

### RAINBALL INVITATIONAL July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

JSA announces the 2023 Rainball Invitational Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament.
Rainball will be held in Juneau, Alaska, July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
The USA Softball sanctions this tournament.

FORMAT: Round Robin & Double Elimination until the Championship game, with an IF game. Each team is guaranteed 4 games. Pool play to determine leagues may be used if we have issues determining divisions at classification. We will try to keep that to a minimum.

Divisions of Play (with enough team entries): Women's C, D, E; Men's C, D, E, F; Coed C, D, E, F

**USA Softball National Championship Qualifier**: The highest placing C team in the Men's and Women's Divisions receives an invitation to USA Softball Northwest Regional Qualifier of the USA Softball National Championship Tournament. The highest placing D team in the Men and Women's Divisions receives an invitation to the "D" Northwest National Championship Tournament.

**Awards**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team awards in each division. 15 shirts for Division Champions, a 10-member All-Tournament Team including Tournament MVP in each division, and an MVP award to one player on each winning team.

Entry Fee: \$400.00 — <u>Due July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</u>

JSA must have registration forms and fees no later than Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 @ 8:00pm

Schedules: Tournament schedules will be available online and in your manager's packets @ the JSA booth prior to your first game. Out of town teams must be ready to play Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 12:00pm. Games for local teams may start on Thursday evening at 6pm, with possible games during the day Friday.

Each team must be a registered member of USA Softball or their Canadian counterpart. If you are not a member of either organization, you will be required to register before you take the field. All players must be registered with JSA, or registered with an USA Softball approved league.

Please call, text, or e-mail JSA with any questions.

JSA Board

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#### **Tournament Rules**

- Tournament rosters are due by July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 8:00pm. Your team's regular reason roster will be your default roster for the tournament. You may add players to your roster. After your team has been classified by JSA, you may add up to two (2) players to your roster until 15 minutes prior to your first round robin game, subject to the following conditions:
  - The pick-up player may not be from a higher division than the division in which the team is playing in the tournament. i.e., Division F may not pick up a Division C or D Player.
  - If local, the pick-up player must be a JSA member within the League they are playing in (men's, women's or coed) or submit a crossover player agreement form and pay a \$25 fee.
  - Players may not be on more than one team in the same league (men's, women's or coed)
     playing in the tournament
- No additional players may be added to a roster after the beginning of the RR portion of the tournament. The tournament committee or their appointees make the final decision regarding eligibility of player or team participation.
- **Home Run Limit**: Two over the fence home runs per game. PROGRESSIVE THEREAFTER. Homeruns over the limit will be declared outs. No ejection for homeruns over the limit.
- USA Softball rules as modified by JSA will apply. See the current JSA Handbook on the JSA website. (The local sub rule is not in effect for the tournament). All players must have a current JSA Waiver.
- Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a player and/or manager being disqualified from further participation in the tournament. Ejection from a game (except for illegal substitution) results in a minimum 1-game suspension. Ejection from local season play carries over into tournament play or vice versa. In the event of an ejection, the offending team must have a legal substitute to replace the ejected player or the game is declared a forfeit.
- \*\*\*Any team forfeiting two games (Round Robin or Double Elimination) will be dropped from the tournament.\*\*\*
- Game time is play time. NO GRACE PERIOD. You must have 8 players to begin a game. You must finish a game with no less than 8 players. In the event of a compression out, the JSA rule is used. (1 compression out at the dropped player's first appearance in the lineup, no further outs will be assessed due to the compression.) Teams falling below the required minimum 8 players will be assessed a forfeit.
- **PROTESTS**: The tournament committee or their appointees will handle all protests on the spot.



- **TIME LIMITS**: Round Robin: 60 minutes; Double elimination: 70 minutes. No time limit during Championship games
- One ball and one strike pitch count (1-1, + extra strike on a 3rd strike foul ball) when the batter comes to the plate will be in effect for the entire tournament.
- 15-run rule is in effect after 5 innings. (4 ½ if the home team is leading.) The Flip-Flop rule will be in effect in the last inning during bracket play only.
- Tie-breaker rule in accordance with USA Softball rules is in effect for all games. During time limit games, a tie-breaker will be invoked at the top of the inning following time expiration or the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, whichever comes first.
- Home Team is determined by coin flip prior to each game. In the first Championship game the
  undefeated team has their choice of home or visitor. In IF games the home team is determined
  by a coin flip.
- No Metal Cleats are allowed.
- No warming up on the infield prior to any game.
- Teams are bracketed to Double Elimination Round as follows:
  - A. Best overall win-loss percentage.
  - B. Best head to head record versus opponents tied with. (If teams tied did not play each other, then use C).
  - C. Highest run differential i.e., overall runs scored less runs allowed in all round robin games.
  - D. Flip of a coin.
- Lineups need to be turned into the umpire 10 minutes prior to scheduled game time. All lineups need to include First/Last names, positions and jersey numbers, if applicable. Jersy numbers are preferred, but not required.



### **Registration Form**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday July 12th, 2023 \$400.00

Registration is available online at <a href="https://juneausoftball.com/registration/">https://juneausoftball.com/registration/</a> or you can submit this form with your \$400.00 Registration Fee to the Juneau Sports Association no later than July 12th, 2023 @ 8:00pm Cash, checks drawn on sponsor accounts, money orders, certified checks, or Online payment (preferred). Checks payable to: JSA.

#### AN NSF CHECK MAY RESULT IN YOUR TEAM BEING DROPPED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

| Please Check the Division of Play Desired: |  |
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| □ Women's □ Men's □ Coed Div               | vision Preference □ C □ D □ E □ F  |
| Team Name:                                 |  |
| Team Manager/Primary Contact:              |  |
| Email Address:                             | Phone #:   |
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|  | our official roster up to 15 minutes prior to your first game.  ally online go to: <a href="https://juneausoftball.leagueapps.com/tournaments">https://juneausoftball.leagueapps.com/tournaments</a> |
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