

CONGRATULATIONS ON QUALIFYING FOR THE 2023 STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations on advancing to the 2023 State Softball Tournament at Harlan Rogers Park in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Quarterfinal games will begin on Monday, July 17. Championship games are scheduled for Thursday, July 20 and Friday, July 21. Championship game times may be revised slightly for Iowa PBS scheduling.

State Softball Zoom Meeting Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.

There will be **mandatory** Zoom meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 for coaches and activity directors to go over items related to the 2023 State Softball Tournament. Email invitations will be sent to coaches and ADs by noon Wednesday. Please contact Jason Eslinger (jasoneslinger@ighsau.org) if you have not received a Zoom invite prior to noon Wednesday.

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 IGHS AU 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 ICC C Housing office at 515-574-1086 following your regional final game to reserve rooms for the tournament. When reserving rooms, coaches will need to provide the following: Name of School, Name of Coach, Contact number, number of rooms needed, check-in day.

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 complex (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 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 police (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 in buildings 4, 7, 9B and 15. Rooms must be clean of all garbage upon checking out. There will be a \$100 fee per room for damage or cleaning. (Fine(s) 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—5:00 p.m.—6:45 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 Stephanie Harris (515-574-1378) 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--\$6.70/person

Lunch--\$9.95/person

Dinner--\$9.95/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

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.

Pass Gate Roster

The Pass Gate roster can be filled out by on your Bound page (the tab at the top of your Bound schedule page). When you fill out the roster, save it as a PDF and email it to Nicole Mercial at nicole@ighsau.org. In addition to emailing the roster, please print out a copy to present to the pass gate attendant 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

The diamonds located immediately north of the game fields at Harlan Rogers Park are available and may be utilized for practice or pre-game warm-up. The teams scheduled for the next games have priority on practice field space. 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 for any reason. A practice schedule has been designed and is attached with this email.

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.

Videotaping

Teams wishing to videotape the games are permitted to utilize equipment if it is not hindering spectators' view and is attended to at all times. **Unattended cameras affixed to the fence are not permitted. Any video cameras that are attended to will be removed.**

Identification of Fields

Kruger Seeds Field on the pairing sheet is the west field, with Iowa Central Field located just east of Kruger Seeds Field. Veterans 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.

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.

IGHSAU & Iowa PBS To Stream State Softball Games

All quarterfinal and semifinal games will be streamed for free on the IGHSAU Digital Network. 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 PBS (www.iowapbs.org). The championship schedule can be found at (<http://www.ighsau.org>).

Streaming Consolation Games

Consolation games, including the third-place contests, will not be streamed by the IGHSAU Digital Network. Schools or media that wish to video stream these games may do so for a \$400 rights fee, the same fee as a regional game. Applications to broadcast can be submitted to Jason Eslinger at jasoneslinger@ighsau.org.

Travel Party

Each team's travel party is 28 members. You may have any number of players in uniform on the respective team bench if 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, Spouses and Children ARE NOT to be included on the pass gate unless they have a specific role on the team (Scorekeeper, batboy/batgirl). All members of the travel party MUST enter the complex together.**

Team Coolers

Any team coolers need to come in with the coaches or players through the team gate. **Parents are not allowed to bring in coolers through general admission.** Bottled waters are provided in the dugout for the team.

Tickets

Tickets will be sold through Bound for \$10 (plus processing fee) beginning at 8:00 Wednesday, July 12. There are no cash sales but there will be debit/credit card readers on site at Rogers Park. The link to the purchase tickets can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Parking

Parking will be North of the complex at a cost of \$10 per car. There are no cash sale for picking. Parking can be purchased in advance on the Bound ticket page. There will be debit/credit card readers on-site.

Administrator Entrance: School administrators may enter Rogers Park with their 2022-2023 Administrators Pass. This pass allows an administrator plus one guest into the complex. Administrators may enter through the team pass gate located by the main entrance. Administrators attending consolation games on Veterans' and Dodger Diamonds will enter through the main entrance of the consolation fields. **There is no complimentary parking for administrators.**

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. Each team is provided 18 medallions, and 20 Autograph softballs. Additional awards may be purchased by the school and ordered by the athletic director. Please contact Ben Van Wyk at the state office to order additional awards. He can be reached by email at ben@ighsau.org.

Schools will be billed for extra awards or softballs ordered.

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.

Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame inductees will be announced prior to the start of the Class 1A championship game Friday night. The Golden Plaque of Distinction award will also be presented at that time. This year's recipient

of the Golden Plaque is Bob Bunting of Lisbon. The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees are: Jaye Hutcheson, Linn-Mar, Amanda Zust, Des Moines Lincoln, Chloe Miller, Pleasant Valley and Linda Mosch, Hubbard. Katy Sexton of Clear Creek-Amana, who was elected into the 2022 class, will also be honored this week.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship will be a point of emphasis for our fans and spectators at Fort Dodge. Please share the Softball Sportsmanship information with your parents and fans. Foul language by any fan, coach or player will result in being ejected from the Rogers Sports Complex. Fans ejected will not be permitted to return to the State Softball Tournament for the remainder of the tournament.

Please contact Jason Eslinger at (515) 401-1836 or via email (jasoneslinger@ighsau.org) if you have any further questions. I can also be reached on my cell phone at (515) 240-7649.

Congratulations again and best of luck next week.

Jason Eslinger

2023 SOFTBALL HOUSING CHECK –IN ROSTER SCHOOL

School Name _____

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Room 1

Room 2

Room 3

Room 4

Room 5

Room 6

Head Coach

Head Coach Cell Phone: _____

2023 SOFTBALL DINING ROSTER

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| 14. _____ | 28. Head Coach _____ |

Cell Phone: _____

