

May 19, 2004

Coach,

We look forward to having you to our annual Memorial Day Madness tournament on May 29-31, 2004. For 2004, the tournament will feature 5 age groups and 108 teams from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Delaware, and even teams from Canada!

- **Enclosed** you will find:
 - Pool Play Schedule
 - Championship brackets
 - Skills Competition Information
 - Tournament Rules
 - Park Directions
- **Format:** Pool play will begin Saturday the 29th beginning at 9:30 am. All teams (except a few in 12&U) will play 3 games on Saturday. Teams will finish playing pool play games on Sunday the 30th by playing 3 more pool games. Pool play games will end early Sunday afternoon. The skills competition will follow the conclusion of pool play on Sunday. Championship play will begin first thing Monday morning in order to get teams on the road Monday afternoon because of school Tuesday.
- **Timeline:**

Saturday 9:30 am	Pool Play Begins
Sunday 5:45 pm	Pool Play Ends
Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm	Skills Competition @ Heishman's Complex
Monday 8:00 am	Championship Play Begins
- **Rain Phone:** In case of inclement weather, the rain phone number will be 717.243.3956. Please appoint only **one person per team** to access this number. The recording will be kept current and include any changes or cancellations if they happen. An email will also be sent to the contact person should anything happen and updates will be made on the website in the case of heavy rain or other conditions. (<http://pa-softball.com/2004/madness.html>). Generally a decision is made around 5:00-5:30 am for the entire day.
- **Team Cancellation:** If at any time you find out your team will not be able to participate, please let me know ASAP to be considered for future tournaments. If a team cancels, all teams scheduled to play them will be notified if a replacement team cannot be found.
- **Directions** and addresses for all the parks can be found on our website, <http://pa-softball.com/directions.html>
- **Tournament Hosts:** Several teams will be helping host this particular tournament. These teams have done a lot of work to prepare for this tournament to ensure you have a good time. Please support these teams by cleaning up after yourselves at the various parks, by taking advantage of the reasonably priced foods and tournament t-shirts they offer at the various concession stand
- **Skills Competition:** Following pool play there will be a skills competition at Heishman's Softball Complex. The competition is something unique we do that consists of a number of team

oriented events. Some of the skills include hitting, pitching, catching, baserunning, etc. The event will begin at 6:00 pm on Sunday. All teams are strongly encouraged to attend. Team and individual prizes will be awarded for the event.

- **Pool play brackets** are enclosed and are also posted online. Any changes to the brackets will be emailed to the contact person and also posted on the website. If it affects your Saturday morning start time you will be notified. To see if you have the most up to date brackets, check the “Last Modified” mark on the bottom left of the page. If there are changes to a bracket, updated brackets will be made available at check in.
- **Hersheypark:** Quite a few teams that have entered tournament will be attending Hersheypark, a nearby theme park that has over 60 rides and does catered picnics. The park has given us a discount rate of \$26./person (regular \$37.95) on tickets when prepurchased. More information on the website.
- **Tournament T-shirts** orders are being taken (form on website). Unless there are extras, shirts will not be available at the tournament. Shirt orders **MUST** be in by Monday the 24th at the latest. Orders must be accompanied by payment.
- **A Team Picture** of every team will be taken at the tournament. Samples will be available on Sunday and Monday.
- **All Star Helmets** from Georgia will also be attending the tournament. This is their second year coming to our tournaments. They specialize in custom batting helmets, but they can also airbrush other items and they carry novelty goods.
- **Tournament results** will be updated daily for those who can’t be physically present. Daily results will be placed at the tournament homepage: <http://pa-softball.com/2004/madness.html>
- **Tournament Awards:**
All age groups – PONY Championship banner, Tournament MVP, MVP medals every game
10&U/18&U – 1st/2nd team trophy, 1st/2nd individual trophies
12&U/16&U – 1st-4th team trophies, 1st-4th individuals, 1st “B” bracket team trophy
14&U-1st-4th team trophies, 1st-4th individuals, 1st-2nd “B” bracket team, 1st ‘C’ bracket team
- Please take a look at the enclosed brackets, making sure your team is scheduled for all 6 pool play games.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: greg.barrick@pa-softball.com or call (717) 243.3956. I’m looking forward to a great tournament and look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Yours in Softball,
Greg Barrick