June 17, 2004

Coach,

We look forward to having the 2004 State Championships. For 2004, the tournament will feature 66 of PA's finest teams covering 4 age groups! Regardless of where you are coming from, welcome to South Central PA for your 2004 State Championships.

- Enclosed you will find:
 - Pool Play Schedule
 - Championship brackets
 - Tournament Rules
 - Park Directions
- **Tournament Website**: All tournament related information can be found at:
 - o <u>http://pa-softball.com/2004/states.html</u>
- **Format:** Pool play will begin Saturday the 26th beginning at 9:00 am. All teams will play 3 games of pool play on Saturday. Championship play will begin first thing Sunday morning (times vary by complex).. For championship play, all age groups will be split into Gold and Silver brackets based on your pool play seeding.

•	Check In:	Age	Park	(Field Director)
		12&U – Green Village (Ted Cross)		
		14&U – St. Thomas (Jerry Barrick)		
		16 & U	– Heishma	n's Softball Complex (Greg Barrick)
		18 & U	– Lower A	llen (Kate Davis)

**Please check in near the concession areas at the above mentioned parks BEFORE your first game. If you do not check in, you are responsible for figuring out what seed you are/when you play Sunday. Please bring a current PONY roster, proof of insurance, and copies of birth certificates to check in. We DO NOT need copies of any of this information – you simply need to present it. If you have a problem, please contact your field director the day(s) of the tournament. They should be easily spotted as they have "Tournament Staff" on their shirts in big letters.

• **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. 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, <u>http://pa-softball.com/directions.html</u>
- **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 your selves at the various parks, and by taking advantage of the reasonably priced foods they offer at the various concession stands.
- **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.
- **A Team Picture** of every team will be taken at the tournament. Samples will be available on display Sunday. All coaches get a free 8x10 of their team on me to remember the tournament by. Enjoy!
- A Tournament T-shirt is being designed and advance team pre-orders are encouraged. All team orders (10 or more) will receive a free shirt. Shirts will be available at check in. They will have the tournament logo on the front and team names on the back available in both tees and tanks (S-XL) for \$13. Call 717.243.3956 to place an order by credit card. Any leftover shirts will be available the day of.

• Fun stuff to try on Saturday night:

Chambersburg – Mall w/ cinema (Exit 20 - Scotland), Cluggies (batting cages, go karts, golf)–Exit 16 Shippensburg–Links of Olde Scotland (driving range, batting cage, mini golf, etc)–Exit 27?–Fayette St. Newville – Old fashion drive in movie theatre (near main complex off I-81 – turn North on 233 1 mile) Carlisle – Cinema 8 (I-81, exit 47), Sports Emporium (I-81, Exit 52–golf, batting cages, karts, etc)

• **Tournament results** will be posted on the website at the conclusion of the tournament. Look for them at the tournament website: <u>http://pa-softball.com/2004/states.html</u>

• Tournament Awards:

All age groups – PONY Championship banner, Tournament MVP plaque, MVP medals every game 12&U–1st-3rd Gold bracket team trophies, 1st-2nd individuals, Silver bracket champion plaque 14&U–1st-4th Gold bracket team trophies, 1st-3rd individuals, Silver bracket champion plaque 16&U–1st-4th Gold bracket team trophies, 1st-3rd individuals, Silver bracket champion plaque 18&U–1st-3rd Gold bracket team trophies, 1st-3rd individuals, Silver bracket champion plaque

• Please take a look at the brackets, making sure your team is scheduled for all 3 pool play games.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: <u>greg.barrick@pa-softball.com</u> or call (717) 243.3956. I'm looking forward to a great tournament and look forward to seeing you on the 26th!

Yours in Softball, Greg Barrick