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**How To Register:**

Call, Click, or Walk In or fill out the registration form

410-313-7275

[www.howardcountymd.gov/rap](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap)

7120 Oakland Mills Rd.

Columbia, MD 21046

**Make check payable to Director of Finance.** The finance office will add a \$35 charge to any returned check.

**Credit card users:** (MasterCard, VISA, American Express, or Discover) can also register by phone, 410-313-7275, Mon-Fri 8a.m.-4p.m. (TTY 410-313-4665): FAX 410-313-4660, or Internet <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap>.

**Refund Policy:** A 20% administrative fee is deducted for all refund requests before March 12 (4 weeks prior to tournament); a 50% refund if withdrawal requested before March 26 (2 weeks prior to tournament); after March 26, no refunds will be given (schedules have been completed).



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# 2011 Softball Early Bird



## Slow Pitch ASA Qualifier

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2011 HC Softball Early Bird Slow Pitch ASA Qualifier

**Registration Form: 2011 Early Bird Slow Pitch ASA Qualifier  
Course: RP5731**

Check one:  Co-Rec (301)     Men's (302)

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

League played in \_\_\_\_\_ Record \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks. I agree to hold Howard County, its employees, officials and agents harmless from any and all claims for damages unless due to the sole negligence of the County, its employees or agents.

Signature of Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit-Card Payment**

MasterCard    VISA    American Express    Discover

# \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2011 Howard County Softball Early Bird ASA "E" Qualifier

**April 2& 3, 2011  
(rain date April 9 & 10)  
Cedar Lane Park  
Fee: \$225 per team  
Ages 18 - up**

**The tournament** will provide three ASA approved balls to each team before the tournament begins. Additional balls may be purchased at the site, \$5 each.

**The registration deadline** is Friday, March 25, 2011. Registration is limited; first come, first served. Draw will be mailed.

**Bracket:** Three games guaranteed

**Categories:**  
Co-Rec (RP5731.301)  
Men's E (RP5731.302)

**Awards:**  
**Co-Rec 1st Place:** Berth to State Tournament\*; Sponsor Trophy and Shirts  
**2nd Place:** Sponsor Trophy and Shirts  
**Men's E 1st Place:** Berth to State Tournament\*; Sponsor Trophy and Shirts  
**2nd Place:** Sponsor Trophy and Shirts

\* State berths will be awarded based on registration as follows 4-12 teams: 1st place - unpaid berth

## Early Bird Softball Tournament Rules

1. Unless modified here, all games will be played in accordance with the current Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Slow Pitch Softball rules.
2. Rosters are limited to 20 players. Rosters must be turned in prior to your first tournament game. Players may play for only one team.
3. Players shall wear the same color shirt (numbers optional).
4. Games will start at their scheduled starting times. NO GRACE PERIOD!
5. A game may start and/or be played with a minimum of nine players. If a tenth player arrives after the start of the game, he shall bat in the tenth position.

### **Teams starting with 10 or 11 or 12 players and having to drop to 11, 10 or 9 players with no substitutes available:**

- a. If a player has to leave the game and the player is a base runner, the runner is declared out.
  - b. When a team plays shorthanded because a player leaves the game, the player cannot return to the line-up.
  - c. If there is an eligible substitute at the game, or if an eligible substitute arrives before the game is over, the substitute must enter the game.
  - d. A Men's team may drop from 11 to nine players without a forfeit being declared.
6. Home team will be determined by a coin toss.
  7. 15 run rule after 4; 10 run rule after 5
  8. There will be a 60 minute time limit on all games. No new inning may start after the 60 minute period unless the game is tied or has not completed five innings.
  9. When each batter enters the batter's box, he/she shall have the count of one ball and one strike. After the batter has reached two strikes, he/she shall be declared out when he/she hits a second foul ball.
  10. Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended from participation in the remainder of the tournament. An ejected player may be replaced in the line-up with an eligible substitute.

11. All protests must be settled on the field. Player eligibility protests must be filed prior to the completion of the game in which the ineligible player participated.
12. All games must be official. In the event of rain or if any other cause interrupts a game which is not official, the game must be resumed at the exact point it stopped.
13. Metal spikes are prohibited.
14. The following home run limits will be in effect: The Co-Rec division will allow one untouched home run per team, per game; any additional home runs will be ruled an out. The Men's E division will allow one home run; the batter is ruled out for the first excess; all other players hitting a home run are ruled out.
15. Each team shall furnish one new ball at the start of each game. If additional balls are needed, the team at bat shall furnish as many ASA approved balls with a COR of .52/275 compression as needed to complete their turn at bat.
16. Bats banned by ASA are banned for use in all Howard County Tournaments.

### **Co-Rec Playing Rule Exceptions**

17. A team shall consist of five men and five women. (Exception: six men and six women must be used if using the ASA "EP". Dropping below the required 12 players will result in a forfeiture). If a team is playing with nine players, there must be five of one sex and four of the other in the line-up. The offensive line-up may begin with either a man or a woman. Thereafter, the sexes shall alternate.
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19. If a male batting ninth in the order is walked and the tenth batter is not present, the ninth batter is awarded first base on the walk and next batter (the vacant spot) is an automatic out. The first batter (a male) does not have the option of taking an automatic walk.
20. The ASA defensive positioning rule is not in effect.