



Blue Chip Softball – Fall Classic Tournament (PGF Qualifier)

September 9-10, 2017

Event is a college exposure and PGF Regional Qualifier tournament for 16U and 18U softball teams. Entry Fee: \$700 (No Gate Fees Collected on Site, No Stay to Play Rule). Four games (Weather permitting). No refunds of entry fee if tournament is cancelled due to weather. **12 paid** 14U teams, **12 paid** 16U teams and **12 Paid** 18U teams will be admitted to the tournament with the deadline being August 31st, 2017.

Any 14U, 16U or 18U teams that play in this Blue Chip Tournament qualify for THE PGF MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP next summer (2018) as well. Dates and site TBD. In addition, the top 16U team and top 18U team qualify for the KING OF THE HILL Fall PGF Tournament to be held on September 23-24 in Crown Point, IN.

Over 200 college coaches in Michigan and other close by States will be invited to come and recruit. We cannot guarantee their participation.

Hosted in Byron Center, MI at Whistle Stop Park, 2120 - 76th Street, Byron Center, MI 49315

We will have a licensed athletic trainer on site throughout the tournament. Coaches and parents, if there is an injury minor or not, please let our expertly trained staff do their jobs and help your kids before you do.

Lodging – This is **not a stay to play event** but Blue Chip has secured rooms for your team/parents at two local hotels listed below at an excellent rate. You may opt to choose a different hotel if it suits you. Contact Matt Houseman at: matt.bluechipsoftball@gmail.com or 231-740-2274 for questions or more information.

Hyatt Place Grand Rapids – South (mention 2017 Michigan Blue Chip Block when calling to reserve):

<https://grandrapidssouth.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Baymont Inn&Suites – SW (mention Blue Chip Block when calling to reserve):

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/grand-rapids-michigan/baymont-inn-and-suites-grand-rapids-sw-byron-center/overview>

All teams must register with PGF to participate. Registration does not begin until September 2, 2017 so do not try to register now. We will send a link when registration is available. Your registration will be good for all of fall 2017 and summer 2018 PGF Tournaments as well. Any insurance is acceptable but PGF does offer team insurance at http://www.premiergirlsfastpitch.com/team_insurance

IN CASE OF RAIN...

Tournament Director may have to adjust schedule – this procedure will not be debatable.

Tournament updates will be on Tourney Machine, please check your inbox for message regularly

Tournament Format and Rules

Pool play with 2 games on Saturday (weather permitting) with 1 hour 20 minute (drop dead time limit). Pool games are exposure games and wins and losses do not affect seeding. You may bat the roster and freely substitute and make changes in order to give your athletes maximum exposure. For example, if a coach is there and wants to see an athlete do something in particular, put her in and let her do it if you choose.

All teams then play in a pre-seeded, blindly drawn, **single elimination** Championship Bracket on Bracket games are 1 hour 30 minute (no new inning time limit). If you lose game one of bracket play, you then enter a Consolation Bracket that will be played out to a Consolation winner. In all bracket play, you may still bat the roster if you choose but no free substitution (on offense) as described below in pool play games. If you are batting the roster, you may sub freely on defense. No time limit for Championship game. ITB will be used in bracket play for all games tied after 7 or after time expired, including the championship game. Always be prepared to start early if situation allows.

Game results will be posted at the site and also on Tourney Machine app as close to real time as possible.

Home team will be determined by flip with umpires prior to start of game. The score should be verified between the two teams and the umpire at regular intervals during game. Please report final score to the main tent or by texting to 616-822-4567

MERCY RULE- 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings. Rule will apply to both Pool Play and Bracket

Tournament will follow PGF Game Rules unless otherwise stated for special rules improvised by the tournament as follows:

Teams may bat the entire roster if they choose. Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher or catcher (and no one else) at any time. The runner must be someone who is currently not in the batting line up or if batting roster, the player who made the most recent out. In the event that both pitcher and catcher reach base in the same inning and a 2nd courtesy runner is needed, the out before the most recent should be used. The same girl shall not be the courtesy runner more than once per inning.

WARM-UPS BETWEEN INNINGS - ALL GAMES

We are looking to keep games on time and play as many innings as possible. So, first inning each team will be allowed three (3) warm-up pitches and one throw down by catcher & infield and outfield warm-up allowed in first inning only. All innings after the first will be one warm-up pitch and throw down by the catcher and no infield-outfield warm-ups. Make sure your leadoff batter is prepared to step in box after the pitcher's first warm-up pitch. Play will be resuming quickly –umpires will be enforcing this for it allows a better opportunity of teams playing their seven innings. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLAYERS AWARE PRIOR TO GAME OF THIS WARM-UP RULE AND HAVE THEM HUSTLE ON AND OFF THE FIELD. EACH COACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HAVE THEIR TEAMS PREPARED TO RESUME PLAY QUICKLY FROM DEFENSE TO OFFENSE.**

SPORTSMANSHIP DURING TOURNAMENT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. All players and coaches are expected to behave in a professional manner. No inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. All games are to be played in a respectful manner towards players, coaches, umpires and fans. No profanity will be accepted. Umpire-in-chief will have final authority on all matters regarding a game dispute. **ANY EJECTIONS ... YOUR NEXT GAME WILL BE SAT OUT ... NO APPEALS.** We have a responsibility as coaches to set the example of proper game conduct. There will be no inappropriate behavior towards umpires, a judgment call is exactly that, an umpires judgment. You can make the players and fans have a respect for the game ... if you display that respect in a leadership role.

PGF Entry Refund policy – no refunds given to teams that withdraw less than 90 days prior to the tournament's start date. • Refund Policy once the tournament begins: - If no (0) games are played a refund of 60% of each team's tournament registration fee will be given. If games are played (at least one round played to completion) the registration fee is fully earned and no refunds will be given.

BCS Fall Classic Team Entry Form

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Team Name and Age Group: _____

Manager Name: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Remember: Copies of birth certificates must be available. Check-in will be done online. All teams and players must have insurance to participate in this tournament. You must provide us with a copy of your Team Insurance Certificate via email before Sep 3, 2017.

Entry Fee \$700 (No Gate Fees Collected on Site, No Stay to Play)

Registration procedure is to pay the \$75 non-refundable deposit through Tourney Machine to reserve your spot using the link here: <http://www.tourneymachine.com/E26726>

Then please mail a check for the difference (\$625) as directed below.

Make checks payable to **"BCS, LLC."**

Send this form and check to

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