

2023-2024 Youth Softball Tournament Information

We are pleased to present our 9th season of Danbury Sports Dome Softball Tournaments, featuring full-size, indoor softball fields, unrestricted by walls or ceilings. The 120,000 square foot Dome routinely runs two games simultaneously with ceilings 95 feet high.

Age Groups for the 2023-2024 season will include 12U, 14U, 16U/18U.

****Team Awards and Medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each tournament****

Due to the ever-increasing demand for field usage, we're providing anticipated game times for each of the tournaments that are detailed below. Based on the number of teams that register to participate, some times might change slightly, aiming to begin early-morning play later and/or end late-evening play earlier than listed whenever possible. All dates and times are subject to change based on potential mitigation measures associated with pandemic or other developments.

Tournaments will be played over two or three days with a minimum of four games. Tournament formats will include three pool play games with all teams advancing to the seeded single elimination rounds. Games will be 1hr 15mins, no-new-inning except for the full-length championship games. We expect all games will have two umpires. The costs of umpires, balls, and other items associated with tournaments are included in the registration fee. We are not using the pay-at-the-plate approach.

Each with an all-in cost of \$1,150, we are offering five tournaments this winter:

4th Annual 12U Harvest Fest

Saturday-Sunday, November 11 – 12

Game Times:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

8th Annual 16/18U Holiday Swansong

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 26 – 27

Game Times:

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

3rd Annual 16/18U New Year's Bash

Thursday-Friday, December 28 – 29

Game Times:

Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

9th Annual 14U Presidents' Day Challenge

Saturday-Monday, February 17 – 19

Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

4th Annual 12U Daffodil Classic

Saturday-Sunday, April 6 – 7

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To register for any of this season's tournaments, simply complete and submit the Registration Form at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFoD8k-Wxv07NLgg6L8SbcijgWuTtDZFziFAQZfJb-Nek6Qg/viewform?usp=sf_link

The mailing address for checks:

Diamond Consulting Associates LLC (or DCA LLC), 120 Campbell Road, Trumbull, Conn. 06611

Or you may use Zelle to send your fee electronically to (203) 362-8570. Do not use Venmo.

Registration is complete only when payment is received. Like last year, registration for all tournaments will close on October 15 and all payments are absolutely due by that date.

We will acknowledge your registration after receiving payment to confirm your place in the tournament or to inform you that the tournament is full and you're on the wait list. If no openings occur and there's no space for you in the tournament, we will offer you a full credit to an alternative tournament or issue you a full refund.

We will reserve the right to determine which tournaments will proceed based on registrations. If registrations fall short of the full number of teams that a tournament can accommodate, we reserve the right to re-format the competition if at least four teams are registered. Depending on circumstances, possible examples include a round-robin event, a double elimination event, etc.

Likewise, DCA reserves the right to reschedule a tournament day or some games if Covid, weather, or similar factors cancel some scheduled match-ups. Teams are obligated to play on the rescheduled date(s)/time(s).

If members of your team are interested in overnight accommodations, please call the Hampton Inn Danbury at (203) 748-6677 ASAP (they sold out last year) and mention the group name "Softball at the Dome" along with the date of arrival. The group rate is \$119 per night, plus tax. That includes a hot buffet breakfast, WiFi, business center, indoor pool, and hot tub.

Tournament Cancellation Policy [Please read carefully]

Although we try to work with all teams that enter our events, it is important to understand the problems that are created when a team registers for an event and then does not follow through with their commitment to participate. When you enter a tournament, we make a commitment to you. We expect the same type of commitment in return. These instances not only affect our organization but every other organization that has made a commitment to play.

Therefore, the following Cancellation Policy is in effect:

- All cancellations must be received in writing via e-mail to Ross (rkinkade2927@att.net) and/or Dan (dca120@sbcglobal.net) no later than October 15, 2022. You must make sure you receive confirmation from us. Verbal cancellations will not be accepted.
- Teams that cancel out of an event prior to October 15 will be issued a refund minus a \$75 administrative fee. Alternatively, the team may opt to use their tournament credit to register for a tournament later in the season by paying a \$75 administrative fee.

• **Important Note**: No refund will be issued to any team that needs to cancel any time after October 15 unless the team secures a commitment from a replacement team and that team promptly provides payment to DCA. The \$75 administrative fee will be deducted from the refund in this situation.

Bear in mind that, if Covid or similar restrictions are imposed upon us, we will work closely with all teams and these terms may be altered accordingly. As the only exception to these provisions, if cancellations are caused by pandemic issues, our intention is to refund fees to the fullest extent possible or provide credit toward an alternative tournament if the team wishes.