



# 3 IMPORTANT CHANGES

THAT EVERY PLAYER, COACH & MANAGER **NEEDS TO KNOW**

## 1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE

*Deadline: One day earlier*

**B, C, & D DIVISIONS**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AS EARLY AS 7:50 a.m. WEDNESDAY**

**What's different?** In recent years, the deadline has been 7:50 a.m. Thursday.

**When do games start?** Pool play games start on Tuesday. Double elimination could start as early as 7:50 a.m. on Wednesday.

**A DIVISION & MASTERS**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AS EARLY AS NOON on THURSDAY**

**What's Different?** These divisions have previously allowed registration as late as Friday morning.

**When do games start?** Pool play starts on Wednesday. Double elimination could start as early as noon on Thursday.

**What does "as early as" mean?** The actual deadline could be an hour or two later than the time shown – but it won't be any earlier than this time.

GSWS rules state that players must register before the start of their Division's first double-elimination game – and final game schedules won't be set until just before the GSWS begins.

## 2 BAT TESTING

*All testing at the Renaissance host hotel*

### WHAT'S BAT TESTING?

**What does this mean?** If you want to use your bat at the GSWS, it must be tested in DC – even if the bat was tested at last year's World Series

**It already has an ASA logo:** That's required too, but it's not enough. Testing all bats ensures they continue to meet ASA standards – even bats manufactured with an ASA certification symbol.

### WHERE IS BAT TESTING?

**ONE LOCATION ONLY: RENAISSANCE HOST HOTEL**

**What's different this year?** Unlike last year, there will be **no bat testing machines set up at any of the softball venues.**

**Where do I go for testing?** Only one location this year: the Renaissance host hotel. Look for it at player registration on Sunday and Monday, plus select hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. Specific hours will be published later in August.

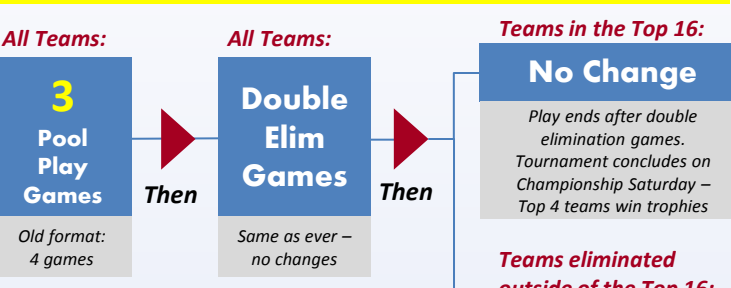
## 3 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

*NAGAAA's member cities voted for a change in format for divisions with more than 24 teams*

### IS MY DIVISION CHANGING?

<b>A DIVISION &amp; MASTERS</b>	<b>No changes</b>
<b>B, C, &amp; D DIVISIONS</b>	<b>Minor changes</b> <small>Still a six-game minimum</small>

### NEW FORMAT for B, C, & D DIVISIONS:



**This sounds a lot different... but it's really not:**

- The championship teams are still decided by pool play games followed by double elimination – just like before
- After pool play, every team plays in double elimination with a chance to win their division championship.
- For teams "double-eliminated" outside of the Top 16, the extra single-elim bracket ensures every team plays at least six total games.

**NEW: Play an extra single-elim bracket on Friday**

Teams outside of the Top 16 earn a chance to play a few more games against teams eliminated at a similar stage of the tournament.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each of the single-elim brackets presented at the fields with Consolation Flight plaques