



Avnet 16" B2B Softball Desert Classic

Tournament Rules:

- Teams must be formed by businesses - this is a "business-to-business" tournament.
 - Tournament is single elimination with consolation round
 - **Any fights will result in an automatic ejection from the whole tournament.**
 - Tournament slots are on a first come first serve basis.
 - Avnet will provide 16" softball bats and balls for the tournament.
 - Tournament will be played over 1 day
 - All players on a team must wear matching jerseys or t-shirts. **Numbered shirts are recommended.**
 - Teams formed by businesses, 70% of each team's roster must be employed at the company they are playing for during the tournament. We are also allowing companies to include associations, vendors and customers on their teams as well.
 - Teams from associations, all team members must be a member of the association entering the tournament.
 - Team rosters will be verified day of for those who qualify for the semi-final rounds. We want to avoid any disputes prior to the championship games. Any misrepresentation will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament. Acceptable forms of verification are a working email address, work I.D. badge or check stub from the company they are representing.
 - A company may sponsor two teams in both tournaments - men's and coed.
 - Registration fee is \$250 **plus one toy**
- . This secures your spot in the tournament. Please remember, we only accept checks, money orders or cash.
- Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 13, 2012. Your registration form must be received on or before the registration deadline and must be signed by all participating players in order to secure your spot in the tournament.
 - Tentative Ad Program Book to be created
 - Sponsorships available

Rules of the Game:

- ASA 16-inch softball rules apply.
- There is a maximum of 18 people per team, minimum of 12.
- You must be 18 or older to play.
- **If you are ejected from a game you will need to sit out the next game. If your ejected twice you will be asked to leave the tournament.**
- **Any fights will results in an automatic ejection from the whole tournament.**
- Gloves are optional.
- No metal cleats.
- Lead-offs are allowed in 16" tournament games.
- Players cannot advance on pick-off attempts by pitcher or catcher.
- 6-to-12 foot arc required on pitches
- Players may play in both tournaments, i.e. co-ed and men's.
- "No collision rule" in effect on all bases.
- If a player is ejected from a game, he or she is ejected from the following game in the tournament.
- The "15-run rule" applies after the fourth inning; the "10-run rule" applies after the fifth.
- All players will start with a 1:1 count at bat. Players are out on a foul ball after the second strike, there are no foul balls to waste.
- Teams can bat up to 11 players. For co-ed games, teams must alternate male and female batters.
- Co-ed teams must have the same ratio of ladies and men playing on the field.
- Courtesy runners are allowed. Men's teams may have one per inning; co-ed teams may have one male and one female per inning.
- During co-ed games, if a male runner is walked he automatically goes to second base. Also, the next female batter has the option to walk or bat after two outs during the inning.
- Substitutions during games may re-enter once but players must bat in their original batting order.
- Southwest Association ASA umpires will be present.