



**2015
WEST TEXAS
ALL STARS
COME SLIDE
INTO MIDLAND!**





MIDLAND UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL

Dear League Presidents,

All leagues must have their players registered through ASA and insurance paid by June 15th. If league or player fees are not paid, teams will not be allowed to play at the 2015 West Texas All Star Tournament.

For information concerning ASA insurance please contact:

Scott Stone
432-631-8320
scott@txasadistrict26.com

Sincerely,

Rick Maddox
MUGS President

Scott Stone
Texas ASA District 26 Commissioner



Visit midlandfastpitch.com for copies of all information in this packet. Additional tournament information such as pool games and brackets will be posted on this website.

2015 WEST TEXAS ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT July 8-12

The Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Umler Park
Midland, Texas

This packet is being sent to the president of each Girls Fast Pitch Association Recreational League in our all-star organization. If you are not that person, please forward to the appropriate person. A copy of this packet should be distributed to each coach who will be bringing a team to participate in the 2015 tournament.

Midland United Girls Softball (MUGS) is proud to host the 2015 West Texas All Star Tournament. The number of teams participating has grown in numbers each year since its inception. Over 120 teams are expected this year. The 2015 All Star tournament will be played at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

This packet will hopefully provide you with all the information you will need concerning the tournament. We are sure questions and concerns will arise. In that case, please feel free to contact one of the following persons:

Rick Maddox	Tournament Director	432-556-1935
Scott Stone	Texas ASA District 26	432-631-8320

REGISTRATION

This tournament is for girls who play in the recreational leagues in their hometown. Select and travel teams are not allowed to participate. Many girls play on both types of teams, and they are welcome to participate as long as they play in the recreational league. The rosters will have to be signed by your recreational league president. No birth certificates are required as this should already be verified by the individual leagues. **All registration forms for the league MUST be mailed together. Individual team registrations will not be accepted.**

**The deadline for registration is:
June 24, 2015**

COACHES MEETING

The coaches meeting will be held on Wednesday July 8th at the Horseshoe Pavilion located at 2514 Arena Trl., Midland TX 79701 at 4:30 p. m. **This is a mandatory meeting.** At least one representative from each participating team will need to attend. Due to the anticipated number of participating teams, we ask that no more than two representatives per team attend this meeting.

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED AT COACHES MEETING

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies will be on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30 p. m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trl., Midland, TX 79701.

Details on seating of teams will be given at the coach's meeting, be available on the midlandfastpitch.com website, and also at opening ceremonies. The parade of teams will begin at 7:15 p. m.

PROGRAMS

All Star programs will be published and available for sale during the tournament. The program will include team rosters, team pictures, parent well wishes, advertisements and the pool and game brackets. Individual ads can be purchased for teams or individuals. A rate sheet and contact information for those ads are included in this packet.

Team pictures are optional and must be purchased as a program ad. All program ads MUST arrive by 5 pm on June 24. Any pictures/payment arriving after this date will not be published.

- You can upload photos and information at <http://www.txasadistrict26.com/west-texas-all-star-pictures2.html>. Ads may be purchased at this site through PayPal.
- Ad information or questions may also be sent to allstars@txasadistrict26com.
- Payment for ads only can be made at <http://www.txasadistrict26.com/all-star-picture-payment-page.html>

Programs can be pre-ordered by League and Team. Please see the enclosed order sheet. **Pre-Orders are due by June 24, 2015.**

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS

Tournament T-Shirts will be available at Opening Ceremonies and during the tournament. No pre-orders are required.

FORMAT

5 Game Guarantee. 2 pool games. Double Elimination Bracket with a Consolation Bracket.

AWARDS

Participation awards for every player. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team and individual trophies. Consolation winner team trophy.

REGISTRATION FEE

\$450.00 per team. This includes a \$225.00 tournament fee and a \$225.00 gate fee. Make checks payable to MUGS, P. O. Box 10574, Midland, Texas 79702.

Roster and Registration fees must be received by June 24, 2015

FACILITIES

We will be playing at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex located at 2700 W. Kentucky Midland, TX. The closest cross street is W. Wall Street and Mann. This is a 9 field complex which has hosted many ASA National tournaments. Concessions and restrooms are located at the complex. **One ice chest per team will be allowed.** A tag for the ice chest will be provided to the coaches. This ice chest must be kept in the dugout. Please notify your parents of this restriction.

NO DOGS are allowed in the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex by City Ordinance.

We ask that you also observe all other rules for our facility such as:

- NO SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES, ROLLER BLADES, OR SKATES ALLOWED
- SMOKING PERMITTED ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS
- NO HITTING OR THROWING INTO ANY FENCE
- BE AWARE OF SPECTATORS AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC WHILE WARMING UP

ROSTERS

Each team shall have a 12 girl roster for 8U, 10U and 12U. There are NO exceptions in these age divisions.

For 14U and 18U, roster must have a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players. Please see the 2015 All Star rules for additional information on the 14U and 18U divisions.

An alternate player may be added to the roster. This player must have ALTERNATE designated by the name on the roster. Please see the 2015 rules for more details on using the Alternate Player.

Please note additional rule changes for the 2015 All Star Tournament:

- 14U and 18U may have a minimum of 11 players or a maximum of 12 players on the roster
- ACE required for head coach and will be presented at the plate before each game
- The entire line-up will bat at all games
- 8U pitching machine adjustments may be made at the end of an inning if both coaches are in agreement

We hope you find this packet useful while planning your all star trip. Please pay close attention to the deadlines. We will not be responsible for information (pictures, rosters, etc.) that is not included in the program due to missed deadlines on the part of the individual associations, advertisers or coaches. Any questions can be directed to the Tournament Director or allstars@txasadistrict26.com.

2015 West Texas All Star Tournament July 8-12

Team Registration Form

Please complete one registration form per team

Age Division: (circle one) 8U 10U 12U 14U 18U

City _____ League _____

Team Name _____ Team Colors _____

Head Coach Name _____ Email _____

Head Coach Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____

Asst. Coach Name _____ Email _____

Asst. Coach Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell# _____

Team Roster / First and Last Names (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Alternate: _____

I certify that all the girls listed above, because of their participation in our recreational league, are eligible to compete in the West Texas All Star Tournament in the age bracket indicated above.

Signature of League Official

Print Name

Title

Please remit the completed registration form and the West Texas All Star fee of \$450.00 per team, Payable to MUGS, P. O. Box 10574, Midland, TX 79702

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is 5PM June 24, 2015

2015 ASA Regional West Texas All Star Tournament
July 8-12, 2015
Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Midland, TX

Hotel Accommodations

HOTEL	ADDRESS	CITY/ STATE	PHONE	RATE
Candlewood Suites	110 W. Longview	Midland, Texas	432-218-8366	\$129
Comfort Suites	4706 N. Garfield St.	Midland, Texas	432-620-9191	\$104.99
Country Inn & Suites	920 W. Interstate 20	Midland, Texas	432-218-7980	\$169
Courtyard by Marriott	1505 Tradewinds Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-689-9400	\$109
DoubleTree by Hilton	117 West Wall Street	Midland, Texas	432-683-6131	\$154
Holiday Inn Express	5309 W. Loop 250 N.	Midland, Texas	432-520-3600	\$109
Holiday Inn Express I-20	900 Crump Street	Midland, Texas	432-695-9020	\$109
Home2 by Hilton	1401 Catalina Drive	Midland, Texas	432-699-4040	\$99
Homewood Suites	1401 Tradewinds Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-695-6905	\$99
La Quinta Inn & Suites North	2606 N. Loop 250 W.	Midland, Texas	432-694-1200	\$99
Quality Inn	902 W. Interstate 20	Midland, Texas	432-683-1111	\$112
Residence Inn by Marriott	5509 Deauville Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-689-3511	\$139
Sleep Inn & Suites	5612 Deauville Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-694-4200	\$99
Springhill Suites	5716 Deauville Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-695-6870	\$99
TownePlace Suites by Marriott	5508 Deauville Blvd.	Midland, Texas	432-694-6000	\$139
Value Place	4712 W. Loop 250 N.	Midland, Texas	432-262-4770	\$109
Wyndham Garden	3100 W. Wall Street	Midland, Texas	432-699-4144	\$89

Hotels in Midland who have not responded with a discount rate:

Baymont Inn & Suites	1323 SCR 1276	Midland, Texas	432-561-8000
Best Western Plus	601 E. Interstate 20	Midland, Texas	432-218-7549
Comfort Inn	910 W. Interstate 20	Midland, Texas	432-695-6900
Fairfield Inn & Suites	2300 Faulkner Dr.	Midland, Texas	432-570-7155
Hampton Inn	5011 W. Loop 250 N.	Midland, Texas	432-520-9600
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham	5708 Starboard	Midland, Texas	432-704-5110
La Quinta Inn	4130 W. Wall Street	Midland, Texas	432-697-9900
Microtel Inn & Suites	200 Longview Dr.	Midland, Texas	432-203-2100
Plaza Inn	4108 N. Big Spring St.	Midland, Texas	432-686-8733

2015 WEST TEXAS ALL STAR TOURNAMENT RULES

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

1. Rosters in each age group shall consist of a minimum of 25% (+/- 2%, left to the discretion of the local league board) of registered players in that age group.
2. ACE (Achieve, Cerify, Educate) Coaching Certification will be required for all head coaches. A current ACE certification card must be presented to the umpire at the plate prior to each game.
3. Team rosters for 8U, 10U and 12U are required to have 12 players. Team Rosters for 14U, 16U and 18U must have a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players.
 - a. Once tournament begins, rosters cannot be changed. Each team may select one alternate at the discretion of each organization. If an alternate is chosen she may play in pool games only. If a league does not have the required number of players available to form a team, the league may go to a nearby town's league and pick up the necessary number of players needed. These pick up players must have participated in league play and be approved by both league presidents.
4. Roster players must be listed on the team roster first. This will be in the 1-12 slots for 8U-12U; or 1-11 slots for 14U-18U teams electing to participate with the minimum number of players. If an alternate replaces a roster player (1 of the first 12 listed; or 1 of the first 11 players listed for 14U-18U teams electing to participate with the minimum number of players) that roster player is ineligible for the rest of the tournament. If the roster player enters a game after being declared ineligible, that game shall be a forfeit.
5. If a team does not have the required number of players (12 for 8U, 10U, 12U, and a minimum of 11/maximum of 12 for 14U, 16U, 18U), an out will be taken for each player not on the roster/lineup. There are NO exceptions to this rule.
6. No player will sit out more than one inning in a row.
7. Bat your entire lineup the entire game. If a player is absent, an out will be given for each player not present at their 'at bat' time.
8. International Tie Breaker will be used after time or innings expire.
9. Pool games will be 55 minute, dead stop time limit.
10. Bracket games will be one hour and twenty minutes including championship and if necessary games.
11. The tournament will supply each team with 2 balls to begin the tournament. Additional balls may be purchased as needed. All balls shall be ASA approved
12. When pitching restrictions are in place, the following will apply:
 - a. Each coach will be allowed three trips per pitcher per game
 - b. A pitching change without a conference counts as a trip.
 - c. A pitching change between innings counts as a trip.
 - d. A defensive conference is a trip on the pitcher.
 - e. Pitcher outs are to be reviewed during the pre-game conference with the umpires. Pitcher outs can be verified at this time by reviewing the team's official scorebook or by other means as required.
 - f. If the game goes into extra innings, the pitcher pitching the last out of the last inning will not be credited with any outs pitched in extra innings. For 10U, an extra inning begins with inning #6. For 12U-18U, and extra inning begins with #8. Play after time has expired does not necessarily count as an extra inning. If a

- pitching change is made during the extra innings, the outs are charged to the new pitcher. This only applies to extra innings, not time.
- g. If the pitcher exceeds her outs allowed to pitch, the penalty is she may not pitch for the next two games and the Head Coach is suspended for the next game. The last pitch she threw will be ruled an illegal pitch.
 - h. There is no penalty for a pitcher exceeding her outs due to multiple out situations.
 - i. If a team reaches the run limit without getting three outs, the pitcher in the circle when the last run scored is credited with the outs not actually earned.
13. Substitutions during an inning are not allowed except in the case of injury. The substitute may play any position including pitcher.
14. Pitcher's outs are cleared for the championship games. Pitcher's outs are carried over to the "if" game.
15. Run rules are as follows for all age groups:
- 1. 15 after 3
 - 2. 10 after 4
 - 3. 8 after 5
 - 4. Once time has expired and a team is behind by more runs than they can score in their half of that inning, the game will be over by run rule.
16. Protest fee will be \$50 cash-if protest is lost, money stays with the tournament. Protests will be decided immediately. All protests must be made before the umpires have left the field at the end of the game.
17. Unless specified otherwise, the ASA Division "B" rules are in effect.
18. If it becomes necessary to shorten or cancel games due to inclement weather consolation games will be altered or canceled first.
19. Tournament Format will be:
- a. 5 Game Guarantee consisting of 2 pool games and a Double Elimination Bracket with a Consolation Bracket
20. Awards shall be:
- a. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team and individual trophies.
 - b. Consolation winner team and individuals
 - c. Hosting Association may, but is not required, to give participation awards to all players
21. Entry fee shall be \$225 per team. Hosting organization will remit \$15 per team to Texas ASA to cover liability insurance.
22. Gate fee shall be \$225 per team.
23. All player ASA insurance fees, or other player/team insurance forms must be sent to Scott Stone or Freddie Ezell no later than June 1, 2015.

PROOF OF INSURANCE MUST BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PLAYERS AND/OR TEAMS

8 & UNDER

1. Base path will be 60 ft.
2. Pitching will be machine pitch. Pitching distance will be 35 ft. the speed of the machine will be set at 35 mph.
3. Adjustment of the pitching machine will be determined by both team coaches prior to the scheduled game start time. Any adjustment after the start of the game will be made at the umpire's discretion.
4. Play will be 10 players on defense. The 10th player (rover) must play in the outfield. All outfielders must start on the grass until the ball leaves the machine. No player except catcher may be positioned closer than 35 ft. from the batter at the time of the pitch. The pitcher must be in the circle in line with or behind the pitching rubber until the ball leaves the machine.
5. NO stealing – NO sliding – NO bunting.
6. Maximum of 6 pitches allowed. Three swinging strikes is an out.
7. Run limit is 5 per inning. Fifth inning run limit is 7 runs.
8. Infield fly and dropped 3rd strike rules do not apply.
9. When the pitcher has control of the ball inside the circle, and she is not making a play on a runner, play is to be stopped by the umpire. Runners who have not crossed the halfway mark between bases must return to the base last touched.
10. The coach will appoint a member of his or her coaching staff to run the machine for his or her batters. The coach feeding the machine can coach the batter until the ball leaves the machine. A 1st and 3rd base coach shall be positioned in the coaching boxes and shall coach the batter and base runners.
11. Under no conditions may a runner steal a base. Each runner may leave the base when the ball leaves the machine, but the ball is dead if not hit, and she must return to her base without liability to be put out.
12. The coach pitcher will try to avoid interfering with the play after the ball has been hit. If, in the judgment of the umpire, the coach intentionally interferes with the play:
 - a. The ball is declared dead.
 - b. The batter is out.
13. If a ball is hit and remains too close to the machine to be played safely, the umpire will declare the ball dead.

10 & UNDER

1. Play with 10 players on defense. The 10th player (rover) must play in the outfield. All outfielders must start on the grass. Run limit is 5 runs per inning. Fifth inning run limit is 7 runs.
2. No dropped 3rd strike rule.
3. Infield fly rule is in effect.
4. Pitchers are limited to 15 outs per 2 game set.
5. Open bases in stealing.

12 & UNDER

14 & UNDER

18 & UNDER

1. Play with 9 players on defense.
2. Run limit is 7 runs per inning.
3. Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect.
4. Pitchers are limited to 21 outs per 2 game set.
5. 18 & UNDER ONLY: PITCHING DISTANCE IS 43'. METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED

CODE OF CONDUCT

COACH BEHAVIOR:

1. No coach will charge out of the dugout when questioning an umpire's decision. An act of this nature will result in immediate ejection from the game and the ballpark. Any action resulting in a warning or ejection from the game will result in a meeting with the appropriate All Star Tournament Official.
2. No team shall station a coach, player, or parent down the opposite baseline to give instructions to their players. This does not include the base coach.
3. Coaches will be responsible for the actions of their parents.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach that is directed at the opposing players, coaches, or parents shall not be permitted. Same can be said for umpires and tournament officials.
5. Alcohol shall not be permitted at the ball fields in any form. This includes on the breath of any person while at the game.

PLAYER BEHAVIOR:

Players may chant or shout positive things to their teammates. Negative or unsportsmanlike comments directed to opposing players, coaches, or fellow teammates shall not be tolerated.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR:

Spectators should act in a sportsmanlike manner. Anyone attending the game is subject to the alcohol rules of the league and violation of this rule will be cause for immediate removal from the park area. Please promote a positive environment for the girls of this tournament. Any spectator in violation of this policy may be asked to leave the field area. Failure to do so could result in the game being stopped and a forfeit issued.

MUGS
Midland United Girls Softball
P. O. Box 10574
Midland, Texas 79702

MUGS would like to offer an opportunity for you to wish you daughter or team "Good Luck" in the All Star program. Team pictures are optional and must be purchased as an ad in order to be printed in the program.

The space size and prices are as follows:
(Please check the size you are interested in.)

_____ ¼ page - \$30.00

_____ ½ page - \$50.00

_____ Full page - \$80.00

Please attach your ad design, fill out the space below, and remit payment to MUGS Program Sales, P. O. Box 10574, Midland, Texas 79702.

It is preferred that ads be submitted and paid at:

<http://www.txasadistrict26.com/west-texas-all-star-pictures2.html>

or via email to: allstars@txasadistrict26.com.

Payment only can be made at:

<http://www.txasadistrict26.com/all-star-picture-payment-page.html>

Deadline for all ads: 5pm on June 24, 2015

Questions - allstars@txasadistrict26.com

**Ads will not be published if payment is not received by
5pm on June 24, 2015.**

**2015 West Texas All Star Tournament
July 8-12**

Program Order Form

Please complete one form per team

Age Division: (circle one) 8U 10U 12U 14U 18U

City _____ League _____

Team Name _____ Team Colors _____

Head Coach Name _____ Email _____

Head Coach Home# _____ Cell# _____

Asst. Coach Name _____ Email _____

Asst. Coach Home# _____ Cell# _____

**NUMBER OF
PROGRAMS ORDERED** _____

At \$10.00 per Program

X \$10.00

Amount Due _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

Payable to MUGS, P. O. Box 10574, Midland, TX 79702

ORDERS ARE DUE June 24, 2015

West Texas All Stars & MUGS Code of Conduct

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3. **Coaches will be responsible for the actions of their parents.**
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5. Alcohol shall not be permitted at the ball fields in any form. This includes on the breath of any person while at the game.

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Players may chant or shout positive things to their team mates. Negative or unsportsmanlike comments directed to opposing players, coaches or fellow teammates shall not be tolerated.

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Spectators should act in a sportsmanlike manner. Anyone attending the game is subject to the alcohol rules of the league and violation of this rule will be removal from the park area. Please promote a positive environment for the girls of this tournament. Any spectator in violation of this policy may be asked to leave the field area. Failure to do so could result in the game being stopped and a forfeit issued.