

2020

**Hatters Heat Wave Tournament
Hosted by Danbury PAL Girls Softball**

Information Packet

• **Game Schedule and Locations**

Pool Play will consist of 3 games on Saturday August 22th followed by a single elimination on Sunday August 23rd.

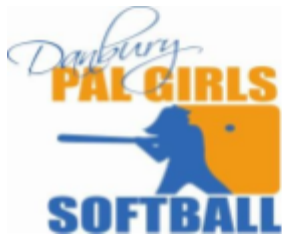
All games will be held at Danbury Hatters Park (Field 1, 2 and 3)

Full schedules will be sent separately.

• **Field Locations and Parking**

Hatters Park Field 1, Field 2 and Field 3 are located at 7 East Hayestown Road, Danbury, CT 06811. The Park is collocated with Danbury Duck Pin Lanes. There is limited parking in the lot adjacent to the fields and tournament attendees are highly encouraged to park at the Danbury PAL building around the corner located at 35 Hayestown Rd. Please let your families and fans know that if they do not find parking at Hatters Park, they can turn right to leave the Hatters parking lot, proceed to the stop sign, turn right and proceed about ¼ mile. Danbury PAL is on the right. When parking there, you can park in the rear right corner of the parking lot. There is a walking trail that will bring you to the park of Hatters where the playground is. There will be signs setup to point the way. **We highly recommend unless you are the first game of the day to just park over at the PAL building. The lot at Hatters is very tight.**

• **Facilities**

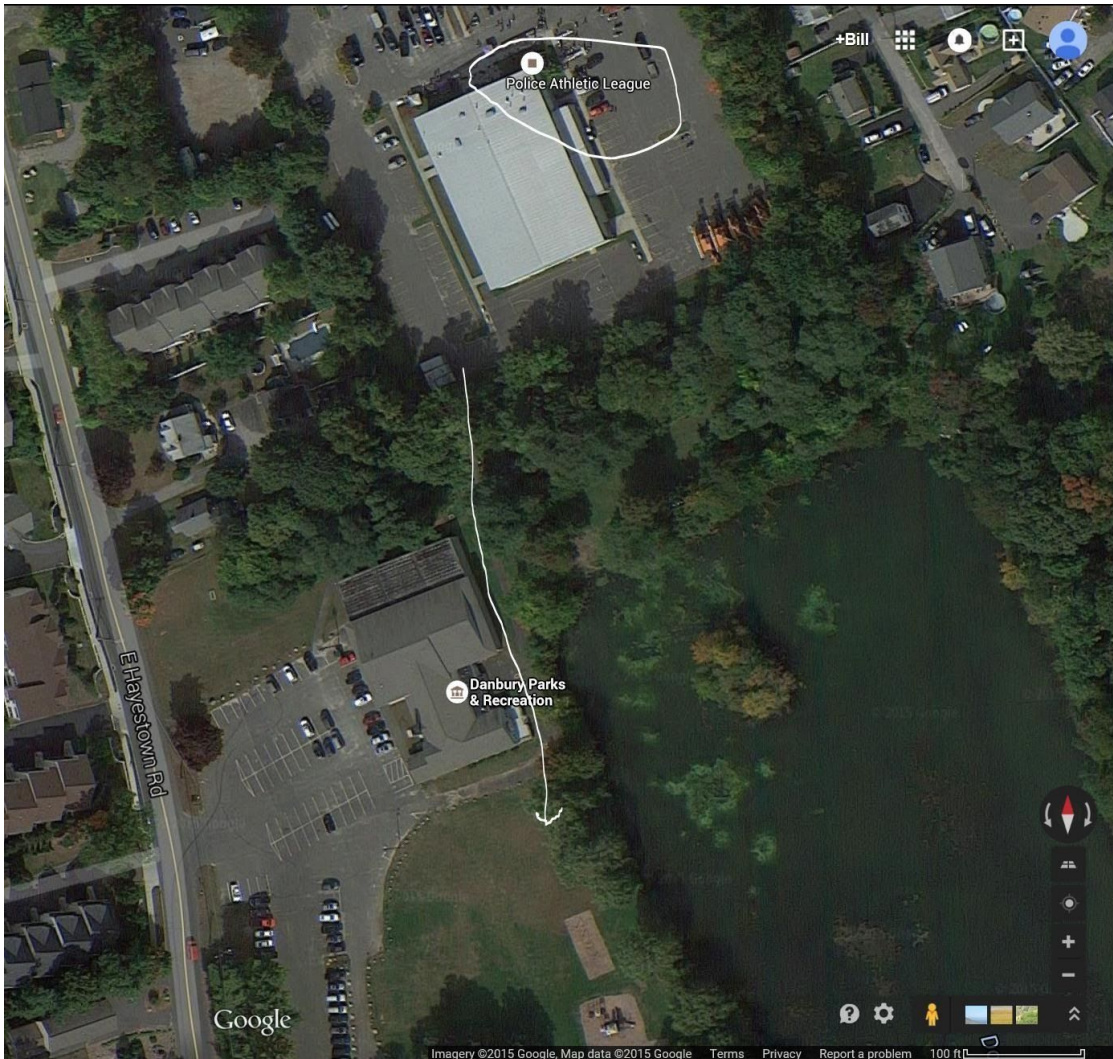
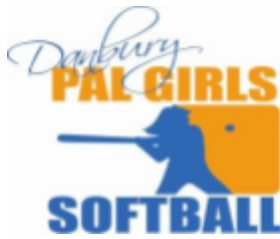


Hatters Park has 3 enclosed softball fields, a covered pavilion with seating for approximately 100 people, concessions as well as port a potties will be available.

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- **Site Maps**

Hatters Park: Below is an aerial view of the facility. A is the pavilion with concessions and bathrooms, B is outdoor hitting cage. C is a park where you can have warmups or hang out in between games.

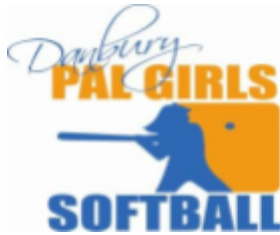




Above is an aerial view from the Danbury PAL Center where overflow parking will be available. The arrow shows the walking trail from there to Hatters.

- **Safety**

Each field will be equipped with medical kits and ice packs just in case of emergency. Contact information for Danbury PAL Girls Softball

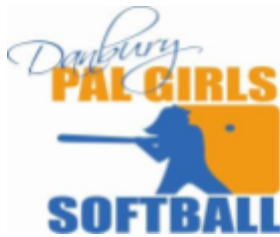


representatives on site will also be posted at each field in case you need someone to come to a field asap. A program representative will always be presents at the Pavilion. We have a defibrillator in the press box at Field 1 in case of emergency.

- **Rules**

The tournament will be run under USA rules. The following is a summary of some key rules and some rule exceptions:

- Teams may use up to **3** Additional Players in the lineup. Additional Players will follow USA rules. Players not in the lineup as Additional Players will be treated as per normal USA substitution rules. The DP/FLEX player option will not be in effect.
- Dropped third and infield fly will be in effect.
- No fake bunt and swing away will be permitted in either division. Once a player squares to bunt they must either bunt or pull back. First infraction will be an out, second will be ejection.
- All pool play games will have a time limit where no new inning can begin after 1 hour 30 minutes. Once an inning has been started it will finished to completion. Umpires will make the call on game time.
- All single elimination games will have the same time limits except the championship games will be played to completion. Games are 7 innings consistent with USA rules.
- Mercy rule will be in effect per USA rule book. 12 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 and 8 after 6.
- If the game is tied at the end of completion, USA tie breaker rules will apply (International tie breaker rules).
- Tournament officials reserve the right to change, shorten, modify games to complete the tournament successfully.
- A coin flip will be used to determine home/away for pool play games.
The better seed will be home during the elimination round.
- There are no pitching limitations.
- Elimination round seedings will be based on the following in order:
 - Winning Percentage – Descending
 - Number Wins – Descending
 - Number Losses – Ascending



- Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Pct - Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other)
- Runs Allowed per game
- Run differential
- Coin flip
- Once past a tie breaker do not return to previous
- Head-to-head (if applicable) is used to break ties when only 2 teams are tied.

Please note that a final review of tournament rules will be made and any changes will be communicated to you before the start of the tournament. You should have the USA rulebook handy in case of any issues.

Protests will be made to game umpires and attempts to resolve on field by the umpires and tournament officials.

- **Ground Rules**

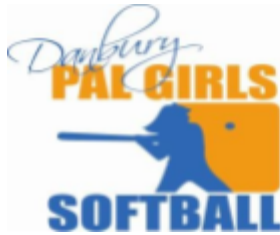
Game umpires will be apprised of ground rules before each day of the event. Each field is fully enclosed by fence. There are gates leading out of the dugout. They should remain closed during game action. It is recommended that a coach monitor the gate.

Only authorized team personnel are allowed in the dugouts or on the fields.

- **Team Check In and Information Required**

All teams need to check in prior to their first game. Tournament officials will be present. We will require Rosters, insurance certificate and birth documents or registration cards. Your roster should be your official roster per USA, Babe Ruth, Little League or Pony. Rosters should be signed in accordance with regulations relating to respective softball regulatory body. Rosters should include names, uniform numbers and Dates of Birth.

Please email your roster to Rick Woods (rickw300@aol.com) as soon as you can. Also please check in with a tournament official prior to your first game to review required documentation.



- **Game Results**

Umpires will have scorecards to be signed by each team at the completion of a game. We also recommend texting your final scores to Rick Woods 203-627-1353 and Marty Boulanger 203-733-1573 for games later in day and remote sites so we can update results for seeding purposes.

Sunday seedings will be determined after the completion of the last game on Saturday. We will attempt to email the brackets out as early Saturday evening as possible.

- **Trophies and Medals**

Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up. Teams will be given three medals to award to one player on the opposing team in pool play games. We would recommend that other qualities like sportsmanship and effort/hustle be considered in the evaluation. We would also recommend coaches confer if possible to avoid having one player getting all 3 medals.

- **Concessions / T-Shirts**

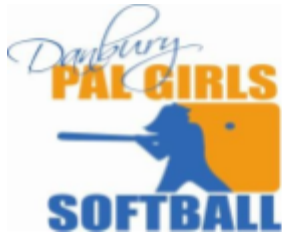
We will be running concessions all day Saturday and Sunday of the event. Mornings we will have breakfast sandwiches, while Saturday afternoon we will have hamburgers, hot dogs, water, Gatorade, snacks and candy.

We also plan to have t-shirts commemorating the event. All shirts will need to be pre-ordered, we will have very limited shirts available so please get your orders in asap.

- **Off-site food & shopping**

Hatters Park is also in close proximity to Padanaram Road, where you will find a KFC, Burger King, McDonalds, Sal's Pizza, John's Pizza, Basilico's Pizza, Bagelman, Elmer's Diner, and Carvel. Also nearby are a Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks.

- **Fun and Sportsmanship**



Lastly this tournament is all about fun with terrific support from our local softball community. We want to provide our young ladies an opportunity to compete at a high level and have fun doing it.