



**ALABAMA BAPTIST MEN'S
STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 10-11, 2012
LAGON PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX
FAIN PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

TOURNAMENT RULES:

The purpose of this tournament is to provide "Baptist Men" in church Men's Ministry organizations of the Alabama Baptist State Convention (SBC) an opportunity of fellowship and witness in a sport setting.

- ◆ Cost of the tournament is \$135.00 This fee is non-refundable!
 - ◆ Cost includes umpires, scorekeepers, trophies, softballs
 - ◆ 4 game minimum
 - ◆ ASA sanctioned tournament
 - ◆ ASA sanctioned teams only
 - ◆ ASA roster must be signed by pastor and ASA commissioner
 - ◆ ASA roster accompanied by entry fee registrations
 - ◆ Limitation to first 40 teams
 - ◆ No phone-in team registrations
 - ◆ Deadline for rosters and registration fees will be July 2, 2012
1. Every team will be guaranteed 4 games, minimum. There will be 8 divisions with 5 teams in each division to play a round robin tournament. The top 3 teams from each division will play in a single elimination tournament to determine a champion.
- Top 3 teams in each division will be determined by:
- a) Best overall record, wins vs. losses; then if tie,
 - b) Head to head completion, who beats who; if still a tie,
 - c) total runs scored against the teams; team wins that has the least number of runs scored against them; if tie is still there,
 - d) total runs scored by the teams; the team scoring the most runs wins.

2. One hour is the time limit per game in the Round Robin Tournament. There will not be a time limit on the Single Elimination Tournament games.
3. There will be a one-ball, one-strike count at the beginning of each at bat. There will also be no courtesy fouls per Alabama ASA championship play rules.
4. The mercy run rule will be in effect; 20 runs after 3 innings; 15 runs after 4 innings; 10 runs after 5 innings.
5. Home runs are limited to 3 per game. After the limit, each home run will be counted as an out.
6. Following home run, the player hitting the home run does not have to run the bases in order to speed up the game.
7. No metal cleats will be used.
8. Each team must have matching jerseys in the first game of the tournament. Each team must have close to matching jerseys in each of the games that follow. No two or more different colored jerseys on the field of play.
9. Only ASA approved bats will be allowed. Anyone caught using an illegal or altered bat will be ejected from the game.
10. No courtesy runners at all.
11. No stealing bases, even though it is allowed by ASA.

CHURCH BAPTIST MEN'S MINISTRY UNIT REGISTRATION REQUIRED

1. Each church participating in the Alabama Baptist Men's State Softball Tournament, August 10-11, 2012, is required to be a registered Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions congregation.
2. Each church participating in the Alabama Baptist Men's State Softball Tournament must have a Baptist Men's Ministry that meets during the year.
3. Only the church Baptist Men's team members that have played in regular season play are eligible to participate in the Alabama Baptist Men's state Softball Tournament. Churches with multi-teams may use some players from their other team, but must file a tournament roster with regular season rosters of both teams to show ASA approved players with ASA commissioner's signature and his/her telephone number(s). No off roster pick up players will be allowed. No additions to roster after sending in registration.
4. A copy of your ASA certification card or a copy of your ASA receipt showing your certification is requested.
5. Late game requests should be made in writing.
6. Any young man who is 16 years of age or older is eligible to participate on a team.
7. Make entry fee check payable to Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.
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