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TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

October 1, 2019

Dear Coach:

We have assembled what we hope is a detailed packet of information. It is very important that you look over this information ASAP.

We cordially invite you and your team to the XVI Olympiad Softball venue. The entire Columbus community is excited to be able to host the GHSA State Softball Championships. We trust your stay with us will be pleasant and a memorable experience.

Opening Ceremonies will take place on Thursday at **10:00 AM** at the Stadium. Teams will line up at beginning at **9:30 AM** by classification. Per GHSA, failure to have your team in uniform at the Opening Ceremonies will result in a \$250.00 fine to the offending school. Teams will line up as follows. 1st Base side; A-Private, 2A, 4A, 6A – 3rd Base side; A-Public, 3A, 5A, 7A. Note: Keep you team outside the Stadium until you are brought in to line up.

All bats are to be inspected prior to being used in a game. The bat inspection will take place in an area just beyond the “Tem Check-In Gate” starting at 7:30 AM Thursday, October 24. Coaches are asked to collect ALL the players’ bats and submit them at one time. If you wish to have your bats tested the evening of Wednesday, October 23 please contact Al Dattolo at (georgiaasa@att.net). Bats that fail the testing process will be held and returned following the final game the respective team plays.

Best Wishes,

Tommy Groce, CPRA

Good Fortune,

Ernie Yarbrough, GHSA

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have qualified for State...



HOTEL RESERVATION ASSISTANCE

Please visit visitcolumbusga.com/stay/ for a complete listing of hotels in Columbus, Georgia!

If you need further assistance, please contact the **Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau**. Please reference “GHSA Softball Housing”!

Carter Flynn
cflynn@visitcolumbusga.com
Direct Line: 706-256-4347
1-800-999-1613

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

All teams shall have all of their bats, batting helmets, and catcher’s helmets inspected and approved prior to use in their first scheduled game. Coaches shall collect all of these items and present them at the inspection station inside the “Team Entrance” gate near field #8. All equipment that does not pass the inspection will be tagged and taken to the press box in the stadium. There will be no pregame inspection on the field prior to play. It will be the responsibility of each head coach to confirm that all uniforms and equipment are legal.



2019 GHSA SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please read the “General Instructions” very carefully. Each year we have problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions. Pay particular attention to the State Tournament bracket regarding the game time and field location for each game.

Enclosed you have the following forms:

- **OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM** – Please fill this form out completely and turn it in at the “Team Entry Gate” at the arena. You are allowed to list (20) names on this form. Complete this form and submit it upon arrival at the venue at the team check-in station.
- **LINE-UPS/COIN TOSS** – Line-up cards, and the coin toss to determine “home team”, will be conducted with the official score keeper thirty (30) minutes prior to each game. This will take place at the Roundhouse upstairs for fields 1-5. In the stadium, upstairs in the press box and then for fields 6 and 8 at the booth behind home plate.
- **EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM** – List names on this form of individuals who are part of your team operations over the limit of the (20) names on the TEAM TRAVEL FORM. Complete this form and submit it upon arrival at the venue at the team check-in station.
- **GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER** – Each school is responsible to have an Administrator and/or Resource Office on site during the game. Please provide the name and cell # of those individuals on the enclosed form and submit it upon arrival at the venue at team check-in.
- **PARKING** – The parking area beyond the “Team Entry” gate (near field #8) is the designated area for team buses and tournament staff. Please see the map within the packet. Please instruct your parents and spectators not to park in that area; parents/spectators enter the complex at the front of the complex. Those traveling in RVs are instructed to park in the area near the far back of the complex.
- **PROGRAM** – Please make sure your updated roster has been submitted to Adam at adam@scoreatl.com.
 - School name, City, Head Coach and Assistant Coaches
 - Roster with Player number, full name, position, and grade
 - Team Photo

THE GHSA OFFICE WISHES YOU AND YOUR TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.

GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone numbers, who will be in attendance at the GHSA State Tournament contest.

ADMINISTRATORS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

RESOURCE OFFICERS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Each team is allowed (20) names on the "Team Travel Form, consisting of players, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names on this form must list the names of those individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
9 _____	_____
10 _____	_____
11 _____	_____
12 _____	_____
13 _____	_____
14 _____	_____
15 _____	_____
16 _____	_____
17 _____	_____
18 _____	_____
19 _____	_____
20 _____	_____

COACH: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: The head coach is responsible for turning in this form when entering the "Team Entry Gate".

EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names must list the names of those individuals on this "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
9 _____	_____
10 _____	_____
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13 _____	_____
14 _____	_____
15 _____	_____
16 _____	_____
17 _____	_____
18 _____	_____
19 _____	_____
20 _____	_____

COACH: _____ DATE: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

SOUTH COMMONS COMPLEX POLICY

1. **All team members must enter the complex through the player's gate (See enclosed map). This will be the only gate Players and Coaches will be allowed to enter free of charge. If team members or coaches enter main gate, admission will be charged.**
2. **Team Buses and Team Vans will be admitted free (no charge for parking) through the team parking entrance by Lumpkin Boulevard entrance. Individual vehicles will be charged a \$5.00 daily pass for parking.**
3. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all areas.**
4. **Glass containers are prohibited in all areas.**
5. **All Team Coolers must be taken in complex through team gate.
No hard sided coolers are allowed in complex through main gate.**
6. **Top line of the bracket uses first base dugout unless a team is playing back-to-back on that field.**
7. **No pepper games between dugouts. No ball-toss drills on field fence.**
8. **Admission fee is \$15.00 per person Thursday and Friday, \$10.00 per person Saturday, with the exception of a "baby in arms".**
9. **Animals are prohibited in all areas (except service dogs).**
10. **Lineups: Lineup cards are provided by the scorekeeper or on site staff. A copy of your lineup should be given to the scorekeeper 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Give original copy of lineup to umpire, second copy to scorekeeper, third copy to opposing coach or manager. The fourth copy is for your use. Give all substitutions to home plate umpire.**
11. **Coin Toss: Coaching staff shall be available 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time for the purpose of home/visitor designation. Official scorekeeper shall administer this and team shall receive one new game ball to warm up.**
12. **Teams are prohibited from warming up inside the confines (between fields) of South Commons complex. Practice areas may be found at:
Benning Park Rigdon Park
1441 Benning Dr. 1600 Howe Ave.
Columbus, GA 31901 Columbus, GA 31903**
Practice times will be available Wednesday and Thursday only and shall be reserved at (706) 225-4506. Practices on Friday and Saturday will be on a first come first serve basis. Please limit warm-up on the tournament playing fields to the outfield grass. It is our intention to prepare the infield to the best of our ability with the time allotted between games. If either team gets on the dirt, with the intentions of warming up, before the grounds crew finishes, work will cease and they will immediately leave the field.

Please provide the following information at the Team Entrance Gate:

School _____

Hotel _____

Number of Nights _____ **Number of Rooms** _____



Veterans Parkway
Use far left lane turn

Welcome to Columbus!!!

BUS ROUTE, UNLOADING AREA AND BUS PARKING



All TEAM BUSES enter South Commons via Lumpkin Blvd by following the yellow arrows as noted on the map!
Proceed to the drop off point between fields 4 and 8.
All TEAM Buses PLEASE park in the lower section of Lot E and Lot F.
Teams please turn in your hotel information at the Team Entrance upon your arrival.