

## Tournament Information

**LOCATION:** DeLuca Field & Short Beach Recreation Complex, Stratford, CT.

**DATES:** Thursday, August 1-Sunday, August 4, 2019

**STAFF:**

Tournament Director:	Bob Baird
Brakettes Inc. Chairman of Board & GM	
Media Director/Brakettes Asst. GM	Rob Baird
Umpires-in-Chief:	Cliff LaRose
	Donald Caterson (emeritus)

**CRITERIA:** Teams must play a regular-season schedule and use regular-season rosters. All-Star teams and pick-up players are NOT permitted in WMS.

**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  
Danni Kemp Sportsmanship Award

**(Presented to a Brakettes player based upon 2019 season and WMS tournament)**

An All-America team will be announced and certificates mailed out.

**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 afternoon and continues Friday morning. Bracket play follows immediately.

### **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. Area behind outfield fence may be used for warmup, throwing, or pitching. **NO HITTING IS PERMITTED IN THAT AREA.**

**DUGOUT LIMITS:** Only roster players, coaches, manager, scorekeeper, and bat girls are permitted in the dugout. **On deck batter must stay within the fenced-in area for safety.**

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

**RUN RULE:** The 12-run rule after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 shall be in effect. Complete inning must be played unless the home team scores the run while at bat.

**TIME LIMIT:** There is no time limit in effect.

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

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**TIE-BREAKER:** The international tie-breaker will NOT be used, unless needed if inclement weather adversely affects the tournament.

**RUNNERS/EH:** **Courtesy runners are allowed in the tournament for pitcher and catcher. We are using the ASA fast pitch rule for “courtesy runners.” A copy of the ASA rule will be included in your coaches package.** Teams may use an EH (extra hitter) in addition to a DP/Flex Player. It will give them the option of hitting 10.

**PLAYERS:** Teams may start and finish with 8 players. When the spot in the batting order for the 9<sup>th</sup> player arrives it shall be counted as an OUT.

**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 Dudley Fast Pitch softball.

## **TOURNAMENT**

**HEADQUARTERS:** Quality Suites (located 1 mile from DeLuca Field)  
1500 South Avenue  
Stratford, CT 06615  
(203) 375-9528  
Contact Harry, 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 for each session. 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 Quality Suites are at the Birdseye Rec Complex, located two blocks from the hotel. There are three fields at the site.

**BATTING CAGES:** A winter storm rendered our batting cages inoperable. There is no hitting allowed anywhere inside the ballpark, which includes the space beyond the outfield fence. The grass area behind the first base bleachers may be used for pop-up nets. 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.

**Official 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.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF COURTESY RUNNER RULE AND EH:**

- **Team may use a courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher providing the pitcher or catcher bats for themselves and reaches base safely.**
- **The same courtesy runner may not run for both the pitcher and the catcher at any time during the game.**
- **Players who are currently in the game or have participated in the game in any playing capacity are not eligible to serve as a courtesy runner.**
- **If the DP bats for the pitcher or catcher and reaches base safely, a courtesy runner is not permitted to run for the Designated Player, or their substitute, including the pitcher or catcher.**
- **Many tournaments this year used the slow pitch “last out” as a courtesy runner. It is not permitted in the WMS.**
- **The extra hitter (EH) offers teams the opportunity to hit 10 players. The EH may enter the game defensively at any time, but the spot in the batting order remains the same. If you are using the DP/Flex, you are not permitted an EH if you only have 10 players.**

## **OTHER POINTS OF IMPORTANCE**

**Remember, NO FOOD OR DRINK FROM OUTSIDE may be brought into the ballpark.**

**Teams who are not playing in a game must sit in either the first or third base bleachers and NOT in the seats behind home plate.**

**Teams are reminded to hustle on and off the field between innings. Since we do not use the tie-breaker it is important to stay as close to on schedule as possible. We may have to institute a time limit between half innings if we are running behind. Pitchers are allowed only 3 pitches between innings.**