

## **Tournament Information**

**LOCATION:** DeLuca Field & Short Beach Recreation Complex, Stratford, CT  
Press Box at DeLuca Field (203) 377-6388

**DATES:** Thursday, August 9-Sunday, August 12

**STAFF:** Tournament Director: Bob Baird  
Brakettes Inc. Chairman & President: Pat Sanders  
Umpires-in-Chief: Cliff LaRose  
Donald Caterson (emeritus)

**AWARDS:** Team Awards: First Place, Runner-up, & Third Place team plaques  
Individual medals for first and second place teams  
Individual Awards:  
Micki Stratton Most Valuable Player Award  
Joan Joyce Outstanding Pitcher Award  
Allyson Rioux Defensive Player Award  
Diane Schumacher Batting Champion  
Pat Dufficy Home Run Champion

**LINE-UP:** Line-up cards may be picked up from the Umpire-in-Chief at each field along with game ball. Copy of lineup should be turned into the scorekeeper in press box at least 20 minutes prior to game time. Please complete the line-up card with first and last names, position, uniform number, and substitutes and coaches for pre-game introductions.

**GAME TIMES:** Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be at the field at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Games may start earlier than the posted time. Pool play begins Thursday morning and bracket play starts Friday morning.

**INFIELD PRACTICE:** No infield practice will be allowed. Ground balls may be hit behind the baselines once Field has been groomed and provided time permits. Outfield fly balls are acceptable.

**DUGOUT LIMITS:** Only roster players, coaches, manager, scorekeeper, and bat girls are permitted in the Dugout.

**PROTESTS:** All protests will be handled by the U-I-C at the point before play proceeds.

**RUN RULE:** The 8-run rule after 5 innings and 15 run rule after 3 innings shall be in effect. Complete inning must be played unless the home team scores the run while at bat.

**SUSPENDED GAMES:** All suspended games will be resumed from the point of suspension.

**INTERNATIONAL TIE-BREAKER:** The international tie-breaker will be used **ONLY** in pool games. It will **NOT** be used in bracket play.

**RUNNERS/EH:** There are no courtesy runners allowed in the tournament. Teams may use an EH (extra hitter) in addition to a DP or Flex Player. It will give them the option of hitting 10.

**COIN FLIP:** A coin flip will determine the Home and Visitor and will take place at the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning of the previous game or 30 minutes prior to starting time for the first game of the session. It will take place where the U-I-C is located.

**TEAM BENCHES:** Also known as the “John Stratton Rule”, the team listed on the top of the bracket sits in the third base dugout, unless it involves the Brakettes who are permanent residents of third base so John can reach the men’s room in time!

**GAME BALL:** Game balls will be the Diamond Fast Pitch Optic Yellow.

**TOURNAMENT**

**HEADQUARTERS:** Comfort Suites (located 1 mile from DeLuca Field)  
1500 South Avenue  
Stratford, CT 06615  
(203) 375-9528  
Kim Canu, Sales Manager

**TICKETS:** Tickets will be \$5 per session for general admission (first and third base bleachers), \$6 for reserved/with back rests behind home plate, and \$8 for box seats. Tournament Passes are \$35 for box seats, \$30 for reserved, and \$25 for general admission. There are seven sessions. No admission will be charged for games at Short Beach unless weather conditions necessitate moving games there.

**PRACTICE FIELDS:** There are several fields available. The closest ones to Comfort Suites are at the Birdseye Rec Complex, located two blocks from the hotel. There are three fields at the site.

**BATTING CAGES:** Two batting cages are available for the teams waiting to play the next game at DeLuca Field. There is no hitting allowed anywhere on the playing field. Warm-up (throw & catch) is permitted in the area behind the outfield fences at DeLuca Field. There are two adjacent fields at Short Beach for hitting.

**FOOD/ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES**

**& PETS:** No food or drink may be brought into the ballpark. Water and cups will be provided for each game. There is a full menu concession stand at the field with breakfast and dinner specials. It is located directly behind home plate. No alcoholic beverages, smoking, or pets are allowed inside DeLuca Field.

**ASA rules will be utilized in those areas that are not covered by the specifically listed tournament rules. Also, the tournament committee reserves the right to make revisions to the schedule in the event of inclement weather in order to bring the tournament to a successful conclusion.**