

# GRAND LODGE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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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 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Grand Lodge Athletic Department of the Improved Benevolent 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 28, 2020 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](http://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 28, 2020 to the following address:

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## **“HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS”**

**Thursday, September 3 – September 7, 2020**

**These hotels are holding rooms as indicated for the dates above**

### **The Holiday Inn Richmond Airport**

445 International Center Drive, Sandston VA 23150

20 single king rooms

Rate: \$119.00 + 13.3% tax

Reservations – Copy & paste this URL into your browser

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=RICST&PMID=99801505&GPC=ELK&viewfullsite=true>

### **Hampton Inn Richmond Airport**

421 International Center Drive, Sandston VA 23150

15 double queen rooms & 15 single king rooms

Rate: \$119.00 + 13.3% tax – includes our hot breakfast bar daily

Reservations – Copy & paste this URL into your browser

<http://group.hamptoninn.com/ElksSoftball>

### **Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport**

441 International Center Drive, Sandston VA 23150

9 double queen rooms & 15 single king rooms

Rate: \$119.00 + 13.3% tax

Reservations – Copy & paste this URL into your browser

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/ElksSoftball>

### **Holiday Inn Express Richmond Airport**

491 International Center Drive, Sandston VA 23150

10 double-double rooms & 15 single king rooms

Rate: \$119.00 + 13.3% tax – includes our hot breakfast bar daily

Reservations – Copy & paste this URL into your browser

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=RICSS&PMID=9901505&GPC=ELK&viewfullsite=true>

The hotels WILL NOT accept reservations via telephone. All reservations must be made online through the links provided above. Rooms with 2 beds are limited for these dates.

## RULES FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

1. Open- Tournament (male & 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 completed
  - b. No inning will start after (60) minutes time limit
  - c. Two hundred twenty (\$220.00) entry fee due by August 28, 2020
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 1<sup>st</sup> offense; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 different 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: all teams must wait until the tournament directors has made a decision to cancel the tournament or the remaining part of the tournament. If we are delayed thru Sunday then, Monday is considered a playing date for continuation of the tournament. Any team leaving, before the postponement of the tournament, and play continues will lose their entry fee. We will not accept any teams that have not paid their registration, prior to the drawing. This includes Elk sponsored teams.
  - 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 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-Inning we be declared over
16. Use of illegal bats-Will be disqualified from the tournament

# EQUIPMENT RULES

## **BALLS:**

ASA 40 or 44 CORE .375

USSSA CLASSIC M OR CLASSIC W

SSAA

## **BATS:**

ALL BATS CAN BE USED EXCEPT MIKEN ULTRA & ULTRA II

NO SENIOR BATS

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# AGENDA

Friday, September 4, 2020

1:00 p.m. Department Meeting (Elk member only)

4:00 p.m. "Cook Out" Meet & Greet  
American Legion Post 144  
1717 Old Hanover Road  
Sandston, VA 23150 (804) 737-8922

Saturday, September 5, 2020

9.00 a.m. Softball Tournament PLAY BALL!!!!!!!!!!

8:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m. "Disco" American Legion Post #144  
1717 Old Hanover Road  
Sandston, VA 23150 (804) 737-8922  
BYOB or CASH Bar  
Donation: 12.00

Sunday, September 6, 2020

8:00 a.m.-Until Softball Tournament