



## ADKSC Winter Softball Tournaments - Friday evening Pool Play games will continue again for 2016-17

The demand for our Softball Tournaments, both Summer and Winter, has grown steadily every year. And as you can see from the table below, we have continued to expand our tournament offerings, particularly in the winter months, in an effort to try to accommodate the increasing demand.

Winter Tournament Year	# of Winter Tournaments	max # of teams per tournament	Winter Tournament Year	# of Winter Tournaments	max # of teams per tournament
'06-'07	5	14 (w/Fri games)	'12-'13	13	13
'07-'08	6	12	'13-'14	14	13
'08-'09	8	12	'14-'15	15	14
'09-'10	12	12	'15-'16	17	15
'10-'11	12	12	'16-'17	19	15
'11-'12	13	13			

The above table outlines our Winter Tournament offerings for the past eleven years.

In 2011, in order to accommodate a 13<sup>th</sup> team in each of the winter tournaments, we reduced the time between games and the game times by 5 minutes each. We moved the start times of the first games of the day to 7:45 AM, and extended the day such that the last Pool Play games do not get over until 9:00 PM – all to accommodate just one additional team in each of the tournaments. Even with that, we still had more than 50 teams on the waiting lists for the winter tournaments.

Unfortunately, there was simply no way to reasonably add another round and a half of Pool Play games on Saturday to accommodate a 14<sup>th</sup> team. Therefore, beginning in 2014, we made adjustments to our Friday through Sunday schedules in order to allow us to schedule three (3) of the Pool Play games on Friday evenings - one game at 6:50 PM and two games at 8:10 PM. With the addition of three Friday evening Pool Play games, we were able to add a 14<sup>th</sup> team\*\* to each of the Winter tournaments.

Even with the addition of the 14<sup>th</sup> team in 2014, after receiving the tournament registrations for 2015-16, we again found ourselves with more than 40 teams on the waiting lists. As a result we made additional adjustments to our regular Friday schedules so that we could add a second game at 6:50 PM on Friday evening, and we also moved start of the first round of Saturday game from 7:45 AM to 7:30 AM, so that we could reasonably add one additional Saturday evening game. All of which allowed us to add a 15<sup>th</sup> team to each of the winter indoor tournaments.

**As an enticement**, and as we have done for the past couple of years, **the first five (5) teams** for each tournament agreeing to commit to Friday evening Pool Play games will again have a 6-day “Early Registration” head start for this winter’s tournaments. As an additional incentive, the five teams registering for Friday evening Pool Play games can



request (*no guarantees are being made or promised*) to have their remaining Pool Play game(s) scheduled for Saturday morning, afternoon or evening.

**Beginning on Thursday, September 8, 2016, at approximately 5:00 PM, “Early Registration” will open for each of the Winter Tournaments for ONLY the first five (5) teams agreeing to commit to Friday evening Pool Play games.**

**The registrations for the remaining nine (9) team spots will open on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at approximately 5:00 PM, for those teams who were unable to register for one of the five (5) Friday evening slots.**

***Again, the “Early Registration” will be open and limited to only the first five (5) teams that are able to commit\*\* to Friday evening (6:50 PM and 8:10 PM) Pool Play games.***

The tournament format will include three (3) Pool Play games on Friday evening and Saturday, followed by seeded Single Elimination rounds on Sunday.

A maximum of 15\*\* teams, that are paid in full, will be accepted.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** As we have enforced for at least the past seven years, prior to Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will accept only one (1) team registration per organization per tournament. Beginning Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, all organizations are more than welcome to enter additional teams in any remaining tournament openings.

\*\* If we do not get enough commitments for the Friday evening Pool Play games, for any specific tournament, such that we can schedule two rounds of games on Friday evening, the maximum number of teams for that specific tournament will be reduced to 13 or 14 teams. As always, all decisions regarding wait lists, Friday night games, possible tournament reductions to 13 or 14 teams, etc., will be based upon the order in which the tournament registrations, including payment in-full, are received.

For example: if a team registers in the 15<sup>th</sup> spot for a tournament, and then it is determined that we have not received enough commitments for the Friday evening Pool Play rounds, then the 15<sup>th</sup> registered team will be moved to the first position on the waiting list. Should this team then be unable to get into the tournament, their registration fee will be refunded in full.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** If a team registers for the Friday evening Pool Play rounds, and then does not follow through on this commitment, this team’s registration will be moved behind **all** of the other teams registered for that tournament. If the tournament is already in a ‘waiting list’ situation, this team would be placed at the end of the ‘waiting list’.