

GRAND LODGE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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I.B.P.O. Elks of The World, Inc

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To: Athletic Directors, Softball Managers & Softball Coaches

From: H.R. Winston, Jr., Commissioner & Fannie Bartlett, Athletic Directress

Subject: Softball Tournament

On September 1-3, 2017 the Grand Lodge Athletic Department of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World will be hosting its annual National Softball Tournament in Richmond, Virginia. Our tournament is open to all Lodges, Temples, Organizations, and Softball Teams (male & female).

An entry fee of two hundred twenty dollars (\$220.00) is due on or before August 25, 2017. In addition to the entry fee, a team roster must be submitted which should include the name and telephone number of your team representative. No team will be entered into this year's drawing without your entry fee and roster.

Entry fees can be made online by visiting www.athleticsibpoew.com and clicking on the (PAYPAL) button. Rosters can also be downloaded and submitted from the same site or mailed no later than August 25, 2017 to the following address:

H.R. Winston, Jr.

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E-mail: commissioner@athleticsibpoew.com or hwin961471@aol.com

"Hotel Accommodations"

The Courtyard by Marriott Richmond Airport, located at 5400 Williamsburg Road, Sandston, Virginia 23150, will serve as our Headquarters Hotel. The room rate is \$110.00 + tax = \$124.30, including breakfast. A three (3) night stay is required, and a one night debit or credit card payment is due at the time of booking your reservations. Upon checking in, your debit or credit card payment for the complete stay will be charged. The telephone number for making reservations is (804) 652-0500, group code for special rates is (**GRAND ELKS**).

NO ACCEPTIONS:

- (1) THREE NIGHT STAY**
- (2) CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENT**
- (3) SIGN A NO PARTY LETTER**

"Overflow Hotel"

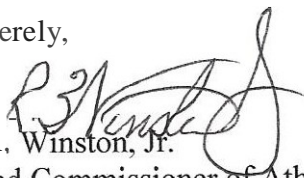
The Quality Inn & Suites located at 5240 Airport Square Lane, Sandston, Virginia 23150 The telephone number for making reservations is (804) 226-1800, room rate is \$94.00 +tax= \$106.50 nightly. Group code (**Grand Lodge Athletics Dept.**)

Anyone having problems making reservations, please contact HR Winston, Jr. (804) 272-5144.

NOTE: This year we will have a upper and lower bracket for males.

Team Drawing will be held on August 30, 2017. **No personal checks will be accepted after August 25, 2017.**

Sincerely,



H. R. Winston, Jr.
Grand Commissioner of Athletics I.B.P.O.E. of W.

"Making Athletics A Priority"

RULES FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

1. Open-Tournament (male and female)
 - a. Upper and Lower brackets for males
2. A.S.A. (LAW) Slow pitch rules
 - a. (60) Minutes time limit - If game started it will be completed
 - b. No inning will start after (60) minute time limit
 - c. Two hundred twenty (\$220.00) entry fee due by August 25, 2017
3. No protest will be allowed on umpire judgment calls
4. Any player using profanity that is considered abusive to the game or fans will be removed from the game immediately with a warning for the 1st offense; 2nd offense you will be dismissed from the tournament
5. All batters will start with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count upon entering home plate
6. Team at bat will return all foul balls to plate umpire
7. Designated hitter
8. Double elimination
9. No warm-ups on playing fields before games
10. Game is over anytime there is a twenty (20) run difference after three (3) innings.
 - a. Fifteen(15) runs after 4 innings
 - b. Ten (10) runs after 5 innings
11. In case Of rain the following procedures will be implemented :
 - a. If there are two (2) or more undefeated teams and the tournament cannot be completed, the runs will be tallied and the team scoring the most runs will be declared the winner.
 - b. If two (2) or more undefeated teams have scored the same amount runs, the team that surrendered the lowest amount of runs will be declared the winner.
 - c. Coin toss final decision
12. Five (5) home runs per game
13. Balls will be provided for the championship rounds and finals
14. One Courtesy runner per inning . If a courtesy runner is on base when their time comes up to bat, they are called out and removed from the base.
15. Use of illegal ball - Game will be forfeited

AGENDA

Friday, September 1, 2017

- 12:00 p.m. Department Meeting (Elk members only)
- 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cookout at Marriot Hotel Courtyard
- 9:00 p.m. Hospitality at hotel
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Saturday, September 2, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Softball Tournament *PLAY BALL!!!!!!*
- 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Disco (Afrikongo Cafe & Lounge 3302 Williamsburg Road, Inside "Supreme Flea Market") \$12.00

Sunday, September 3, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. - Until Softball Tournament
- 8:00 p.m. - Until Hospitality at Hotel
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GRAND LODGE OF ELKS I. B. P. O. E. OFW. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION: YEAR:

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION - PHONE NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED

TEAM NAME:

MANAGER'S NAME:

MANAGER'S ADDRESS:

PHONE:

PLAYER'S NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE
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Player Wavier, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement Roster

I, the undersigned player, acknowledge; agree and understand that:

1. I voluntarily and of my own free will, elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated below.
2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment, and other participants.
3. I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to me and to other players and may result in a serious injury or death.
4. I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including but not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding, and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players.

Further, I the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated below and in consideration, for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team or league:

1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risk of injury incurred suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practices or play by other players on my team, and (c) while on upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged for by any team or league for practices or play.
2. I release, discharge and agree not to sue the team and League designated below, the field owner or other entity designated below, the Amateur Softball Association of America, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any entity connected with the team league field or Amateur Softball Association of America for any claim, damages, cost or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby released.

Name of Player	Street Address	City, State, Zip	Signature of Player	Date
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G.L.A.D. Softball Tournament	Henrico Parks & Recreation
----- Name of Team	----- Field Owner or Other Entity
----- Name of League	

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE PROVISIONS IN

EQUIPMENT RULES

BALLS

ASA 44 CORE .375 OR

USSSA CLASSIC M OR CLASSIC

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BATS

ALL BATS CAN BE USED EXCEPT

MIKEN ULTRA & ULTRA II

NO SENIOR BATS