

# TOURNAMENT RULES

## EAST DES MOINES GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

### A. Teams

1. The East Des Moines Girls Softball Association shall annually sponsor entry for teams to represent the league in Amateur Softball Association (ASA) tournament competitions or USSSA tournament competitions including, but not limited to: Iowa State ASA Tournament, the Midwest Regional ASA Tournament, USSSA qualifying tournaments, USSSA State, USSSA world series, and the National ASA Tournament.
2. Sponsorship shall mean the provision of insurance coverage and the Provision of such funds as the Executive Board may annually Determine appropriate. In any given year, the Executive Board may Choose to sponsor or sanction more teams if interest warrants such a Decision. The current amount sponsored is \$1,500 per team
3. The sponsored A teams shall represent the league in the USSSA and the ASA youth girls fast pitch 10 & Under (Elite-Red, white and black colors and Express-Red, white and black colors), the 12 & Under (Elite-Red, white and black colors and Express-Red, white and black colors) and the 14 & Under (Elite-Red, white and black colors and Express-Red, white and black colors).
4. The EDMGSA board shall approve all additional tournament team names and colors.

### B. Coaches

1. Head coaches and assistant coaches shall be selected by a majority board vote of all the board members present at a voting board meeting scheduled prior to the beginning of the league play. All tournament team coaches and assistant coaches must be a current coach, assistant coach or association member with prior coaching experience in the EDMGSA league.
2. All nominations for tournament team coaches must be submitted to the tournament director, or appropriate board member, prior to the annual EDMGSA coaches meeting.
3. No tournament coach will be required to wear a tournament uniform.

**C. Eligibility**

1. Any girl selected for any league sponsored sanctioned tournament team must be a current paid participant at EDMGSA. If additional players are needed, the coach must pull first from any girls who tried out for tournament play, the coach must then proceed to all league players. No girl from outside of the EDMGSA league can be added without PRIOR board approval. The selected outside league player will be a member of the original roster. All players selected from outside of the league will be required to pay all tournament participation fees that all league players have to pay.
2. Should any of tournament teams advance to regional play, two players can be added to their rosters. These additions do not need to be EDMGSA players.
3. Any girl who is contacted by any "A, Elite" age group tournament team coach and declines to play for that manager or team, will NOT be eligible to play for any other tournament team from EDMGSA during the current season. This rule also applies to any "B, Express" teams. Exception: If a girl chooses not to play for an "A-Elite" team, then the player must be released by the coach and/or the EDMGSA board. Giving up a slot on this team does **NOT** require the "B-Express" coach to take the player once they are released. The player and parent/guardian take the chance of the player not having a slot on any team.

**D. Player Selection**

1. Tryouts are held on a date and time approved by the EDMGSA board. All players wishing to be considered for a tournament team MUST be present at tryouts. Exception: Any girl who cannot attend tryouts must make arrangements with the EDMGSA board to be considered. The Tournament Director will be responsible for conducting the tryouts. The Tournament Director, Tournament Coaches, and designated EDMGSA board members will make all player selections for the A-Elite and B-Express teams. Exception: If there are not enough players to form a team, an alternate tryout date and time may be considered as determined by the EDMGSA board.

**E. Tournament Team Coaches**

1. Tournament team player conduct rules, disciplinary decisions, field of play decisions, practice and game scheduling, travel, food, arrangements, and all other processes and decisions shall be made and carried out at the tournament team coaches discretion, within limits of the EDMGSA By-Laws and ASA tournament regulations.

**F. Complaints**

1. The EDMGSA board will not address any complaints for tournament teams in regards to playing time, position play or personality conflicts with coaches. Those complaints need to be addressed to the appropriate head or assistant coaches. EDMGSA will only address complaints in regards to ethics, misconduct and abusive issues.

**G. Tournament Fees**

1. There will be a tournament fee of \$75.00 charged, per girl, to be part of an EDMGSA tournament team. The cost of the tournament uniform is the full responsibility of the player parent or guardian. Tournament registration fees are payable no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. When tournament uniforms are ordered, a deposit of at least half the total uniform cost must be paid and is non refundable at that time. You will also be required to pay the remaining balance of the uniform cost prior to delivery of the uniform. If a player makes a tournament team, any and all tournament fees for registration and uniforms are non-refundable.
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## **H. Tournament Entry**

1. EDMGSA will pay for the tournament teams to participate in sanctioned tournaments and the Iowa ASA State Tournament, not to exceed \$1500.00 (Including state tournament) Registration fees to each tournament must be approved by the tournament director and fees will be paid by the league treasurer. No fee or monies will be paid to any individual coach or tournament team. **No money will be dispersed in the fall for tournament entries**

## **I. EDM Hosted Tournaments and Volunteering Responsibility**

1. A parent or responsible adult (18 years of age or older) may be REQUIRED to work as assigned by the tournament director and/or EDMGSA board. All attempts will be made to have existing EDM league team representatives work the required shifts FIRST. If there are work activities that still require EDM representatives, the parents and/or responsible adults of the tournament teams will be REQUIRED to work.
2. All EDMGSA (A and B teams) will be required to participate in any and all tournaments hosted at the EDMGSA ballpark. No team will be allowed to attend any other tournament on the same weekend as an EDMGSA tournament. If a team chooses not to participate in an EDMGSA Tournament, they will not be allowed to attend any other tournaments that weekend and they will still be required to perform their volunteer shift duties during the tournament.

## **J. State Tournament Entry**

1. All East Des Moines Elite "A" tournament teams will be REQUIRED to attend the ASA "A" State Tournament. All East Des Moines Express "B" tournament teams will be REQUIRED to attend the ASA "B" State Tournament.....or the equivalent USSSA State tournaments

## **K. Fundraising**

1. Any fundraising done at the EDMGSA ballpark, must be approved by the EDMGSA board
2. Fundraising goals spreadsheet must be filled out and approved by EDM board before ANY fundraising begins.
3. Teams must choose 1 parent to be head of fundraising accounts. This person will be responsible for account ins and outs, receipts for ALL purchases debiting the account, and detailed deposits of the funds added to the account.
4. Head coach and parent in charge of fundraising will be the 2 names on the account. EDM's tax id # will not be used for this account, you must use your own ss # and therefore be responsible for any mishaps with account.
5. Any money left in the account when the USSSA season ends will be forfeited to EDM girls softball for dispersment into the park. Teams will not be allowed to "roll over" the money into any other accounts or cash out the account.
6. Tournament teams shall create a spreadsheet that is easy to track and easy to read and this will be emailed to the treasurer the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.
7. There will be ABSOLUTELY NO INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING ALLOWED, MUST BE DONE AS A TEAM AND TRACKED AS A TEAM
8. EDM \$1,500 must be used for entry fees only
9. Fundraising money can be used for the following expenses:
  - Tournament fees and dues
  - Gate fees
  - Equipment
  - Practice facility
  - Strength and training
  - Team party
  - Team batting lessons
  - Team training camps
  - Uniforms

- Travel expenses: Fuel, hotels, food, vehicle or bus rental, plane tickets for tournament traveled to

Receipts must be kept for all transactions and turned into the board monthly for approval. Any failure to abide by policy will result in fundraising revoked as an EDM team and could trigger further actions by EDM board.

**These tournament rules and regulations were adopted March 2010 and amended August 2015**