

State Directors, Coaches and Players;

The National Softball Association is very excited and proud to announce the 2nd NSA All Star Tournament will be played at the Frank Brown Park in Panama City Beach, Florida November 12-13, 2011. The first Official NSA All Star National Championship Tournament was held in November 2010 with just the upper or open level, and although there were only 6 teams, the reception from those who played was positive and the request was made to continue the tournament. Players and State Directors have requested that a lower level division be added to permit more players and teams to participate in this format.

Therefore, in 2011 the NSA All Star Tournament will again have the upper or open division and a lower level which will be open to any class "D" or "E" players will be added. We hope that players throughout the country will take the opportunity to combine with fellow players from your state and join the other in Florida.

The upper/open division is open to any player with the exception of those on the NSA Restricted List. There may be no more than six (6) players from any one 2011 NSA team permitted to be on the 2011 Upper All Star Roster. All players must have played on a NSA team during the 2011 season to be eligible. The Home Run limit for the upper division will be 8 and 1 up.

The lower level as stated above is open to players who were on a class "D" or "E" NSA roster in 2011. There may be no more than six (6) players from any one 2011 NSA team permitted to be on the 2011 All Star Roster. All players must have played on a NSA team during the 2011 season to be eligible. The Home Run limit for the lower level will be 2 and any home runs hit after the second will be an out.

Players "MUST" reside in the state which they are playing for in the All Star Tournament. In the cases where the NSA has multiple State Directors (California, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas), each State Director is encouraged to promote an All Star team (in upper and lower) from their area. In these cases it is suggested the players reside from the area that is supervised by the State Director (follow the same guidelines as used for sanctioning teams to determine a player's location of residence).

The entry fees for the 2011 NSA All Star Tournament will \$350.00 and each team is required to be sanctioned and have a NSA on line roster. The entry fee is to be submitted to Jim Kimmel (address below) who is the Tournament Director no later than Wednesday October 19, 2011. Rosters will be frozen, printed, and reviewed on November 1, 2011. No players will be allowed to be added after November 1, 2011 without permission of the Tournament Director. Teams will be required to "hit their own NSA approved softball". Jim Kimmel (Indiana State Director) and Karl Swihart (Indiana UIC) will serve as the All Star Tournament Committee in Florida.

As in 2010, the winning team will receive funds toward the purchase of Championship Rings. In 2010 there was a total of \$3,000.00 provided for this and that amount will again be available. With two divisions in 2011, the funds will be divided and each division will receive \$1,500.00. In addition, there will be \$100.00 per team added to the ring account (example: if there are 10 teams in the upper an

additional \$1,000.00 will be added for a total of \$2,500.00). These funds are to be used toward the purchase of the rings only.

The Edgewater Beach Resort will be the official lodging host for this event. The Edgewater Resort has 1, 2, and 3 bedroom condos at a very competitive rate. Teams may contact the Edgewater Beach Resort (800-874-8686) to secure your condo for the weekend. Please identify yourself as a NSA team to secure the special rate that has been made available for this event.

We will conduct a blind draw for the tournament on Friday November 11, 2011 (time & location TBA). Each team is requested to have a representative present for the draw.

The NSA is "VERY" excited about the direction this tournament is heading and we feel the growth potential is unlimited. Please direct any questions to Jim Kimmel (Indiana State Director/All Star Tournament Director) or David Butler (East Coast Vice President)

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