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THE SPRING GAMES:

The latest information on
the World's largest
collegiate softball
tournament

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Preliminary Schedules are DONE!

PFX Athletics makes history by delivering the preliminary schedules at the NFCA Convention in Atlanta, Georgia



For the first time EVER, PFX Athletics is excited to announce that it will have preliminary schedules available for coaches' review on December 3, 2015 at the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association ("NFCA") Convention in Atlanta. This announcement marks the earliest a preliminary schedule has been ready for THE Spring Games.

In 2014, PFX Athletics took over management of Legends Way Ballfields and, with it, THE Spring Games. From the onset, PFX Athletics asked what coaches were looking for to make the Games not only the biggest, but also the BEST. Across the board, coaches responded with a resounding request: get the schedule ready earlier. PFX Athletics took that challenge seriously.

The first task on the agenda: get a scheduling program that can support not only the

volume of games, but also the numerous requests they accept and to which they commit.

"With almost 330 schools registered at this point, having the preliminary schedule ready so early in the process is truly a milestone for us and something about which we are very proud as a team," Alison Strange, President of PFX Athletics explains, "in past years, Bob [Borak] and his team have toiled over the schedule for days and nights for months, leaving no time to support other coaches' requests or the company in general. Now, we are not only able to support our coaches' scheduling requests, but also use our time and talents to make their overall experience, and that of the fans, much better."

Bob reminds us that this is a preliminary schedule. "It's not going to be perfect," he says, "it's just the start of the schedule. We hope that the teams will review it and give us feedback so we can have the final schedule ready the first week of January."

Coaches can pick up their schedules at the PFX Athletics booth at the NFCA Convention this week; those who do not attend will receive their schedule via email.

Once revised, the final schedule will be posted online by February 1, 2016.

Where your team will be playing

In addition to getting the schedule earlier, coaches have asked us to minimize the amount of travel between complexes as well as the number of complexes where they will need to play each Spring. We are now able to ensure that teams only play at TWO parks for their Spring Games experience. Here's some helpful information that will make booking rooms and planning your trip easier:

- For teams playing **before February 28**: all of your games will be at Legends Way.
- For teams playing **between February 28 and March 4**, all of your games will be played at either Legends Way or Hancock.
- For teams playing between **March 5 and 12**, the game schedule will be as follows:
 - DII teams will play between Hancock and Legends Way **or** West Orange and Legends Way.
 - DIII teams will play between Hancock and Legends Way **or** West Orange and Legends Way.
 - NAIA and JUCO teams will play between Sleepy Hollow and Legends Way.

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ENTER TO WIN!

We have extended the deadline for THE Spring Games 2016 logo to December 15, 2015. The logo winner will be featured on all Spring Games apparel, banners, and merchandise. This month's contest is to see which school can get the most "likes" for its photo.

The Prize: \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Clermont Waterfront Bikes & Boards!

How to enter: Get your players, parents, and fans to submit their proposed logos on THE Spring Games Facebook Group by November 30 for a chance to win. The team with the most posts or "likes" wins! The winner will be announced in our January Newsletter.



Contest brought to you by:

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What you need to know

Spring is just around the corner!

FAST FACTS

353

Teams registered as of December 1, 2015
(Includes Late Registrations)

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The number of teams currently on the registration reserve list.

Teams are still encouraged to register for THE Spring Games; however, until we confirm field availability this month, we will not be confirming registration or accepting payment for those teams. Once invited, wait-list teams will have 48 hours to confirm their availability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can always reach us on Facebook (@PFX Athletics) or via email. For Spring Games information, you can reach out to:

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Where your team will be playing

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- For teams playing between **March 13 and 19**, your team will play at Legends Way and **one** of these other complexes: West Orange or Hancock Park.
- For teams playing between **March 20 and the end of the Games**, your team will play at Legends Way and Hancock.

THE Spring Games 2016 Facilities:

For returning teams, many of you are already familiar with Legends Way and Hancock parks. In recent years, we have required additional facilities to support the volume of games and finding well-maintained, comfortable, high-caliber parks has been a top priority for us as we have grown.

In addition to our facilities at Legends Way, Hancock, and West Orange, we are very excited to be adding the Sleepy Hollow complex in neighboring Leesburg to our roster of facilities for 2016. The Sleepy Hollow complex was renovated in 2014 and boasts six (6) fields, covered spectator areas, multiple restroom and shower facilities, shade, plenty of parking and picnic areas, warm-up areas, and, of course, beautiful fields. Learn more about Sleepy Hollow and the City of Leesburg at our website.

Places to Stay

Part of having an enjoyable experience is staying in a place near the action!

This year, PFX Athletics has worked hard to make the fan experience better than ever. We realize that while the teams are here to play softball, the fans are here to, well, play, also! Part of taking advantage of all Lake County has to offer is being in close proximity to the events that go on here. There is much to do in and around THE Spring Games and staying close to the action is an important factor in being able to enjoy the event at its fullest.

Check out the "Places to Stay" page on our website and compare it to where your team will be playing and keep an eye on our newsletters to ensure the best experience this Spring!



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Where should you stay this Spring?

If your team's ancillary site is:

Hancock, you will want to stay in Clermont proper, Minneola, Montverde, or Groveland. You may check out Mission Inn in Howie-in-the-Hills if you want a luxury, villa, or golf experience.

West Orange, you will want to stay in Clermont proper, preferably **East of Highway 27** and **close to Highway 50**.

Sleepy Hollow, you will want to stay **North of Clermont proper**, preferably at Mission Inn or one of our partner hotels in Leesburg or Tavares. You may also want to check out The Villages for a high-energy (college-like) experience of your own!

Be sure to let us know where you stay and how your experience is so we can continue to improve. You can fill out the survey on our website.