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59th Cherokee National Holiday Fast-pitch Tournament

“Jobs, Language & Community”

August 26 - 28, 2011

Sequoyah Softball Fields, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Entry Fee: \$225

CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY

ORDER ONLY—NO REFUNDS

Payable to: Cherokee National Holiday

Fast Pitch

PO Box 948, Tahlequah OK 74465

Attn: Melissa Stayathome

Entry Deadline: Wed., 8/3/2011

by 3 p.m.

Roster Limit: 15 players including
Coach/player

Team Limit: First 24 Men's Teams

Awards

First Place-Hooded Sweatshirts & Team Award

Second place-Crewneck Sweatshirts

Third place-Long Sleeve T-shirts

Fourth place - T-shirts

Tournament Offensive Player Award

Tournament Defensive Player Award

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY
RECOGNIZED TRIBE — BUT
May have up to two (2)
Non-Indian Players on team
\$1 Gate Admission/Day
Not Responsible for Accidents
No ALCOHOL/TOBACCO on premises

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Stayathome, Office 918-453-5572

(8am-5pm)

email: mcloud@cherokee.org

Log on to: www.cherokee.org

For tournament rules & roster form



Cherokee National Holiday Men's FastPitch Entry Form
Return with Cashier's Check or Money Order by 8/3/2011 @ 3 p.m.

PRINT CLEARLY

TEAM NAME

CONTACT NAME

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CONTACT NUMBERS

ADDRESS

E-MAIL

CITY

STATE

ZIP

2011 CHEROKEE NATIONAL HOLIDAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
OFFICIAL MEN'S SOFTBALL FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Roster limit of fifteen (15) players per team. TEAM CHECK IN and Roster must be turned in and completed before the beginning of their first game. **This will be the official roster and NO ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE ROSTER IS OFFICIAL.** If a player's name is not on the Official Roster after the game has started, the player will not be eligible to play for that team. If the above-mentioned player has played, the game will result in a team forfeit. If a player(s) name is on the Official Roster and they are not able to play their team's first game, then they may check in before their next scheduled game.
2. Registration will consist of players signing in and identifying their tribal affiliation. Tournament workers will not view tribal membership cards at this time so - **ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID AND CDIB/TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD ON HAND DURING EACH GAME. (With the exception of the two non-Indians.)**
3. MSP-47 Core Ball with 375 Compression will be used. All teams are required to use Cherokee Nation stamped softballs; these will be purchased at the registration table. A new ball will need to be furnished with stamp visible to the umpire before each game.
4. The flip of a coin will determine home team and that team will be responsible for keeping the official score unless an official scorekeeper is available.
5. TIME LIMIT: Each game will be limited to one (1) hour, (20) twenty minutes (80 minutes). The final game is the exception but the run rule is still in effect. (in case of rain, time limit will drop to (1) one hour.) A grace period of **10 minutes** will be allowed for each team's **FIRST** game. After that, **game time is forfeit time**. The lineup must be given to the Plate Umpire for each game.
6. RUN-RULE: Twelve (12) run lead after 3 innings ten (10) run lead after 4 innings, and eight (8) run lead after 5 innings. Mercy Rule will be twenty (20) run lead.
7. **ALL PROTESTS and a \$100 CASH PROTEST FEE will be forwarded to the Tournament Coordinator and Umpire in Charge for ruling. Decision will be final and if the decision is in agreement of the protesting party, the Protest Fee will be returned. PROTESTS MUST BE MADE DURING THE GAME.**
8. **UNSPORTMANLIKE CONDUCT will not be tolerated**, includes profanity directed at the officials, players, etc. An ejected player or coach must leave the playing area. If the player or coach does not leave, the game will result in a team forfeit.
9. If the tournament is rained out, it will be rescheduled for a later date. If a game is started and play is delayed, game will resume where play was delayed. In the event of rain and a game has played for five (5) complete innings, it will be considered a complete game.
10. The Cherokee Nation, Holiday Softball Committee, Sequoyah High School, and volunteers are not responsible for any loss, theft, or injury to any person or property.
11. **NO DRUGS or ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. ALL VEHICLES WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEARCH UPON PREMISES.**
12. Players 17 years of age and under must wear a batting helmet and parent or legal guardian must sign a Consent and Release of Liability Form.

13. ASA Rules will apply. **LEGAL** bats ONLY, any bat ruled illegal will be removed from field and dugout and stored with owners name on it, until the end of the tournament or the team is out of the tournament. All players and coaches are signing the waiver attached on the tournament roster. For a complete list of rules and bats, visit www.asasoftball.com

ASA Fastpitch Softball Pitching Rules

There are a number of regulations for fastpitch softball hurlers.

The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) regulates softball rules for non-professional leagues across the country. ASA establishes rules for both slowpitch and fastpitch softball. As the names would imply, these two games vary regarding some of their pitching rules, and understanding the pitching rules in fastpitch softball can make the difference between a successful team and last place.

Legal Delivery

1. ASA lists a number of requirements for a legal delivery in fastpitch softball. There is no regulation on the speed of the pitch in fastpitch softball, meaning that the pitcher can throw as hard as possible. There is also no regular on the arc of the ball as it approaches the batter, while slowpitch requires an arc between 6 and 10 feet.

The fastpitch delivery must take place within 20 seconds of the last pitch. The pitcher cannot put his/her hands together again once they have separated to throw the ball, and he/she can make no more than two revolutions with his/her arm before releasing the ball. The pitcher's hand must be below the hip upon release of the ball, with his/her wrist no farther away from his/her body than her elbow.

The pitcher cannot drop or bounce the ball up to the plate in an attempt to stop the batter from hitting the ball.

Violations

2. ASA fastpitch regulations state that the pitcher must push off of the plate with his/her pivot foot, and can only push and drag with his/her feet. One foot must remain on the ground at all times.

A crow hop is an **illegal** fastpitch move in which the pitcher steps, hops or drags both feet off of the plate, and then replants the foot for a second push-off. This move can result in a significant advantage in delivery speed and confused timing for the batter, and is therefore illegal in ASA fastpitch softball.

Leaping is also a violation. Leaping occurs when the pitcher illegally raises both feet from the ground at once.

Stepping

3. There is also an ASA regulation regarding the way the pitcher can step away from the plate. The pitcher must take a step with the leading foot (the non-pivot foot) that coincides with releasing the ball. This step must go forward with the momentum of the throw, and must stay within the range of the pitcher's plate, which is 24 inches long.

Read more: [ASA Fastpitch Softball Pitching Rules | eHow.com http://www.ehow.com/list_6745867_asa-fastpitch-softball-pitching-rules.html#ixzz0vSjRpEby](http://www.ehow.com/list_6745867_asa-fastpitch-softball-pitching-rules.html#ixzz0vSjRpEby)

BE SURE TO CHECK THE OFFICIAL POSTED BRACKET FOR FIELD AND TIME CHANGES.



Team _____
Name _____

**CHEROKEE NATIONAL HOLIDAY FAST PITCH
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM
(For players under 18)**

I hereby assume responsibility for any injury to my child or damage or loss of my child's property that may occur during his/her participation in the Cherokee National Holiday FAST PITCH Softball Tournament.

I hereby release any and all rights or claims for damages or loss which may hereafter occur to my child or his/her property which I may have against Cherokee National Holiday staff and Cherokee Nation.

I understand there are certain risks in any type of sports that may sometimes result in minor or serious injuries, such as sprains, broken bones, heart attack or in rare cases death. I hereby agree to assume such risks, which include, but are not limited to the above.

By signing this I give my child permission to participate in the Cherokee National Holiday FAST PITCH Softball tournament and I further acknowledge that my child will comply with the rules set forth for the Cherokee National Holiday Softball tournament.

Name of Child (Please Print)

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date