the final Board of Directors Meeting which is held at the conclusion of the annual council meeting.

**Comments: Establishes when the Territorial Vice Presidents take office.**

**Article: 306 B 01 B.** Council Member Emeritus. A retired council member honored for 15 or more years of service.

01. Years of Service. Upon completion of 15 years of service, any council member may be recommended by their commissioner for the status of council member emeritus upon their retirement as an active council member. Recommendation must be made by August 31 and must be submitted on official nomination form in order to be a voting member for the next ASA Council meeting.

**Comments: Sets a deadline for nomination forms to be submitted.**

**Article: 306 B 02 B.** Council Member Emeritus. A retired council member honored for 15 or more years of service.

02. Approval. The Board of Directors shall consider all recommendations at the fall Board of Directors meeting prior to the Annual Council meeting and a two-thirds vote of approval is required to confirm a person for this position.

**Comments: Sets when the Board will confirm Council Member Emeritus.**

**Article: 310 C 02 b C.** National Championship Final Umpire-In-Chief.

02. Use of Assistant Umpires-in-Chief. The use of an Assistant Umpire-in-Chief shall be governed as follows:

a. If a championship has more than 40 teams and plays on more than one ( 1 ) complex, an assistant umpire-in-chief shall be assigned by the National Director of Umpires.

b. If a National Championship Final has more than 100 teams, two ( 2 ) assistant umpires-in chief shall be assigned by the National Director of Umpires.

c. If a National Championship final is played in more than 2 complexes, an assistant umpire-in-chief shall be assigned to each complex by the National Director of Umpires.

**Comments: Establishes an additional guideline for assigning an assistant umpire-in-chief.**

**Article 312 B 03 b** Delete May Not Compete in future ASA tournaments.

**Comments: To allow members of the ASA National Softball Hall of Fame an opportunity to continue to play ASA.**

**Article 402 A COMMITTEES.** Standing committees shall be established and organized as follows:

A. Boy's and Men's Fast Pitch. This committee shall promote the game of boy's and men's fast pitch and set tournament dates and select tournament sites.

Comments: Adds Men's Fast Pitch to the committee and establishes their responsibilities.

Article 402 N Tournament Programs. This committee shall include a minimum of one member from each region. Its duties shall include but not be limited to:

01. Reviewing standards and procedures for conducting National Championships.

02. Reviewing and updating all National Championship evaluation forms.

03. Recommending potential legislation in the area of National Championships.

04. Meeting with all bidding cities at the National Council Meeting to review the rules and time limits on their bid presentation, the order in which the tournaments will be bid, and the order that the cities will present their bids to the council.

**Comments: Defines the responsibilities of the Tournament Programs committee.**

**Article 403 A 02** Amendments to the ASA Code and Playing Rule Changes

02. Emergency Procedure. Between annual meetings of the Council, any Council member or Executive Director may submit a proposed amendment to the ASA Code to the Chair of the Legislative Committee and ask that an emergency be declared and the proposed amendment submitted for a vote of the Council in the manner outlined in this Article 403 ( A ) ( 02 ) of this Code. If the Chair of the Legislative Committee believes that the proposed amendment is of sufficient importance that it should be acted upon by the Council prior to their next scheduled meeting, the Chair shall forward the proposed amendment to the President. If the President agrees with the Chair of the Legislative Committee that the proposed amendment is of sufficient importance that it should be acted upon by the Council prior to their next scheduled meeting, then an emergency shall be declared and the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the members of the Council for a vote in the manner outlined in Article 403 ( A ) ( 02 ) of this Code. The proposed amendment shall be mailed and or electronically mailed to each member of the Council. There will be a waiting period of fifteen ( 15 ) days from the date the proposed amendment was mailed and or electronically mailed for any council member that wishes to write a rebuttal to the proposed amendment. After the waiting period the national office will send a copy of the ballot and a copy of the rebuttal to the proposed amendment to all council members asking each council member to accept or reject the proposed amendment. The deadline for returning ballots shall be not less than ten ( 10 ) nor more than thirty ( 30 ) days after the rebuttals and ballots were mailed and

or electronically mailed. Each ballot must be signed and or electronically signed by a Council member and received by the ASA prior to the deadline in order to be counted. If valid ballots are received from less than or exactly fifty percent ( 50% ) of the members of the Council by the deadline, then the proposed amendment shall be deemed rejected. If valid ballots are received from more than fifty percent ( 50% ) of the members of the Council by the deadline, then the proposed amendment shall be deemed rejected unless sixty-six point seven percent ( 66.7% ) of the ballots received vote to accept the proposed amendment.

**Comments: Adds electronically mailed as an alternative to emergency legislation.**

**Article 501 A** New and Re-number

ELIGIBILITY COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY EACH PLAYER, MANAGER and TEAM

It is the duty of each player, player's parent (if applicable), manager, coach and team to review ASA's eligibility requirements and comply with ASA's eligibility requirements. Each team manager/coach is responsible for complying with the eligibility requirements and other requirements set forth in the ASA Code as to his/her team. This specifically includes, without limitation, eligibility requirements pertaining to proper classification, proper divisions, eligible pick up player requirements, eligible age requirements and all other eligibility requirements.

As to eligibility matters, any assurances or statements from ASA members, ASA commissioners or ASA officials other than ASA's Executive Director are not binding and shall not be binding upon ASA and shall not constitute a valid excuse for a team's, manager's or player's failure to comply with any eligibility requirement. ASA disclaims any and all liability for any player, team, manager or coach's reliance upon assurances of persons other than ASA's Executive Director. ASA disclaims any and all liability for any player, team, manager or coach's failure to comply with all eligibility requirements.

Teams, players, coaches and managers that are ineligible under the ASA Code and that incur travel and other expenses in connection with an ASA tournament do so at their own risk and peril. Teams, players, coaches and managers that are ineligible under the ASA Code are subject to disqualification or forfeiture at any time, as otherwise provided for in the ASA Code (i.e. upon the timely protest of any other team or official).

Any ASA official's signature (i.e. Commissioner's signature) on a roster form or any other document shall not be considered as a determination of the eligibility of a player or team. Eligibility of players or teams shall be governed as otherwise provided in the Code. Any solicitation or invitation for a team to participate in an ASA tournament by a Tournament Director or other ASA Official shall not be considered a determination of that team's eligibility. Eligibility of players or teams shall be exclusively governed as provided in the Code.

**Comments: Establishes compliances for Player's, Managers, and Teams**

**Article: 501 B 02** Exception New a. and Re-number

a. All Divisions of Play. In National Championship Finals, teams can play in a higher classification than their current classification. Participation in a higher classification could affect the team classification in their next ASA playing season. Teams may play in only one Championship finals per division of play per year.

Comments: Allows all teams to participate in a higher classification of play.

**Article 501 B 03** a New and Re-number

03. a. Any Junior Olympic team participating in championship play must have at least one ACE certified coach (current year) on the field/dugout during championship play games.

b. All JO team personnel assisting in the dugout must have an ASA background check (current year).

**Comments: Mandates that one Junior Olympic Coach be ACE Certified with a background check and all team personnel in the dugout be background checked.**

**Article 501 C 05 a 07** New and Re-number

07. Once a player participates in an intercollegiate softball program for a university, college, or junior/community college, she is ineligible to play in the Junior Olympic Class "B" and "Gold" classifications.

**Comments: Eliminates college players from the JO Class B and Gold classifications.**

Article 501 C 06 a Eligible Teams. All players must be full-time employees of one company or of one city or county government or of one military installation, or of one fraternal organization (same Lodge) and must have competed together during the current season of play. Industrial teams that have players from company branches in more than one ( 1 ) state must play major. Military Teams: Base/Post level teams ( active duty military only ) may participate in this division. U.S. Armed Forces All Star Teams may not enter National Championship Finals unless they have played through local association or regional play leading to the nationals.

**Comments: Adds fraternal organizations to the Industrial Division**

**Article 505 D 03** Suspension Procedures ( Tournament Play ).

03. Suspension. A team that is in violation of this rule shall forfeit the game being played or the game last played. The ineligible player shall be suspended from further play in the tournament and in any subsequent tournament for which he/she may have qualified by virtue of their play in the tournament in which they were suspended. The team may be subject to further penalties.

**Comments: Establishes additional suspension procedures.**

**Article 506 A 01** Men's Fast Pitch Major

Open

B

C

**Comments: Effective 2011 Changes the Men's Fast Pitch Open Division.**

**Article 506 A 12** Retain Co-ed Open Slow Pitch

**Comments: Co-ed Open Slow Pitch will continue to be a National Championship.**

**Article 506 A 14** Delete Men's Masters 45-over Fast Pitch

**Comments: Effective 2011 Eliminates the Men's Masters 45-over Fast Pitch and creates Men's Masters 50-over and Men's Senior 60-over Fast Pitch.**

**Article 507 G 01** Men's Class A Slow Pitch Five ( 5 ) players from the ASA Restricted Player's List.

**Comments: Increases the number of Restricted Players that Men's A can have on their roster.**

**Article 508 A** LEVELS OF CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY. The following are levels of championship play:

A. Local Association Championships. Local associations may conduct sub district, district or county championships for the purpose of qualifying teams for local association championships. These tournaments are open to registered member teams in accordance with the rules and regulations of the local association, provided such rules and regulations are not in conflict or inconsistent with this Code or the established policies of the ASA. Local associations may not conduct championship play tournaments in locations outside of their association's boundaries without permission from that local association's commissioner. Local associations Class A Championships must be scheduled to be completed at least twelve (12) days prior to the start on the first game of their prospective Junior Olympic National Championship final.

**Comments: Establishes when Local Association Championships must**

**be completed if advancing on to JO National Championship Finals.**

**Article 508 A 01** LEVELS OF CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY. The following are levels of championship play:

Local Association Championships. Local associations may conduct sub district, district or county championships for the purpose of qualifying teams for local association championships. These tournaments are open to registered member teams in accordance with the rules and regulations of the local association, provided such rules and regulations are not in conflict or inconsistent with this Code or the established policies of the ASA. Local associations may not conduct championship play tournaments in locations outside of their association's boundaries without permission from that local association's commissioner.

01. Associations may also conduct JO qualifying tournaments for the following years championship play. Teams that participate in these tournaments must use age eligible players for the year the championship play will be played and must meet the returning team requirement to maintain their berth.

**Comments: Allows Associations to have Championship play in the fall season of the previous year the championship is scheduled.**

**Article 508 B 01** New and Re-number

01. Local association berths may be given as additional berths in these Junior Olympic National Qualifiers.

**Comments: Allows local associations to give away its berths at National Qualifiers.**

**Article 509 A** Regional Tournaments. The dates for regional tournaments shall be established by the commissioners within the respective region. Junior Olympic Gold and Class A Regional Tournaments must be scheduled to be completed a minimum of twelve ( 12 ) days prior to the start of the first game in the Junior Olympic National Championship Final.

**Comments: Establishes when Regional tournaments must be completed if advancing on to JO National Championship Finals.**

**Article 509 B 02 b** Delete Current and Replace with

02. Men's Open Fast Pitch shall be scheduled on Labor Day weekend commencing no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Thursday and concluding no later than Labor Day.

**Comments: Effective 2011 Sets the Dates of the Men's Open Fast Pitch.**

**Article 509 B 04 f** Girls' USA/ ASA Gold 18-Under Fast Pitch. This National Championship Final shall be scheduled to conclude on the first Saturday in August and not be scheduled more than seven (7) days. This event will not have and opening ceremonies event and the managers meeting cannot be scheduled prior to 6:00 PM on the prior Sunday.

**Comments: Changes the dates of the Girl's ASA Gold 18-Under Fast Pitch National Championship is scheduled.**

**Article 510 M** New and Re-number

09. The use of artificial noise-makers during championship play is prohibited.

**Comments: Eliminates artificial noise-makers from Championship play.**

**Article 510 N** Tie Breaker Rule. A region may, by majority vote, establish procedures for a tiebreaker in qualifiers and regional tournaments. In all Junior Olympic Girls' Fast Pitch National Qualifiers and National Championship Finals; Women's Fast Pitch National Championship Finals; Men's Masters Fast Pitch National Championship Finals; and Men's Seniors Fast Pitch National Championship Finals the tiebreaker shall be in effect.

**Comments: Adds Men's Seniors Fast Pitch to the Tie Breaker Rule.**

**Article 511 A 01 b** In Girls' Fast Pitch 18-Under Gold pool play ( provided



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ing each team with two games ) shall not be used for seeding purposes.

**Comments: Establishes Gold Pool play guidelines.**

**Article 511 B 02 NOTE:** The double elimination bracket draw shall be done at the completion of the team's pool play games, with each team drawing their position onto the double elimination seeded bracket.

**Comments: Allows tournaments to draw teams onto the Double Elimination bracket at the completion of their pool play.**

**Article 511 B 02 d** New and Re-number

d. Any of the top four (4) teams from the previous year's Gold National Championship will be placed into the double elimination bracket in opposite quads, if they qualify.

**Comments: Allows for the top four Gold teams to be placed onto the National Championship Bracket if they qualify for the National Championship Final.**

**Article 511 B 03** New and Re-number

Territorial Tournaments. The association with the most teams will draw first, the association with the second most teams shall draw second, etc. In case of ties between associations, the draw positions will be determined alphabetically. When more than one team within and association must draw, positions to draw shall be determined based on alphabetical order according to the team name listed on the roster.

**Comments: Establishes draw procedures for the Territorial Tournaments.**

**Article 511 C** National Championship Final Draw. Each team properly entered in a National Championship Final must be notified of the time and location of the draw. The draw can be held up to seven (7) days prior to the start of the tournament so teams can be notified of their start time. Teams from local associations must be protected from playing each other for the first two rounds if at all possible.

**EXCEPTION:** The Men's Major Fast Pitch, Women's Major Fast Pitch, Men's Class A Fast Pitch, Men's Class B Fast Pitch, Men's Masters 40-Over Fast Pitch, Men's Masters 45-Over Fast Pitch, Men's Seniors 50-Over Fast Pitch, Men's Major Modified, Men's Nine (9) Modified, Men's Class A Modified, Men's Ten (10) Modified draws may be done not more than twenty ( 20 ) days prior to the start of the tournament.

**Comments: Establishes when the Men's Modified National Championship final will be drawn.**

**Article 511 E 05 05.** The ASA Official Seeded Double Elimination Bracket Book shall be used. Teams in the same qualifying pool who have played each other shall be protected from playing each other in the first round of the double elimination bracket.

**Comments: Clarifies the draw from Pool Play to the Double Elimination bracket.**

**Article 513 A** National Qualifier Tournaments. These tournaments are to be coordinated through the regional directors. Junior Olympic National Qualifier Tournaments must be scheduled to be completed at least twelve (12) days prior to the first game of their prospective Junior Olympic National Championship Final.

**Comments: Establishes when National Qualifiers Tournaments must be completed if advancing on to JO National Championship Finals.**

**Article 515 F 01** Gold Territory Qualifying Tournament Procedures.

01. Territory Qualifying Tournaments. Each Territory shall hold two ( 2 ) Territory Qualifying Tournaments ( TQT ) and may hold four ( 4 ). Berths would be divided equally amongst all of the Territory Qualifiers. Each Region within the Territory could only host one of two Territory Qualifiers in the same year unless no other Region in that Territory wished to host. By mutual agreement, regions within a territory may set the date for Territory Qualifiers in any order they desire. If no agreement can be reached, then the Region with the most Gold participa-

tion in the previous year would host the first Territory Qualifier in that Territory and the Region with the second most participation in the previous year in that Territory would host the second Territory Qualifier in that Territory. If a particular Region did not wish to host a Territory Qualifier, the Region with the next highest Gold participation would be offered the Territory Qualifier. That process would go on until all Regions had declined and would revert back to the Region with the most Gold participation in the previous year.

**Comments: Gives the Territories the ability to have 4 Territorial Gold Qualifiers.**

**Article 516 A 06** Direct to National Championship Finals. In the following Divisions and Classifications, any team playing in the local championship tournaments ( if scheduled ) may advance to the National Championship Final:

01. Men's Major Fast Pitch
02. Men's Class A Fast Pitch
03. Men's Class B Fast Pitch
04. Men's Class C Fast Pitch
05. Men's 23-Under Fast Pitch
06. Men's Masters 40-Over Fast Pitch
07. Men's Masters 45-Over Fast Pitch
08. Men's Masters 50-Over Fast Pitch
09. Men's Seniors 60-Over Fast Pitch

**Comments: Effective 2011 Establishes Masters 50-Over and Seniors 60-Over National Championship Final.**

**Article 516 C** Delete Men's Senior Slow Pitch 50, 55, 60 and 65 Major Plus being held as one tournament in Oklahoma City and places them back in the East/West Senior National Championships.

**Comments: Removes the Men's Senior Major Plus National Championship from Oklahoma City.**

**Article 516 C** New and Re-number

C. Men's Class B Slow Pitch will conduct one (1) National Championship Final. The tournament will be held in Oklahoma City on Labor Day weekend.

**Comments: Establishes the Men's Class B National Championship as one tournament in Oklahoma City.**

**Article 516 D 04** ASA East / West National Championship Finals. The ASA will conduct two ( 2 ) National Championship Tournaments in following divisions and classifications:

04. Women's 23-Under Fast Pitch
- Comments: Effective 2011 Establishes how berths will be awarded.**
- Article 516 F 04** ASA Eastern / Southern / Northern / Western National Championship Finals. The ASA will conduct four ( 4 ) National Championships in following divisions and classifications:

01. Men's Class C Slow Pitch.
02. Men's Class D Slow Pitch.
03. Men's Class E/Rec Slow Pitch
04. Women's C Slow Pitch
05. Women's D Slow Pitch
06. Co-ed C Slow Pitch
07. Co-ed D Slow Pitch

**Comments: Establishes the four corners concept for Women's C, Women's D, Co-ed C and Co-ed D Slow Pitch National Championship Finals.**

**Article 516 K** New and Re-number

Girls' Class Gold ASA Fast Pitch National Championship Finals.

The ASA shall conduct one National Championship Finals Tournament in each age classification of Junior Olympic Girls' Class A Fast Pitch in each of the following territories, In accordance with Article 203, Territories of this Code.

01. Eligible Teams. All teams within an ASA National Championship Finals Territory that have not qualified for an USA / ASA Junior Olympic Girls' GOLD Fast Pitch National Championship are eligible to qualify for the ASA National Championship Finals Tournament through their local association. Teams may play in their closest National Championship.

[ Ineligible. Any team that has qualified for an USA / ASA Junior Olympic Girls' GOLD Fast Pitch National Championship is not eligible to participate in an ASA National Cham-

pionship Finals Tournament. ]

02. Format. Each ASA Girls' Fast Pitch National Tournament shall be structured so that each team is scheduled to play a minimum of four ( 4 ) games – two games of pool play and double elimination bracket.

**Comments: Establishes four tournaments for Gold teams who do not make the Gold National Championship Finals.**

**Article 517 A** Delete Women's C and D Slow Pitch from the National Championship Series.

**Comments: Eliminates the Women's C and D from the National Championship Series and creates a cash award for the winners.**

**Article 601 A** New

**Exception:** The ASA Annual meeting will be in Oklahoma City every 5 years beginning in the year 2013 to celebrate ASA's 80th year anniversary.

**Comments: Establishes a rotation of the ASA National Convention into Oklahoma City.**

**Article 602 H 09** The Junior Olympic Girls 18 and Under Gold Fast Pitch will be rotated to Oklahoma City every third year and in the off years will be placed in other parts of the country by the Executive Director.

**Comments: Establishes that the Gold National Championship will be rotated out of Oklahoma City twice every three years.**

**Article 602 H 11** New and Re-number

Co-ed C and D Slow Pitch National Championship finals shall be bid together and conducted at the same site.

**Comments: Effective 2011 Establishes procedures for bidding the Co-ed National Championship Finals.**

**Article 602 I 01** Bid is Awarded. If the bid is awarded, the successful bidder must:

01. Remit one thousand (\$1,000.00) to ASA before December 31 as the tournament deposit. Deposit applies to total amount due per team entered in the tournament.

**Comments: Establishes a tournament deposit.**

**Article 602 K 02** At their fall meeting, the Board of Directors shall review tournament host that received a rating less than 70 percent (70 %) from the teams, the umpire-in-chief, the tournament representative or the National Office. This review shall take place at the Board of Directors (BOD) fall meeting, which the host or their designee shall be permitted to attend in order to speak on their behalf. After review the BOD may suspend a host's bidding privilege. Once bidding privileges have been suspended, a host must demonstrate to the BOD that all the necessary improvements or corrections have been made before they will be permitted to place another bid.

**Comments: Establishes procedures for reviewing**

**Article 606 C** Delete Travel Fund all Adult National Championship Finals

**Comments: Eliminates the travel award fund in all National Championship Finals. Also eliminates 603 C 11 and 604 C 11.**

**Article 607 B 03** Add New

**Exception:** No Home Run Champion for Men's Class D Slow Pitch.

**Comments: Eliminates Home Run Champion from the Men's D Slow Pitch.**

**Article 607 B 03** Deletes MVP Awards and changes the All-American / Tournament Awards to

a and b Certificates for tournaments with 16 or less teams.

**Comments: Establishes certificates as the Award for All-American and All Tournament Teams**

**Article 607 B 06** All-American Team Selection. All-American Team Selection ( The top level in all divisions of adult play ).

**Comments: Establishes divisions of play All American teams are selected.**

**Article 607 B** Slow Pitch. Five infielders, four outfielders, five utility players, and one pitcher.

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**Comments: Establishes guidelines for selecting All American Teams for Slow Pitch.**

**Article 607 B 07** Add New

**Exception:** A Men's E/Rec Slow Pitch All Tournament team will not be selected.

**Comments: Eliminates All Tournament team for E/Rec.**

**Article 701 A** Committee Members. The Men's National Team Selection Committee and the Women's National Team Selection Committee shall each be comprised of five (5) members consisting of at least one (1) athlete representatives who meet the requirements of the United States Olympic Committee, the head coach of the National Team to be selected and three (3) members who are either members of the ASA or allied members of the ASA. The chair person of each National Team Selection Committee shall be elected by the members of such committee. Each member shall have one vote at all meetings. The committee shall act by majority vote.

**Comments: Establishes the number of Committee Members.**

## Rosters due when season opens

Team Managers and League Representatives are reminded that team rosters are due to be turned in the day the team plays its first game.

No changes can be made to the roster after June 12, 2010

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## Dickinson Parks & Recreation

# 2010 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

## Miller Lite Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, July 10-11, 2010

**\$90.00**

*3 Game Guarantee*

(Deadline: Monday, June 28)



## Last Chance Tournament

Sunday, September 12, 2010

**\$90.00**

*3 Game Guarantee*

(Deadline: Monday, August 30)

**\*\*Please call 456-2074 to verify receipt of tournament entry form.**

Entry forms are available on our web site:

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Dickinson, ND 58601

**Dickinson Softball League Contact:**  
**Eric Kittelson**



# Bismarck to host Men’s Class E/Rec National tournament

Bismarck was awarded the Men’s Class E/Rec Northern National tournament during the National Council Meeting of the Amateur Softball Association held in Reno, Nevada in November, 2009. The tournament will be held over the Labor Day holiday in 2010 and is expected to draw a large number of teams to the Capital city.

Tim Kuntz of the Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department will serve as the Tournament Director while Naomi Erdahl, also of Bismarck Parks and Recreation will be the Assistant Tournament Director. An organizing committee has been named and has had their initial meetings.

Committees include HOSPITALITY/VOLUNTEERS staffed by Sue Lachenmeier, Kris Todd, Lori Schneider, Joey McLeod and Sheri Grossman.

FACILITIES committee will be responsible for diamond maintenance, parking and traffic control and will be staffed by Greg Smith and Riley Merkel. The ADMINISTRATIVE committee will handle ticket sales, player passes, souvenirs, concessions and medical facilities. Dennis Nybo and Kevin Klipfel will head this important committee.

Opening events, manager’s meeting, award ceremony and

tournament programs will be the responsibility of the SPECIAL EVENTS committee headed by Stephanie Kopseng and Paula Redmann. GAME OPERATIONS committee members are Mike Wald, Sue Heilman, Tom St. Peter and Bernie Becker. This committee will provide game schedules for all fields, scoreboard operators, official scorers and will oversee headquarters telephones.

State Umpire in Chief Mike Wolf and Walt Stack will be in charge of umpires for the tournament.

More details will be available in the Summer issue of Softball News.

# Casual profanity rule defined

Casual profanity pertains to expletives “not directed at the umpires or opposing players, but most likely at the players uttering them as a vent to frustration. This type of profanity is penalized by “OUTS” being declared against the offensive or defensive teams, whichever is guilty of the violations. The above “OUTS” will be treated on a delayed, dead ball situation. Profanity directed at others, especially umpires, will still result in ejection.

Let’s say a team has the bases loaded and the batter pops up to the infield. Immediately he lets out a profanity (fill in your favorite).

What happens if the fielder catches the ball? The batter can’t be called “OUT” because he already is. Therefore, the next batter is out. If the batter would be first up the

next inning, that spot will be an OUT. That’s how the penalty is enforced.

If a defensive player “boots” the ball or drops the ball and utters a profanity where it can be heard by the people in the stand the defense is penalized by having their first batter called out when they come to bat. This is the only aspect of the rule, along with carry-over of the third out enforcement on the offensive team, where the rule will have to be enforced at a later time.

Profanity directed at others, especially umpires, will still result in ejection. If a player is called out on a bang-bang players at first and he utters a word under his breath as he runs by the umpires at first, or curses under his breath because of this poor hit as he was thrown out at first, the CASUAL PROFANITY

RULE will not be enforced. That’s because no one but the umpire, and maybe the first baseman has heard him.

THE CASUAL PROFANITY RULE provides a lesser penalty for the gray area between accepted conduct and situations where the offender must be ejected. It has been found that the players police themselves and each other after this happens a couple of times and it has worked for the betterment of softball. It gets players to clean up their act. Early in the year, umpires, in pregame conference, should warn both managers that the CASUAL PROFANITY RULE applies. Failure to do so does not preclude the penalty being enforced. After June 15, this is not required at pre-game conference as all teams should be aware of the rule.

## Players, teams on suspension or probation for the 2010 season

- Dominic Pardino Jr., Fargo** - Unsportsmanlike conduct, suspended indefinitely, can apply for reinstatement. Two year probation follows reinstatement.
- Scott Fears, West Fargo** - Unsportsmanlike conduct. Probation through 2011.
- Jason Baca, Mandan** - Illegal participation (2<sup>nd</sup>). Probation thru 2011.
- Todd Kalpakoff, Fargo** - Altered Bat, two years suspension NDASA/ASA play. Five years probation starting 1/1/12.
- Gowan Raingutter/Wheeler Contracting/Carlson Well Service** - Pickup rule violation. Team probation 2010.
- Kyle Wheeler, Minot** - Pickup rule violation. Probation 2010 & 2011.
- Dillon Kunz, Jamestown** - Unsportsmanlike conduct. Suspension for 2010 season, probation 2010 & 2011.
- Danny Kunz, Jamestown** - Unsportsmanlike conduct. Suspended until 7/1/2010, probation 2010 & 2011.

### State Tournament Violations MSP

**Mayville FAT, Rec III E** - No show without notification. Entire team probation 2010.

### WSP

- Bismarck Elbowroom/CVB, Rec. III W**, No show without notification. Entire team probation 2010.
- Bismarck Fanta Farms, Rec III W**, No show without notification. Entire team probation 2010.



# 2010 MINOT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

Sponsored by the Minot Recreation Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Class/(Format)</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, May 16	Men’s Slow Pitch	8 – D & Rec I (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, May
		0716 – Rec II (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, May 07
		16 – Rec III & IV (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, May 07
Sat. & Sun., July 24 &25	Men’s Slow Pitch	8 – C & D (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		24 – Rec I (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		24 – Rec II (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		32 – Rec III (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		32 – Rec IV (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
Sat. & Sun., July 24 & 25	Women’s Slow Pitch	8 – C & D (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		8 – Rec I (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09
		8 – Rec II, III (3 G.G.)	\$100.00	Friday, July 09

Sat. & Sun., July 31 & Aug. 1 Women’s State C & D Slow Pitch  
Thr. – Sun., September 2-5 Women’s Northern National C & D Slow Pitch

MRC Website: <http://www.minotnd.org>

Fill out a separate entry form for each tournament entered and send check along with entry form.

Tournament Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Men: \_\_\_\_\_ Women: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Managers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mangers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to MRC.

No team will be entered in the Tournament without payment





# ND Amateur Softball Association Invitational Tournaments

## Men's Slow Pitch

**April 25**, Wahpeton, 5 B-D, RR; 5 R 1-2, RR; 5 R 3-4, RR; \$85. Laree Bumgarner, 304 Fifth street S., Wahpeton, ND 58075, 642-2811.

**May 1**, Mandan, 5 C-D, RR; 10 R-1-2, RR; 10 R 3-4, RR; \$125. Bryan Jones, 3804 Saecatoga Avenue, Bismark, ND 58503, 426-8704.

**May 14**, Wahpeton, 8 R 3-4, 3 GG; \$85. Laree Bumgarner, 304 fifth Street S., Wahpeton, NE 58075, 642-2811.

**May 15**, Bismarck, 8 B-D, 4 GG; 8 R 1-2, 4 GG; 8 R 3-4, 4 GG; \$110. Doug Bowers, 424 W. Broadway, Bismarck, ND 58501, 258-5790.

**May 16**, Minot, 25 C-R 4, 3 GG, \$100. Tom Landsiedel, PO Box 684, Minot, ND 58702, 857-4730.

**May 16**, Fargo, 16 R 1-2, 3 GG; 16 R 3-4, 3GG; \$90. Sam Martin, 3253 17th, Ave., SW #303, Fargo, ND 58103, 367-4932.

**May 22**, Mandan, 10 R 1-2, RR, \$100. Brett Charvat, 2123 Mis-souri Loop N, Mandan. ND 58554. 220-3756.

**May 22**, Mandan, 10 R 3-4, RR, \$100. Brett Charvat, 2123 Mis-

souri Loop N, Mandan. ND 58554. 220-3756.

**June 5-6**, Grand Forks, 8 C-D, RR; 16 Rec 1 & Below, 3 GG; \$110. Todd Lafferty, 427 Burdick CT, Grand Forks, ND 58203. 230-5924.

**June 5**, Bismarck, 5 B-C, 5 D, 4 GG; 5 R 1, 5 R 2, 4GG, 5 R 3, 5 R 4, 4 GG; \$110. Doug Bowers, 424 W. Broadway, Bismarck, ND 58501. 258-5790.

**June 6**, Valley City, 5 R-2 RR, \$100; 8 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$90. Amy Pederson, PO Box 422, Valley City, ND 58072.

**June 11-13**, Fargo, 16 Open-C, 3 GG, \$200; 24 D, 16 R 1-2, 3 GG, \$200; 32 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$160. Sam Martin, 3253 17th Ave. SW #303, Fargo, ND 58103. 367-4932.

**June 12-13**, Center, Money Tournament, 20 R 3-4, RR, \$100. J.D. Hanson, PO Box 1836, Center, ND 58530. 794-8891

**June 13**, Stump Lake, 8 Rec 2 & Below, 3 GG, \$85. Dwight Elfman, 1411 11th Ave. SE, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-3928 or 351-1560.

**June 18**, Wahpeton, 8 R 1-2, 3 GG, \$85. Laree Bumgarner, 304 fifth Street south, Wahpeton, ND

58075. 642-2811.

**June 20**, Bismarck, 8 B-D, 4 GG; 8 R 1-2, 4 GG; 8 R 3-4, 4 GG; \$110. Doug Bowers, 424 W. Broadway, Bismarck, ND 58501. 258-5790.

**June 20**, Devils Lake, 6 C-R 1, 3 GG; 16 R 2-4, 3 GG; \$90. Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-8243.

**June 25-27**, McQuade, Bismarck, 8 A-B, DE, \$180; 24 C, DE, \$180; 48 D-R 1, CC, \$120. Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504, 400-2255.

**June 25-27**, McQuade, 48 R2, CC; 128 R-3-4, CC; 16 OP 35-49, CC, \$120. Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504, 400-2255.

**June 25-27**, McQuade, 8 OP 50+, CC; 4 OP 60+, CC, \$120. Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504, 400-2255.

**July 10-11**, Dickinson, B, C, D, 3 GG; R 1-2, 3 GG; R 3-4. 3 GG; \$90. Eric Kittelson, 2004 Fairway Street, Dickinson, ND 58601. 456-2074.

**July 10-11**, Rugby, 12 R 2 & below, RR, \$100. Mark Hamilton, 1116 Main Ave. S., Rugby, ND

58368. 776-5096.

**July 11**, Stump Lake, 8 Rec 2, 3 GG, \$85. Dwight Elfman, 1411 11th Ave. SE, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-3928 or 351-1560.

**July 11**, Turtle Lake, 16 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$90. Darwin Saari, PO Box 338, Turtle Lake, ND 58575. 48-2596.

**July 17**, Devils Lake, 6 C - R1, 3 GG; 8 R 2-4, 3 GG; \$90. Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-8243.

**July 17**, Mandan, 8 R 1-2, 3 GG; 16 R 3-4, 3 GG; \$95. Ryan Stiefel, 2612 Berkshire Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503. 222-1702.

**July 18**, Valley City, 5 R-1-2, RR, \$100; 8 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$90. Amy Peterson, PO Box 422, Valley City, ND 58072. 845-3294.

**July 23**, Wahpeton, 8 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$85.

Laree Bumgarner, 304 fifth Street South, Wahpeton, ND 58075. 642-2811.

**July 24-25**, Red Willow, 24 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$90, Vernis Haines, 1540 County road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**July 24-25**, Minot, 50 C – R 4, 3 GG, \$100. Tom Landsiedel, PO Box 684, Minot, ND 58702. 857-4730.

**July 31**, Red Willow, 16 R 3-4, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**August 21**, Fargo, 16 R 1-4, RR, \$125; 16 Old Pro, RR, \$125. Steve Granberg, 2513 fourth Avenue S, Moorhead, MN. 56560. 218-236-5867.

**August 21**, Red Willow, 16 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**August 21**, Center, 15 R 3-4, RR, \$100. J. D. Hanson, PO Box 1836, Center, ND 58530. 794-8891.

**September 4-5**, Grand Rapids, 8 Open, 3 GG, \$75. David Warcken, 6989 104th Ave. S.E., Lamoure, ND 58458. 883-5569.

**September 5-6**, Red Willow, 24 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**September 12**, Dickinson, R 1-2, 3 GG; 3 3-4, 3 GG, \$90. Eric Kittelson, 2004 Fairway Street, Dickinson, ND 58601. 456-2074.

## Women's Slow Pitch

**May 22**, Mandan, 5 C – R 1, RR; 10 R 2-3, RR, \$100. Brett Charvat, 2123 Missouri Loop N, Mandan, ND 58554. 220-3756.

**June 25-27**, McQuade, Bismarck, 10 C; 10 D, DE, \$180; 20 R 1, 32 R 2, CC, \$120; 32 R 3, CC, \$120. Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504. 400-2255.

**July 17**, Mandan, 8 R 2-3, 3 GG, \$95. Ryan Stiefel, 2612 Berkshire Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503. 222-1702.

**June 5**, Bismarck, 10 C & below, RR, \$95. Cody Remboldt, 32

Eckelson Rd., Lincoln, ND 58504. 751-3843.

**June 5-6**, Grand Forks, 6 C-D, RR; 6 Rec 1, RR, \$110. Todd Lafferty, 427 Burdick Ct., Grand Forks, ND 58203. 230 5924.

**June 11-13**, Fargo, 8 Rec, 4 GG, \$125. Sam Martin, 3253 17th Ave. SW #303, Fargo, ND 58103. 367-4932.

**June 11-13**, Fargo, 12 C-D, 3 GG, \$160. Sam Martin, 3253 17th Ave. SW #303, Fargo, ND 58103. 367-4932.

**June 20**, Devils Lake, Money Tournament, 8 R 1-3, 3 GG, \$90. Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-8243.

**July 9**, Wahpeton, 8 Open, CC, \$85. Laree Bumgarner, 304 Fifth Street South, Wahpeton, ND 58075. 642-2811.

**July 10-11**, Grand Forks, 6 C-D, RR; 6 Rec 1 & below, RR, \$125. Todd Lafferty, 427 Burdick Ct., Grand Forks, ND 58203. 230-5924.

**July 10-11**, Dickinson, D, R 1, 3 GG; R 1-3, 3 GG, \$90. Eric Kittelson, 2004 Fairway Street, Dickinson, ND 58601. 456-2074.

**July 17**, Devils Lake, 8 R 1-3, 3 GG, \$90. Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-8243.

**July 24-25**, Minot, 40 C – R 3, 3 GG, \$100. Tom Landsiedel, PO Box 684, Minot, ND 58702. 857-4730.

**Sept. 12**, Dickinson, R 1-3, 3 GG, \$90. Eric Kittelson, 2004 Fairway Street, Dickinson, ND 58601. 456-2074.

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**May 30-31**, Red Willow, 16 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**July 3-4**, Red Willow, 16 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**July 18**, Stump Lake, 8 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Dwight Elfman, 1411 11th Avenue SE, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-3928 or 351-1560.

**August 14-15**, Red Willow, 16 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Vernis Haines, 1540 County Road 5, Binford, ND 58416. 676-2061.

**August 21**, Devils Lake, 8 Open, CC, \$100. Terry Wallace, PO Box 446, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-8243.

**August 29**, Stump Lake, 8 Open, 3 GG, \$90. Dwight Elfman, 1411 11th Avenue SE, Devils Lake, ND 58301. 662-3928 or 351-1560.

## Girls Fast Pitch

**June 25-27**, McQuade, Bismarck, 12 Youth Fast Pitch, TBA. Mike Wolf, 1926 Billings Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504. 400-2255.

**July 7, 2010**, Valley City, 8 16 & under, 4 GG, \$110. Amy Pederson, P.O. Box 422, Valley City, ND 58072. 845-3294.

## 2010 Wahpeton, North Dakota Slowpitch Softball Tournaments

Men's					
Check	Date	Tourney	Teams/Class	Format	Fee
____Sun.	April 25th	Special Olympics Classic	5 Class B,C,D	RR	\$85.
			5 Rec I, II		
			5 Rec III, IV		
____Fri,	May 14th	Poet's Classic	8 Rec III or IV	3 GG	\$85.
____Fri.	June 18th	Michael Gylten Memorial	8 Rec I & II	3 GG	\$85.
____Fri.	July 23rd	Randy Metcalf Memorial	8 Rec III-IV	3 GG	\$85.
Women's					
____Fri.	July 9th	Deb Christopher Memorial	Open	Single Elim	\$85

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Men's Team - \_\_\_\_\_ Classification - \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Team - \_\_\_\_\_ Classification - \_\_\_\_\_

(If you are a Men's Rec 3 or 4 team, you must be able to play on Friday night unless special arrangements are made.)

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Please print clearly!): \_\_\_\_\_

To Register - Fill out the area above and mail it to: The Sam McQuade Sr./Budweiser Charity Softball Tournament, P.O. Box 1196, Bismarck, ND 58502-1196.  
Look up your entry fee on our website <[www.mcquades.com](http://www.mcquades.com)> and mail it in with this form. Verify your entry by ensuring your check was cashed or e-mailing us <[mcquadesoftball@yahoo.com](mailto:mcquadesoftball@yahoo.com)>.

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