

West Central Florida ASA Field of Dreams Tournament Series

Men's Class D & E Rules

The Top two Class D & Top Two Class E teams will play a game in **Tropicana Field** on August 31, 2008, after the **Tampa Bay Rays** and the **Baltimore Orioles** game at 1:30 pm. The overall top points team in each class will play the Winner of the Field of Dreams Tournament Final August 16-17. If the winner of the Final Tournament is the top points leader we will take the second place team in the final tournament. Each team will receive 12 1st baseline box tickets to the game and then play in a Major League Park. We will have use of the locker rooms, dugouts, scoreboard and message boards and PA system. This will be a Outstanding Events for the winners.

Awards for each tournament will be \$1000 prize package based on ten teams in each division. First place will receive \$500 cash, second place \$250 cash, third place \$150 cash and fourth place \$100 cash. Worth is sponsoring some of the events and additional prizes will be added to those above.

The winner of each of the Field of Dreams Tournament Series qualifies for the **ASA HOOTERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**.

The top four finishers in each of the Field of Dreams Tournaments qualify for the "Field of Dreams" Championship Series Final August 16-17 in Bradenton.

The Top six finishers in each of the Field of Dreams Tournament Series will qualify for the **WSL Championship in Panama City September 5-7, 2008**. In order for teams to claim the WSL berth they must play in the ASA State Championship in Plant City, Florida, July 11-13, 2008.

- I. Amateur Softball Associations (ASA) rules are in effect with these addendums for Men's Class D & E Divisions.
- II. **GAME RULES:** All regular games (non-championship) will be 50 minutes finish that inning and play one more inning or seven innings whichever occurs first. Umpires will verbally inform teams when the 50 minute time limit has expired.
 1. All teams should be ready to play at scheduled game time.
 2. Run Rule will be 20 after three, 15 after four and 12 after five innings.

3. Home team is determined by a coin toss by the umpire, dugouts are available on a first come first serve bases.
4. Home team is responsible to keep the official score book which will be provided.
5. Teams hit their own balls; balls **must be purchased from tournament host**. Each team will be give two balls to start the tournament, balls will be available at \$5 each. We will be using the Miken Optic Yellow .44 cor and 375 compression balls.
6. Balls hit out of play must be retrieved by team that hit it out of play or provide new ball.
7. Metal Cleats are Prohibited.
8. Re-entry Rule is in effect. Starters and Subs may enter twice.
9. Open Substitution on defense. A player does not have to hit if they play defense.
10. Teams may bat 10, 11 or 12.
11. 3/2 Ball/Strike count is in effect.
12. Foul Ball Rule: A second foul ball after the first strike will be declared an out.
13. One stud earring in each ear and one necklace will be permitted. A wedding ring is permitted.
14. Teams may start a game with eight players – the 12 run rule is in effect throughout the entire game.
15. All players need to be in the dugout area when beginning of game commences.
16. **In Class E**, Teams may only score five runs in an inning or increase their lead run total by five runs. For example the home team leading 8-3 in the third inning and may score five more runs, or 11-3. A team behind can always score 5 more runs that their opponent.

III. BATS & BALLS

1. Miken .44 cor 375 compression balls will be used. They will be available at each tournament for \$5 each or \$55 per dozen.
2. Balls are to be supplied by each team for the game, teams hit their own. Balls hit out of play must be retrieved by team that hit it out of play or provide another ball.
3. New Miken balls are not required however a Miken ball shall be in good playable condition. Umpire will decide if a ball is unplayable when brought to the umpire.
4. If a bat or ball is found to be illegal by modification, the team forfeits the game the bat was used in.
5. ASA illegal bat list is in effect. See www.softball.org for current listing.

IV. GAMES:

1. The games will be played out until a winner is determined. If the time limit and extra inning has been played and the score is still tied we will use the tie breaker rule. Once the extra inning has been played and the score is still tied the last batter will start at second base for each additional inning played. Games will be played until a winner is determined.
2. Stealing is permitted; Runners may advance when the ball reaches the front edge of home plate.
3. Any player caught drinking on City/County property or at the tournament site will be suspended for the duration of the tournament.
4. Player ejection once will be for the rest of the game. If a player is ejected more than once during a single tournament the player is suspended for the rest of the tournament. Player ejections will be reviewed by the Commissioner to determine if additional sanctions are required.
5. Players who continue to cause issues after being ejected will be suspended for the duration of the tournament. There will ZERO tolerance concerning On-the-field disturbances/incidents.
6. **LANGUAGE:** Please note, that inappropriate language will not be tolerated during any of the tournament. Tournament Officials have the right to remove players/spectators from the tournament at any time.
7. **PROTEST:** There is a \$50 Protest Fee, which must be submitted in Cash prior to the next pitch. If you win your Protest the money will be returned, however if you lose the money will go to the West Central Florida ASA Scholarship Fund.
8. West Central Florida ASA reserves the right to alter the tournament format, and/or game times at any time because of weather or other conditions.
9. **PHOTO ID:** All players must carry a photo ID at all times during the tournament.

V. HOME RUN RULES:

1. **Men's Class E** – first over the fence home run is a single, the next over-the-fence Home Run is an out and the third over-the-fence Home Run will be half inning ending for that team. Each additional over-the-fence Home Run will end that half inning for the offending team (team that has hit 3 or more over the fence home runs).

2. **Men's Class D** – One over the fence home run and then 1 up, except in the last inning, you can only be tied with the number of home runs. Any additional over the fence home runs above the limit will be outs.

** Any excess over-the-fence home runs will be considered an out, and all runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. No disqualifications/ejections for hitting a home run will occur.

VI. ROSTERS:

1. All rosters must be turned in prior to the teams' first participation in the Field of Dreams Championship Series.
2. Once a team wins a tournament their roster will be frozen, they will be able to add up to three players for the Field of Dreams Championship Finals in August.
3. No Class C players will be allowed to play in the Class E Division. Class D division can have no more than two Class C players. When in doubt contact ASA Commissioner Carlton Benton for a ruling. Team caught using illegal players will forfeit any wins or points earn with that player.

2008 WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA FIELD OF DREAMS POINTS SYSTEM			
10 team tournament example			
Place	Series Tournament	State Tournament	Non-Qualifiers ASA Tournaments
	# of teams x 4	# of teams x 5	# of teams x 2
1st	40 points	50 points	20 points
2nd	36 points	45 points	18 points
3rd	32 points	40 points	16 points
4th	28 points	35 points	14 points
5th	24 points	30 points	12 points
6th	20 points	25 points	10 points
7th	16 points	20 points	8 points
8th	12 points	15 points	6 points
9th	8 points	10 points	4 points
10th	4 points	5 points	2 points