



Dear Coaches and Teams:

The Nashville Sports Council is honored to once again partner with the Hendersonville Parks and Recreation to host the **6th Annual Music City Hits Fast Pitch Tournament**, to be held June 9-13, 2010.

Last year's tournament saw record five exciting days of softball featuring 65 teams in three age divisions from 12 states with 44 college coaches representing 13 states. We expect 2010 will to be no less exciting.

The Nashville Sports Council is proud to have the Hits Tournament as part of the line up of distinguished events, which include O'Charley's Dinner of Champions, 2010 SEC Men's Basketball Championships, The Country Music Marathon & ½ Marathon, and the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

Next June, when some of the nation's top female athletes gather in Music City, the competition will be intense, fun and exciting. Not only will this be a challenging tournament (limited to 66 teams); it will also be a wonderful experience for the players and their families. Nashville is a great destination city with a lot to offer including a variety of entertainment for the whole family.

The Country Music Association's CMA Week activities will once again be held the same weekend as the Music City Hits tournament. We will try to once again work with the CMA's to get a discounted ticket option for everyone associated with the Hits tournament. Keep this in mind as well when you are making hotel arrangements and plans for the evenings after games conclude.

Please read the key dates that are included in this entry packet as some of our dates for entry have changed from 2009. We hope to see you in June!

Sincerely,

Erin Yaden
Tournament Director



TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME _____

AGE GROUP FOR 2008 SEASON (Please Circle): 16U 18U 18 Gold

HEAD COACH INFORMATION

NAME: _____ HOME PH: (____) ____ - _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK PH: (____) ____ - _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ CELL PH: (____) ____ - _____

EMAIL _____

MANAGER/CHAPERONE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM ACTIONS/ACCOMODATIONS

NAME: _____ HOME PH: (____) ____ - _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK PH: (____) ____ - _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ CELL PH: (____) ____ - _____

EMAIL _____

PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT/HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION

METRO/STATE FINISH _____ AFFILIATION _____

REGIONAL FINISH _____ AFFILIATION _____

NATIONAL FINISH _____ AFFILIATION _____

All 2009 Invitational finishes (Please include name, location & placement):

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION

(Is roster complete? When will roster be complete? 2009 Highlights. Age group change.)

Colleges that followed your team in 2009 and will follow the team in 2010.



TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEE, DEADLINES AND GAMES

ENTRY FEE: \$650 per team. Entry Form and Fee **MUST** be submitted together. Teams registered **BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2009** will receive a **\$50 discount** off their entry fee. **No refund after acceptance into the tournament.**

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Please Circle – **Make checks and money orders payable to “Nashville Sports Council”**):

CHECK MONEY ORDER VISA MASTERCARD AM/EX DISCOVER

Credit Card Information-For all credit card payments please add a \$20 processing fee

NAME (Exactly as printed on Card): _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ EXP: _____ / _____

DEADLINES:

- Entry Form and Fee due by January 31, 2010.
-Teams will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament **by February 28, 2010.**
- Hotel reservations need to be made if using one of the tournaments endorsed hotels by April 2, 2010
- Waiver Form due by May 7, 2010.
- Player Profile Information due by May 7, 2010. This information is **essential** for college coaches, and will be used in the College Coach Handbook to assist them in the recruiting process

GUARANTEE: 6 games with 5 pool play games followed by a single elimination tournament.

REMINDERS

- **IF ACCEPTED INTO THIS TOURNAMENT, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND SHOULD A CONFLICT ARISE.**
- TOURNAMENT ENTRY IS BY INVITATION AND ONLY THE **TOP 66 TEAMS** WILL BE ADMITTED BASED ON STRENGTH (FINISH AT NATIONALS), GEOGRAPHY, ENTRY DATE AND MEETING PAPER WORK DEADLINES.
- THIS TOURNAMENT IS GOVERNED BY ASA RULES
- RETURN FORM AND ENTRY FEE BY NO LATER THAT January 31, 2010, TO THE ATTENTION OF **ERIN YADEN** VIA FAX AT (615) 244-3540 OR AT THE ADDRESS BELOW:

NASHVILLE SPORTS COUNCIL
ATTN: ERIN YADEN
414 UNION STREET, SUITE 800
NASHVILLE, TN 37219

SIGNATURE

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND ATTEST TO ITS ACCURACY.

Signature

Date



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Nashville is honored to host the 6th Annual Music City Hits tournament for girls 16U, 18U, and 18 Gold. Spend part of your summer in one America's fastest growing cities; then take the field against teams from across the nation.

Entry Fee: Tournament entry is by invitation and only the top 66 teams will be admitted based on strength (finish at Nationals), geography, entry date, meeting paper work deadlines, and other pertinent information provided on entry form. The entry fee for the tournament is \$650. However, teams registered **BEFORE November 1, 2009** will receive a **\$50 discount** off their entry fee. Make checks or money orders payable to "Nashville Sports Council" or fill out the credit card portion of the entry information form. No refund will be given if your team cancels after being accepted in the tournament. Entries will be accepted until January 31, 2010. *Athletes must be 16U or 18U ASA eligible to play in this tournament.*

Tournament Set-up and Guarantee: Teams are guaranteed 6 games total which consists of 5 pool play games & a single elimination tournament. Tournament games are 7 innings and the international tiebreaker will go into effect in the 8th inning. No new inning will start after one hour and thirty minutes (pool and bracket). International tiebreaker will take place at the time limit or at the beginning of the eighth inning, whichever is first. A coin flip prior to each game will determine home and visiting teams.

2010 Site: Nashville is located in middle Tennessee along the Cumberland River. Three major interstates pass through Nashville, I-40 and I-24 from East to West, and I-65 from North to South. Nashville International Airport (BNA) is located along I-40 less than 10 miles east of the city. All games will be played at Drake's Creek Park, located in the Nashville suburb of Hendersonville.

Geographic Highlights:

- Easily accessible geographic location
- Recognized as the friendliest city in America
- Music capital of the world
- Affordable family entertainment
- Considered the *Athens of the South*
- The best down home cooking in the nation



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT (cont)

Pool Pairings: Teams will be blindly drawn into pools with the exception, where possible, teams from the same state will not be paired together.

Lodging: The tournament has negotiated special rates at area hotels. All hotels are located within a short driving distance from the park and/or downtown Nashville.

Participating teams are required to stay in one of the tournament endorsed hotels. A complete list of tournament endorsed hotels will be located under "Hotels/Lodging" within the next couple months on the tournament website.

Coaches' meeting: Will be held on Wednesday, June 9 at 8am*. The first pool play games will begin at 9am* following the meeting. Every team is encouraged to have at least one coach in attendance as we will be going over tournament rules, inclement weather plans, etc.

Team Registration and Check-in: Registration will take place at Drakes Creek Park between Fields 4 and 5. Coaches will need to arrive at least one hour prior to their first scheduled game to register their team.

Awards: Team awards will be given for teams finishing in First and Second Place in each age division. Individual awards will be given to the top finishing team in each age division. Awards will also be given for the Best Defensive Player, Best Offensive Player and MVP for each age division.

*Times are tentative and are subject to change.



KEY DATES

- 08/10/09:** Start accepting Entry Form (form & payment sent together)
- 11/1/09:** Entry fee increases by \$50
- 01/31/10:** Entry Form due
- 02/28/10:** Teams will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament by this date
- 04/02/10:** Hotel reservations need to be made if using one of the tournament endorsed hotels (rooms and rates will not be guaranteed beyond this date)
- 05/07/10:** Player Profile Information due, which will be used in the 2010 Music City Hits College Coach Handbook
- 05/7/10:** Participant Waiver Form due
- 05/21/10:** College Coach RSVP Form due
- 05/24/10:** Pool play games & brackets will be posted on the website
- 06/09/10:** Coaches Meeting at 8am*
- 06/09/10:** All pick-up players identified and added to participant waiver form at check-in
- 06/09/10:** Pool Play Begins
 - 9:00am* pool play games begin for the day
 - 4:30pm* last pool play games for the day
- 06/10/10:** Pool Play Resumes
 - 9:00am* pool play games begin for the day
 - 4:30pm* last pool play games for the day
- 06/11/10:** Last Day of Pool Play
 - 9:00am* pool play games begin for the day
 - 4:30pm* last pool play games for the day
- 06/12/10:** Bracket Play
 - 9:00am* bracket play games begin for the day
 - 4:30pm* last bracket play games for the day
- 06/13/10:** Tournament Finals
 - 9:00am* tournament semi-finals
 - 12:30pm* tournament finals

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