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All-Star Games Headline Opening Ceremonies Metro Softball Tournament Begins Next Week

Tournament Bracket Drawing: Tuesday, July 28 from 6:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The tournament bracket drawing is when registered teams find out when and who they will play in the Metro. It will begin at 6:15 p.m. on the deck at Rumpke Park for the Women, Coed and Level 6 divisions. Levels 1-5 will draw throughout the night.

All-Star Games: Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31

Last year's division champions take on All-Stars selected from the same division.

Thursday, July 30

- 7 p.m.: "D" All-Stars vs. Club Trio
- 8 p.m.: "C" All-Stars vs. Nappy Dugout
- 9 p.m.: "B" All-Stars vs. Last Call

Friday, July 31

- 7:30 p.m.: "A" All-Star Game (last year's "A" champions disbanded)
- 8:30 p.m.: "Open" All-Stars vs. Blitz/Watanabe

Traditional First Pitch and National Anthem: Friday, July 31 at 8:15 p.m.

Before the "Open" division All-Star game, the Ohio Army National Guard will present the American flag, and Metro Softball Umpire Tony Carner will sing the National Anthem. The 2009 John Earls Memorial Award will also be given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Cincinnati softball community for more than 30 years.

General Information

Rumpke Park hosts the annual Metro from July 30 to Aug. 12. Tournament play begins July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Rumpke Park is located in Crosby Township on state Route 128. Weeknight play begins at 6:30 p.m. and weekend games start at 10 a.m. Public admission is \$3. Children under 12 and adults over 65 receive free admission.

***** Interviews and Photo Opportunities Available *****