

July 16, 2019

Congratulations on advancing to the 2019 State Softball Tournament at Harlan Rogers Park in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Quarterfinal games will begin on Monday, July 22. Championship games are scheduled for Thursday, July 25 and Friday, July 26. A complete list of games is attached. Championship game times may be revised slightly for IPTV scheduling.

T-Shirts, Team Vans and Buses

Coaches and administrators are reminded to please review designs on team t-shirts and check the messages, signs, etc. on team vans and/or the team bus for any inappropriate language and/or comments. In the past, teams had referenced "Dirty Dodge" which is extremely demeaning to our hosts in Fort Dodge.

Travel & Per Diem Supplements

Participating teams less than 125 miles from Fort Dodge will receive \$1.25 per mile one way and a \$300 food allowance for each day they play.

Participating teams more than 125 miles from Fort Dodge will receive \$1.25 per mile one way and \$300 food allowance and \$450 lodging allowance for Quarterfinal play. Teams advancing in the bracket will receive an additional \$450 lodging and \$600 food allowance for Wednesday and Thursday or Friday play.

Teams will receive a reimbursement check at the conclusion of the tournament.

Additional Expense Information

Lodging reservations and food arrangements are the responsibility of the school. The IGHSAU does not pay Iowa Central for lodging or meals. Each school is responsible for making and paying for their own arrangements.

Housing

Iowa Central Community College offers air-conditioned apartment-style dorm facilities which will be available to teams participating in the state tournament in Ft. Dodge. The housing is predominantly located on the East side of the Iowa Central campus.

Space at the Iowa Central Community College housing complex is available for those schools desiring accommodations. Each apartment sleeps up to six with two bedrooms, bath, kitchen and a living room area. Each school will be allotted a maximum of five apartments, accommodating the official traveling party of 28. Coaches and players are not permitted to share an apartment. Iowa Central will attempt to accommodate requests for more than five apartments, based on availability.

Teams who wish to stay at Iowa Central should contact the ICCS Housing office at 515-574-1086 following your regional final game to reserve rooms for the tournament.

Schools playing their first game on Monday may check in on Sunday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. All other teams should plan to check in on the day of their first game. Check in at the

campus will be 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. on the day of the team's first scheduled game. All teams should check in at the Triton Café.

All schools must check out on Friday, as no Friday night stay is available. Each team should prepare the attached roster form, listing team members by room for check in.

“Credit card” type room keys will be provided during check-in.

Teams Under 125 miles from Fort Dodge

No housing per diem is provided for schools under 125 miles.

Teams may request to be placed on a “waiting list” should apartments remain available after all teams exceeding the 125-mile distance have been accommodated. It is possible enough space at the ICCC housing complex will remain for additional teams to stay. Extra apartments will be assigned to school based on their distance to Fort Dodge. Teams further away will have first priority. Schools under 125 miles receiving apartments are responsible for housing costs, at \$50 per room, per night.

Housing Reminders

All teams using ICCC facilities are obligated to observe housing and food service regulations. Teams are provided a packet of information from Iowa Central at check in so please review and share with your team and coaches. Coaches must include a review of acceptable behavior standards with their teams. Each school is responsible for properly chaperoning and controlling activities of all team members. Only the official travel party is permitted in the housing complex. Campus security will be in the dormitory area. Activity after evening games should be done only as a group, as individuals will be questioned by security upon late arrival or departure at the complex.

Linens, pillows, towels and blankets are not provided. Each team should bring their own linens, pillows, towels and blankets. Coin washers and dryers are available at the complex for use by participating teams. Washers and dryers are located in buildings 4, 7, 9B and 15. Rooms must be clean of all garbage upon checking out. Fines will be assessed for any damage or unnecessary cleaning.

Meals

Meal service will begin with Monday morning breakfast. When your school arrives for its first meal, you must provide a copy of the Dining Roster. Meals are served at the Triton Café, located in the same area in which you check in when you arrive. The following meal schedule will be in place beginning with the Monday morning meal. Breakfast service Friday will be the final meal provided at the complex.

Breakfast—7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Lunch—11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Dinner—4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Meals for Teams Staying in the Residence Hall

Teams staying at ICCC must dine as a group. **IMPORTANT**—A coach must accompany the team to all meals. Service will be denied those teams attempting to dine without a coach accompanying them.

Meals only, no lodging, for teams

Schools must call Monica (515-574-1376) between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on the day meal service is desired. Leave a message on the voice mail at this number indicating your desire to use meal service, and the number who will be at the meal. **IMPORTANT**—A coach must accompany the team to all meals. Service will be denied those teams attempting to dine without a coach accompanying them. It is mandatory that teams dine as a group.

Meal expenses are as follows:

Breakfast--\$5.64/person Lunch--\$8.42/person Dinner--\$8.42/person

NOTE: Shoes are required at all times in the dining room area. No food may be taken out of the dining room.

Roster Forms

Three separate rosters are included.

The Check-In roster must be given to ICCC personnel at check-in time.

The Dining roster must be given to ICCC personnel at your team's first meal.

The Pass Gate team roster should be emailed to the IGHS AU to Macy Johnson macy@ighsau.org. Please bring a copy of the team roster and present to the pass gate attendant (Kim Vaughn) at Harlan Rogers Park upon your arrival for each game you play. The pass gate is located on the North side of the complex, just to the West (under the scoreboard) of the main entrance.

You may change the names on the roster form each day. The limit of 28 on the roster form may include as many players as you wish, but the limit is 28 for all players, coaches, trainers, managers, etc. Additional players not listed on the roster may NOT sit in the dugout, even if they pay admission to attend.

Practice Fields

Four diamonds at Harlan Rogers Park are available and may be utilized for practice or pre-game warm-up. The three fields located to the north of the game fields are Fields 4,5, and 6. Yankee Field is located to the east of the consolation fields. There is no infield allowed on the game diamonds. Grounders may be taken in the area between the dugouts and the foul line if time permits on the playing field. No team is allowed on the baseball field next to the game fields for warm ups or practice for any reason.

The practice schedule by game times is attached.

There are practice diamonds available at Fort Dodge High School and at Fort Dodge St Edmond. Contact those schools to make arrangements. Please unload your team and equipment at the

practice field area and move the bus or team vans to the designated parking areas. Parking for team vehicles is by the practice diamonds north of the complex.

Lineup Cards

Please present lineup cards with the first and last names of all players. Even though NFHS rules only require first initial, having complete names for the players on the lineup card is extremely helpful for our press box personnel, media and announcers to have all the information ready for the start of each game.

NFHS Rules

All NFHS softball rules and Iowa Adaptations will be followed with exceptions noted. NFHS rule 3-6-15 covers the prohibition against arguing ball and strike calls or other umpire judgment calls. Umpires have been instructed to enforce this rule at the 2019 State Softball Tournament. The penalty is a warning if it is judged to be a minor offense or an ejection. It is not a requirement to have a warning prior to an ejection.

The intent of this rule is to minimize the confrontation between coaches/players and umpires regarding pitch location but not to inhibit professional discussions. Consistent badgering from across the field or having your catcher request location of each pitch are very different from a sincere request for information made between the head coach and plate umpire.

Identification of Fields

Kruger Field (Field 1) on the pairing sheet is the west field, with Iowa Central Field (Field 2) located just east of that. Kruger Field is the field utilized for championship games on Thursday and Friday. Iowa Central Field is utilized for the third/fourth place games on Thursday and Friday. Veteran's and Dodger diamonds are located just East of the parking area. Harlan Rogers Complex is three miles north of Fort Dodge on Highway 413, directly across from the airport.

Please see the attached map for the field identification at Harlan Rogers.

Delays

In case of a weather delays or cancellations, the IGHSAU will contact radio stations in the general area of Fort Dodge. We will also post the latest information on our website and release changes via social media.

Coaches please provide a cell phone number on your roster form so you can be reached at all times. In the event of a weather rescheduling, we also ask that each school notify their fans and parents as soon as possible. If we have a postponement, the IGHSAU reserves the right to move games to earlier start times or cancel consolation rounds.

Streaming and IPTV

All quarterfinal and semifinal games will be available via CISN. The link to the stream is available on the IGHSAU web site.

Thursday and Friday's Championship games will be televised and live streamed on Iowa Public Television WWW.IPTV.org. Championship schedule can be found at (<http://www.ighsau.org>).

Coaches in the championship games may be asked for in-game interviews and will be mic'd by the IPTV.

Travel Party

Each team's travel party is 28 members. You may have any number of players in uniform on the respective team bench as long as you do not exceed the 28 in your traveling party. Include only those people who have a softball or school-related function on your travel party. Players, coaches, administrators, managers, scorekeepers, statisticians, bat/ball kids, etc. may be included. Parents and/or spouses and children of coaches should not be listed on the travel party unless they perform a specific duty for the team.

Admission

Admission for all sessions of the tournament is \$10 per person. Children who have not started school (kindergarten) do NOT need a ticket to enter. IGHSAU/IHSAA Administrator passes will be honored at the front team pass gate entrance or the VIP entrance with proper identification. Smoking or use tobacco products is prohibited on any of the complex property.

Please remind your fans and parents that only cash is accepted at Harlan Rogers. No debit or credit cards can be utilized to purchase tickets or concessions.

On line tickets are again available through GoFan. Please direct your fans to the GoFan website if they wish to purchase tickets in advance. The GoFan website link is:

<https://gofan.co/IGHSAU>.

A separate entrance for GoFan ticket holders is located at the front gate of Harlan Rogers Sports Complex. Please share the attached sheet on GoFan tickets with your parents and fans.

Parking

Parking will be North of the complex at a cost of \$5 per car.

Sports Medicine Coverage

Athletic trainers will provide coverage throughout the week. The trainers are located in an air conditioned tent next to the restrooms at the softball complex. Please review the enclosed letter regarding the athletic trainers.

Awards

Trophies will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up finishers in each class on the diamond immediately following each Championship game. Championship t-shirts will be presented to the winning teams. Participant medallions and trophies will be presented to all teams on the diamond upon completion of their final game.

Each player will receive an Iowa Farm Bureau autograph softball. The softballs will be presented to each coach prior to the first game of the tournament. Each team is provided 18 medallions, and 20 Autograph softballs. Additional awards may be purchased by the school and ordered by the athletic director with the enclosed form. Please contact Monte Wilson at the state

office to order additional awards. He can be reached at 515-401-1837 or by email at monte@ighsau.org.

Schools will be billed for extra awards or softballs ordered.

Winner's Circle

Following the state championship games, awards will be presented to the 2nd place team, followed by the first place team. Team photos for the second place team will take place in the grassy area of the outfield on Field 1 and then the team is asked to gather their belongings from the dugout and exit the field. Parents are not allowed onto the field.

Championship teams are asked to gather their belongings and move to the Winner's Circle for team and individual photos. The Winner's Circle is an area that has been created on the baseball field behind Diamond 1 for championship teams. Teams may stay in the Winner's Circle as long as they wish and parents and family members will be allowed in the Winner's Circle to take pictures and celebrate the state championship.

Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame inductees will be announced prior to the 4A Championship game at 5:45 on July 26. Alex Jacobson, CR Jefferson, Susan Kies, Newell-Fonda, Kelsey Rethmeier, Winterset, and Miranda Kramer, Burlington are this year's inductees.

100-Game Winners

100-game winner recipients will be announced prior to the 2A championship game on July 25 at 8:15 p.m. Ally Anderson of Atlantic and Payton Gross of IKM Manning are this year's honorees.

Jack North Award

Hannah Blackford of Hoover will be honored on Friday, July 26 prior to the 5A Championship game at 8 p.m.

Distinguished Coach

Brian Erbe, retired coach at Cedar Rapids Jefferson, will be honored prior to the 5A Championship game on July 26.

All-Tournament Ballots

All tournament ballots will be given to coaches at the pre-game meeting at the practice field with Mike Stanley or Craig Snider before the first contest. Please remember to send your votes for the all-tournament team to Jason Eslinger.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship will be a point of emphasis for our fans and spectators at Ft. Dodge. Please share the Softball Sportsmanship information with your parents and fans.

Please contact the IGHS AU at 515-401-1832 with any further questions.

2019 SOFTBALL HOUSING CHECK –IN ROSTER

SCHOOL _____

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Room 1

Room 2

Room 3

Room 4

Room 5

Room 6

Head Coach

Head Coach Cell Phone: _____

2019 SOFTBALL DINING ROSTER

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Cell Phone: _____