



2012 14U A and B NAFA National Tournament

To be held in Eden Prairie, Minnesota At Miller Park

8PM July 25th coaches meeting for rules and confirm teams attending

Tournament play July 26th – July 29th

All Registration information and checks must be received by July 20th.

This tournament packet should answer all of your immediate questions.

If you have any more questions about the

14U Northern National Tournaments, please contact

Larry Parker at nafaparker@gmail.com

Official web site is <http://nafa.mmfl.net/>

NOTE: Entry into the NAFA National Tournament will require that THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM of this packet be returned along with the entry fee. **No entry fee will be accepted** without the “**completed**” form accompanying your money order, cashier’s check or Team check (any personal check has to be received by July 20th.)

14U & Under A & B

Dear Coaches: The Northern National Tournaments for 14U will be held this year at Eden Prairie Minnesota, just West of St. Paul and Minneapolis, by the International airport and just a few miles from the Mall of America.

“YOUR ENTRY MUST BE APPROVED BY YOUR STATE OR REGIONAL NAFA REPRESENTATIVE ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE AND THE ENTRY FORM OF THIS PACKET.” It is your team’s responsibility to check on accepted entries and paperwork with the National Tournament Director.

The North American Championship Tournament play dates are July 26th thru July 29th

It is the **"TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY"** to verify their entries and paperwork has been received and accepted by the National Tournament Director. We hope you will enjoy the tournament as much as we enjoy bringing it to you. We look forward to seeing you there and expect a great tournament.

Thank you,

Larry Parker
Tournament Coordinator NAFA Director

Mail: North American Championship Entry form and fees to:

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2012 14U National Tournament

14A & 14B UNDER

Tournament Class:

14A & 14B Under Girls Fastpitch

Tournament Site:

Eden Prairie Miller Park Complex

Tournament Playing Dates:

July 26th through July 29th, 2012

Tournament Format:

5 Game minimum Guarantee: 3 Round Robin Pool Games, followed by a 2 Game Guarantee Elimination Bracket. Pool Play will determine flights of play. There are no special requests for start times. All teams MUST be available to play their first game at 8:00 AM on Thursday morning. Any game forfeited will be scored as a 7 – 0 loss and the team is subject to expulsion from the tournament at the discretion of the tournament director.

Tournament Entry Fee:

The entry fee for NAFA members is **\$450.00**. The first 104 entries/berths will be accepted. Preferred method of payment is by certified check, cashier's check or money orders, Team checks will be excepted within two weeks of the Tournament. **NO REFUNDS**

Checks should be payable to: Minnesota NAFA

Tournament Qualification Criteria:

Qualification is awarded through the State and Regional NAFA Offices.

Tournament Awards:

**1st – 4th Place Team Awards 1st – 4th Place Individual Awards
14 A Tournament & 14 B Tournament Championship Awards**

Motels - There are thousands of motel rooms in the Twin City area. Listed is the Eden Prairie field locations, there are over 100 motels in the immediate area.

Gift Exchange and Pin Trading:

There will be a gift exchange before your **FIRST POOL GAME ONLY**. Each team is requested to exchange some type of gift generally representative of their state heritage and customs Team pins, T-shirts, etc before the first pool game with their first opponent. Pin trading throughout the tournament is highly recommended.

Tournament Roster: Roster Form Click on Roster Form on the front of the NAFA National Web site. All rosters are due at registration (**18 player limit**). There is an official roster available online on the NAFA Youth web page. Roster changes must be reported at the mandatory coaches meeting, on 'Wednesday evening, July 25th.

TOURNAMENT UNIFORM: All teams dress alike in uniform – color and style – including coaches with like colored shirts..

Thursday, July 26th Schedule

Team Check-In: At Miller Park from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – All teams must **CHECK IN at least one hour before your first game**. The team manager/coach should pick up the team packet that will contain Pool Schedules, game ball, and manager's handouts. Rosters must be submitted at this time. Hotel information **MUST** be made available at check-in. The tournament **MUST** have a way to contact everyone.

Hitting Contest, Around the Horn and Fastest Team Contest:

These will be held at Miller Park Thursday during the tournament. The hitting contest will be first followed by the Around the Horn and Fastest Team contest. Each team will be allowed one player for the hitting contest and the fastest team contest shall consist of four players, and the teams infield will do Around the Horn. The Eden Prairie Association is in charge of the contests, and all questions will be handled at the coaches meeting.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 6:30 PM Thursday with all teams lining up at Miller Park complex for entry into the ceremonies.

Mandatory Managers Meeting:

July 25, 2012, 8:00 PM at the: (1 Coach in ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY). we do have limited space.

The Managers meeting will be held at:

Miller Park Commons Area

Just off 494/212 at Eden Prairie Road

We will require that no more than **One (1)** team representatives be in attendance. Tournament rules will be discussed and there will be a brief question and answer session. Bill Pearson is the Suburban League and NAFA Youth State Director - he is the tournament director and can answer all your questions at the coaches meeting.

Tournament Gate Entry Information:

Your gate fee per team is \$150 payable to Eden Prairie Fastpitch. This covers all members of your team, all relatives and guests.
