



NMAA STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
PRESENTED BY THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD
Farmington Public Schools – City of Farmington – Farmington High School
City of Farmington Softball Complex and Ricketts Park

May 15-16-17, 2008

Tournament Information

1. DATES and LOCATION

- The 2008 NMAA State Softball Tournament will be held in Farmington at the City of Farmington Softball Complex and Ricketts Park. The tournament will take place from May 15th – 17th, 2008.

2. COACHES MEETING and HAMBURGER FRY

- **Wednesday May 14 at 8:30 pm** at the Best Western Inn (700 Scott Avenue in Arizona Room) will be the location of the NMAA State Softball Coaches Meeting. A head or assistant coach must be in attendance. If your team will not arrive until later on Wednesday your team packet will be available for you at the Player / Coach Pass Gate prior to your first game at the Softball Complex or Ricketts Park.
- **Williams Field Service** and the City of Farmington will provide a free cook out / hamburger fry for the teams, bus drivers, and coaches that arrive in Farmington Wednesday night **May 14 at 6:30 pm**. Location will be east of the Farmington Rec Center which is due northeast of Ricketts Park. **Please see the attached flyer and map.**

3. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

Tournament Director	Gene Pino, NMAA Assistant Director	(505) 923-3272 (505) 238-4357
Assistant Director	NMAA Staff	
NMAA Commissioner of Umpires	Dana Northcutt, NMAA Assistant Director	(505) 977-3277
Site Managers:	Tommy Roberts (Ricketts) Johnny Campbell (Complex)	
Field Mangers:	Rod Grimes (Ricketts) Abe Barela (Complex)	
NMAA UIC	Larry Bomberger (Ricketts) Pat Schwinner (Complex) On Site	
Ticket Personnel	Farmington High School	
Athletic Trainers	Dr. Waters and Orthopedic and Associates and HS Trainers	
Field Maintenance	Parks and Recreation, City of Farmington	
Media Coordinator	Robert Zayas, Communications Director	(505) 977-5386
Tournament Assistant	Chris Pash, Farmington High School	

4. TEAM MEMBER LIMITATIONS

- Each team is limited to eighteen (18) uniformed squad members for the state tournament. (NMAA Handbook, 5.2.3.D) Please use Player / Coach Entrances (SW at Complex by Bus Parking and NW at Ricketts by Bus Parking).

5. **TEAM ENTRY / COMPLIMENTARY PASSES** (SW Complex and NW Ricketts)

- All uniformed members of each team will be allowed entry into the tournament facilities. This includes players and coaches with NMAA bag tags only. In addition, coaches will receive four (4) complimentary passes (bag tags) in their team packet for their coaching staff.

6. **LOCKER ROOMS**

- Locker Rooms will not be made available at any site. Please have teams dressed and ready to play prior to game time.

7. **COIN FLIP**

- A coin flip will take place prior to each game to determine the home and visitor for the game. At the coaches meeting, a coin flip will take place for your team's first game of the tournament. Game two (and three if necessary) a flip will occur with the site manager, one hour prior to your game unless another time is mutually agreed upon.

8. **HOME / VISITORS**

- The home team will use the 3rd base dugout at all fields. The visitors will use the 1st base dugout once determined by a coin flip.

9. ADMISSION FEE (<u>per day/per facility</u>)	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Students/Seniors (65+)</u>
• Softball Complex	\$7.00	\$5.00
• Ricketts Park	\$7.00	\$5.00

10. **COACH / PLAYER ENTRANCE**

- **Softball Complex and Ricketts Park** - All players and coaches will enter the facility at the ticket entrance located on the Southwest side of the Softball Complex and Northwest side after the team bus unloading area. Please use the Team Pass Entrance and not the Ticket Paying General Admission Entrance Lines.
- The doors to all of the facilities will open 1 hour and 15 minutes before game time, for the first game of the day, for teams only. At Softball Complex and Ricketts Park, teams arriving this early must enter through the North entrance of the Complex. Spectators will be admitted one hour before game time for the first game of the day. Gates will remain open throughout the day. Spectators may re-enter for the day with colored wrist band only.

11. **OFFICIAL BALL**

- The Wilson A1010 Pro SST is the Official Softball of the 2008 NMAA State Championships. This ball will be used at all sites and will be provided.

12. **TOURNAMENT RULES**

- **National Federation of State High School Association Softball Rules** will be followed throughout this tournament. All New Mexico Activities Association Rules will also be strictly enforced.
- **Tournament Format.** Double Elimination.
- **International Tie Breaker** (ITB) will be in effect for the duration of the tournament.
- **Inclement Weather.** In the event of a weather cancellation (rain and wind gusts) that takes more than half the day or two games the tournament at that point will revert back to a single elimination format as we have more graduations on Sunday. If the first rounds have been played and we encounter inclement weather, teams that have lost are eliminated and the teams that have not lost will complete the single elimination format with a revised schedule.

13. WATER

- A water cooler and cups will be located in each dug-out. Please help us keep the area clean. Gatorade bottles for every player will be provided for the final games on Saturday.

14. TRAINER/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- A certified trainer will be available throughout the tournament. In the event of an emergency, contact the site manager who will then contact the EMT. Any decision to transport an athlete by ambulance will be made by the site manager and/or head coach. All expenses for medical treatment must be paid for by the individual school, regardless of who requests them.

15. INTRODUCTIONS

- Each player will be introduced before each contest. Certificates will be provided from the NMAA and Farmington Visitors and Convention Bureau for each team member prior to the first game in which your team plays. Teams will come out of the dugout (starting with substitutes) and go to home plate individually as called over the public address system. Once introduced, they are to stand at the baseline side until both teams are introduced. When introductions are completed, remain on the field until the National Anthem has been played, then return to your respective dugout.

16. OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEO

- ***KIM JEW Photography*** is the official photography company of the New Mexico Activities Association. Please be sure to log onto www.kimjewsports.com to view photos taken during the tournament.

17. VIDEO TAPING

- Video taping is allowed, however, no electricity will be provided. Participates videotaping will not be allowed to obstruct any spectator's view. Please be polite and respectful.

18. GAME SCHEDULE

- It is one of the events goals to stay with the assigned game times. Please adhere to the below schedule for your games:

	<u>TIME PRIOR TO GAME EXAMPLE (10:00 AM)</u>	
Home Team Outfield Warm-Up	1 hour 15 min before	8:45 am
Visitor Team Outfield Warm-Up	1 hour 15 min before	8:45am
Introductions (All Players and Coaches)	15 min before	9:45am
National Anthem	10 min before	9:50am
Coaches Meeting	5 min before	9:55am
Ceremonial First Pitch (NM National Guard)	1 min before	9:59am
Game Time	ON TIME	10:00am

There are a number of different game times but this schedule is to be used for each.
8:00 am - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

19. PRACTICE ON STATE TOURNAMENT FACILITIES.

On page 14 of Section VII NMAA Handbook Rule B: No on site (Ricketts Park or Farmington Softball Complex) day before, pre-state tournament practices are permitted in any sport, except individual sports golf and tennis.

*NOTE: Please bring any suggestions or complaints to Gene Pino, Tournament Director at (505) 238-4357
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