



***U.S. House of Representatives
Congressional Athletic Association
29th Annual Congressional Tournament***

Important Rules for Team Captains to pass along to their players

The items below may be unfamiliar and should be relayed to all players regarding the 2007 tournament:

- 1.) ➡ Teams must be ready (Rule 2.8) to play **15 minutes prior to their start times** (except for the first games of the day). With unlighted fields, we must try to conserve daylight and move along. Being ready to play means **actually starting the game 15 minutes prior** to the scheduled start time.
- 2.) When your team plays a doubleheader where the second game is played immediately after the first game (without an hour between games), your team location may be changed if your game ends before your next round opponent's game ends. In other words, you may be sent to the other field to wait for that game to end with your next opponent so that the field you vacated may start a game for the next time slot that has two teams waiting. Tournament officials will decide field changes at the fields.
- 3.) As in the past, to hold the line on the tournament fee for each team, only those teams that move into the "Sweet Sixteen" will be required to pay a onetime umpire's surcharge fee of \$25.
- 4.) The format for the "Elite Eight," "Magnificent Seven" or "Final Four" **MAY** change due to scheduling, weather-related reductions of time slots on unlighted fields. If so, the remaining teams may play on the same day that the last round begins. All games would be subject to the 55-minute time limit until the last two teams play each other. That game (if the undefeated team wins) or those games (if both teams have one loss) will be the only games that consist of seven innings and have no time limit.
- 5.) ➡ ASA rules governing homerun limitations for this tournament shall be Class "B" —seven (7) homeruns. After the homerun limit is reached by both teams, a plus one (+1) rule will take effect. That is, either team may hit one (1) homerun on its opponent once both teams have reached the prescribed homerun limit. All batted balls over the fence without assistance, which do not meet the aforementioned criteria will result in the batter being awarded only first base.
- 6.) ➡ As usual, baseball bats may NOT be used at any time. In **2003 & 2004**, ASA rules changed the legality of certain types of bats. For this tournament, bats initially manufactured as official softball bats which have not been altered are considered legal for this tournament, **EXCEPT** for 2004 bats listed separately **AND** the 2003 bats listed below. To use bats listed below, they must be recertified by the manufacturer (marked on either end of the bat and/or laser engraved along the side).

DeMarini: B-52, Doublewall Classic, Doublewall Demolition, Doublewall Distance, & Fatboy
Louisville Slugger: SB103 (a.k.a. Genesis) ✓
Miken: Velocit-E Ultra (Balanced) & Velocit-E Ultra (Maxload)
Steele's: Triple XXX
Worth: 3DX, EST5, EST23, ESTL PST (a.k.a. PST 137) & SSEST