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Metro Tournament Begins This Week

Rumpke Park to Host Nation's Largest Amateur Softball Tournament

CROSBY TOWNSHIP – July 25, 2011 – The tri-state's best amateur softball teams go head-to-head for the city championships starting this week.

The annual Cincinnati Metro Softball Tournament begins with the bracket draw July 26 at Rumpke Park when teams find out who they play in the first round. Games begin July 28 and continue through Aug. 11.

"The Metro determines the best of the best in the area," said Dan Saylor, Rumpke Park executive director and Cincinnati Amateur Softball Association (ASA) commissioner. "We appreciate the passion of the players and teams in the Metro. The crew at Rumpke Park works tirelessly throughout the tournament to ensure the best playing conditions and a memorable experience for the fans."

The Metro covers all level of play for men and women, from ultra-competitive to co-ed recreational tournaments. The Metro runs every day during the two-week stretch. Nearly 250 teams compete in the two-and-out tournament.

This year's Metro poses a new rule for competitors. All bats will be supplied by the tournament and must be used by competing teams. Personal bats will not be permitted inside the dugout. Following the Metro, bats will be for sale at Rumpke Park.

Important Dates for the Metro

Tuesday, July 26, 2011:

- * Tournament bracket draw beginning at 6:15 p.m.
- * Home Run Derby beginning around 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 28, 2011:

- * The Metro games officially begin.
- * All-Star Games (2010 champions vs. division all-stars).
 - Level 5 Champions FOP 69/ Bolte Contracting vs. All-Stars at 7:00 PM
 - Level 4 Champions Swisshelm/ Doghouse vs. All-Stars at 8:15 PM
 - Level 3 Champions Greenhorns vs. All-Stars at 9:15 PM

Friday, July 29, 2011:

- * More All-Star games.
 - Level 2 Champions PRI vs. All-Stars at 7:00 PM
 - Level 1 Champions Watanabe/ Blitz vs. All-Stars at 8:30 PM
- * Opening Ceremonies Prior to Level 1 All-Star Game
 - Presentation of American Flag by military veterans playing in the Metro
 - Singing of the National Anthem performed by Mindy Tolbert
 - Presentation of the John Earls Memorial Award, in recognition of an individual who has made significant contributions to the Cincinnati softball community

About Rumpke Park

Rumpke Park is located in Crosby Township on state Route 128, five miles north of I-74. Tournament play begins weeknights at 6:30 p.m. and weekends at 9 a.m. (weather permitting). Public admission is \$3.

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