

June 26, 2008.

Updates from Crown Point regarding motels, opening ceremony location, and coaches' meeting will be added in the next few days. Ed Serdar

The following pages are the 14/U packet for:
2008 North American Championship Tournament
To be held in Crown Point, Indiana

Tuesday, July 22 through Saturday, July 26

This tournament packet should answer all of your immediate questions.

If you have any more questions about the **National Tournament, please**

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NOTE: ENTRY INTO THE NAFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL REQUIRE THAT THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM OF THIS PACKET BE RETURNED ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE. **NO ENTRY FEE WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE **“COMPLETED”** FORM ACCOMPANYING YOUR MONEY ORDER, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK (**NO PERSONAL OR TEAM CHECKS**)**

**2008 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
14A NAFA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

The North American Championship 14A is proud to announce it will be hosted this year in Crown Point, Indiana at the Crown Point Girls Softball Complex located at 800 West 113th Avenue, Crown Point, Indiana 46307-4668

YOUR ENTRY MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR STATE OR REGIONAL NAFA REPRESENTATIVE. It is your team's responsibility to check on accepted entries and paperwork with the National Tournament Director.

You will find attached tournament information, entry form, and motel listings on the web site.

The North American Championship Tournament dates are July 22nd through July 26th, Tuesday through Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date.

It is the **TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY** to verify their entries and paperwork has been received and accepted by the National Tournament Director.

We hope you will enjoy the tournament as much as we enjoy bringing it to you. We look forward to seeing you there and expect a great tournament.

Thank you,

Ed Serdar, NAFA Regional Director, Region 7

Mail: North American Championship Entry form and fees to:

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**NORTH AMERICAN FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION
2008 14A
NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Crown Point, Indiana
JULY 22 THROUGH JULY 26, 2008**

Tournament Class:

14A Girls Fastpitch

Tournament Site:

Crown Point, Indiana at the Crown Point Girls Softball Complex 800 West 113th Avenue, Crown Point, Indiana 46307-4668

Tournament Date:

July 22nd through July 26th, 2008

Tournament Format:

5 Game Guarantee: 3 Round Robin Pool Games, followed by a 2 Game Guarantee Elimination Bracket. Elimination brackets will be four flights. Winner of each flight will play off a DE championship on the final day. There are no special requests for start times. All teams' managers must attend the 8:00 AM registration breakfast Tuesday, July 22. This will be followed by the home run contest and fastest team contest from 10:00 to noon. All first game pool play games will begin at 2:00 PM

Tournament Entry Fee:

The entry fee for NAFA members is **\$450.00**. **ONLY** the first 104 entries/berths will be accepted. Preferred method of payment (NO team checks) is by certified check, cashier's check or money orders "**ONLY**", NO EXCEPTIONS. NO REFUNDS

Checks should be payable to: NAFA REGION 7

Tournament Qualification Criteria:

Qualification is awarded through the State and Regional NAFA Offices.

Tournament Awards:

1st – 4th Place Team Awards

Pool Championship Awards

1st – 4th Place Individual Awards

Top Ten Team Awards

Gift Exchange and Pin Trading:

There will be a gift exchange before your **FIRST POOL GAME ONLY**. Each team is requested to exchange some type of gift generally representative of their state heritage and customs Team pins, T-shirts, etc before the first pool game with their first opponent. Pin trading throughout the tournament is highly recommended.

Tournament Roster:

All rosters are due at registration (**20 player limit**). There is an official roster form included in your packet. Roster changes must be reported at the mandatory coaches meeting, on Tuesday morning at 8:00 AM

TOURNAMENT UNIFORM: All teams dress alike in uniform – color and style – including coaches.

TOURNAMENT HOUSING: Housing will be made by individual teams. Motel listing will be provided by the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau on a link to be displayed in the next few days.

Tuesday, July 22 Schedule

Team Check-In: 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the coaches' breakfast – All teams must **CHECK IN**. Check location is being identified now and will be e-mailed to all teams once we get the banquet facility. . The team manager/coach should pick up the team packet that will contain Pool Schedules, game ball, and manager's handouts. We will require that no more than **TWO (2)** team representatives be in attendance. Tournament rules will be discussed and there will be a brief question and answer session. A catered meal will be provided for all managers and umpires at this time. Rosters must be submitted at this time with a copy of your insurance certificate. Birth certificates must be available in the event someone protests a player's age. The protest must be made prior to the first pitch of the game or it will not be considered. Hotel information **MUST** be made available at check-in. The tournament **MUST** have a way to contact everyone.

Hitting Contest and Fastest Team Contest:

These will be held at the complex at 12:00 PM. Each team will be allowed one player for the hitting contest and the fastest team contest shall consist of four players.

Everyone will play one pool game Tuesday.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:00 PM at a location to be identified in a week. With all teams lining up for entry into the ceremonies. After all introductions the World Famous Jesse White Tumblers will perform.

Wednesday, July 23 Schedule

Pool play will continue in the morning at 8:00 AM and will run into the late afternoon. This should complete pool play.

Thursday, July 24 Schedule

Double Elimination Bracket play will begin at 8:00 AM and continue through the day.

Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26

Bracket play will finish up either Friday or Saturday with winner of each of the four brackets playing a double elimination championship.

Tournament Gate Entry Information:

\$30.00 weekly passes for adults / \$15.00 weekly pass senior citizens (55 up) and children (ages 6 – 10). Daily passes are \$10.00 per day. Children under 5 are FREE. -- \$5.00 after 5PM each day for everyone! Presale passes are available at a discounted rate of \$25 weekly pass if ordered and paid for by July 15th. Email Hawkeye@HomerHawks.com to order your passes.

“TOURNAMENT ENTRY “WILL NOT” BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE ENTRY FORM ACCOMPANYING YOUR CHECK OF \$450.00 MADE PAYABLE TO NAFAREGION7.”