

# The Inaugural Palmetto Outdoor Sports Festival



## DOUBLE ELIMINATION SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

### WELCOME SOFTBALL TEAMS

The Inaugural Palmetto Outdoor Sports Festival, presented by Greater Lake City Chamber of Commerce,  
invites your team to play in the SCTF/POSF Softball Tournament

**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

All tournament games will be played at both The Carolina Academy baseball field  
and Lake City High School baseball field.

Homerun Derby will be held at Blanding Street Park (Saturday only).

Concessions will be available at each location; all proceeds benefit each school's programs.

**16 Team Double Elimination Softball Tournament**

Once 16 teams have been accepted, we WILL NOT accept any more entries.

Deadline for team submission is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Guarantee your team's participation and be certain to

## **SIGN UP EARLY!**

Please contact the Greater Lake City Chamber of Commerce to enter.

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## About the Tournament

This tournament consists of no more than 16 teams. Friday games start at 6:00 PM; Saturday games start at 8:00 AM. This is a double elimination tournament with a consolation bracket for those who lose their first two games. The purpose of the consolation bracket is so that everyone plays a minimum of three games.

Each team is required to submit their roster and pay their entry fee on or before September 1st of 2011. The entry fee is \$250.00 per team. Each team is required to provide their balls and bats. The winner of the tournament will receive a valuable prize as well as a trophy. 2nd and 3rd place will also receive trophies.

## About Homerun Derby

Homerun Derby will be held on Saturday 1:00 PM until (TBD) at Blanding Street Park. Balls will be provided for the Derby. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for contestants. The winner of the Homerun Derby will receive a valuable prize. Anyone can enter; contestants do not have to be on any of the Double Elimination team rosters to compete. Contestants may choose to provide their own pitcher or we will do our best to provide one. An individual can hit as many times as they like. If a contestant chooses to hit multiple times, they void their previous occurrences. For example: If you enter for the 1st time and hit 7 homeruns, and you choose to enter once more, regardless of how many homeruns you hit the 2nd time, the 1st entry will be null and void. In theory you might hit 7 homeruns with your 1st entry and 0 with your 2nd, but 0 is what would count. Again, you may enter the Homerun Derby as many times as you like, but understand that your last entry is the only one that will count. Each contestant will be given 10 outs. Any swing that results in anything other than an out of the park homerun will result in an out. Out of the park homeruns will not result in an out, but as a homerun. Homeruns must leave the park in fair territory and each homerun will be judged by an appointed official.

Any bats used in the Homerun Derby must be official slow-pitch softball and the **Miken Ultra I and II are not allowed**. If an illegal bat is used the contestant will forfeit their entry fee and will not be allowed to re-enter.



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## Rules of Double Elimination Games

Each team will be responsible for providing balls for their team. The balls must be either ASA or USSSA approved, 12” in diameter, and they can range anywhere from 47core 525 compression and below. Each team will hit their ball. If a ball is hit out of play that team must provide another ball to the umpire in a timely manner.

All bats must be official slow-pitch softball and must meet the latest standards for ASA and USSSA. **The Miken Ultra I and Ultra II** will not be allowed in the games or home run derby. If any bat is found to be tampered with in regards to shaving, corking or loading the bat it will be ejected from the tournament, and if the same bat is found to be used again the team using it will forfeit their entry in the tournament.

Each player will approach the plate with a 1 ball and 1 strike count. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> strike the player will be given 1 free foul. A foul ball after the free foul will result in an out. If a batter fouls out the runners may tag if the ball is caught in the air.

Each team will be allowed to hit 1 out of the park homerun per inning. A four base error is not considered an out of the park homerun. After an out of the park homerun is hit for an inning each out of the park homerun hit after that will be a single.

Once a batter is on base a team can use the last out to run if needed. This can be exercised as many times as needed in an inning.

Each game will consist of 7 innings. A game cannot end in a tie. The mercy rule will apply starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. If a team is winning by 20 or more runs at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning the game will be called. If a team is winning by 15 or more runs at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning the game will be called. Starting in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning the 10 run rule will apply.

Hitting up the middle is strictly prohibited. A batter must not attempt to hit the ball back at the pitcher. If an umpire feels that a ball has been hit that put the pitcher in danger it will be ruled as an out. The up the middle rule is an opinionated call and cannot be argued. All pitchers are encouraged to be aware and alert after pitching the ball to a batter. There will not be any lines drawn at the pitcher’s mound. The purpose of the rule is for the safety of the pitcher. If the pitcher moves from the middle the batter may see the opportunity to hit up the middle. This is acceptable, but again this call is an opinion of the umpire.

Each team is required to be at the field they are scheduled to play at least 10 minutes early. If a team is 15 minutes late the game will result in a forfeit.

A team must have a minimum of 8 players from their roster present to begin a game. If someone is listed in the batting lineup and they are not present when their bat comes up it will be considered an out. A team can bat up to 12 batters. A team must bat at least as many batters as they have playing the field. There will be free substitution on defense. No-one can be listed on two rosters. A team will only be allowed to have 10 defenders on the field at one time.

In order to play in the tournament you must be 13 years of age or older. This is a play at your own risk tournament. Anyone under 15 years of age must have written permission from their parent or guardian in order to play. Women are allowed to play at their own risk.



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## Code Of Conduct

There is absolutely no alcohol, profanity, drugs, crude humor, rude behavior, fighting, or arguing allowed. Anyone caught in violation of the code of conduct will be ejected from the tournament with no refund.

We understand that sports are competitive but we ask that everyone realize that this tournament will be a family atmosphere with children, women, and an audience of all ages present. While this is not a tournament strictly for "Church Teams", we are requiring that the Code of Conduct is followed to the letter for every team.

By signing below you are acknowledging that you have read the rules and Code of Conduct and agree to abide by them for the duration of the tournament scheduled on September 16 & 17, 2011.

Coaches Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_



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