



9th Annual
HABWAL “Hit-A-Ball-With-A-Lutheran”
Benefit Fundraiser Softball Tournament
for West Michigan Lutheran High School
sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Saturday, August 27, 2011
Whistlestop Park – Byron Center, MI



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TEAM SIGN-UP FORM

TEAM INFORMATION:

Team Name: _____

Related Church Congregation: _____

Team Captain: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Overall Team Skill Level:

*Please circle the skill level
that best describes your
team's overall abilities.
PLEASE BE HONEST!! It will
help us set the brackets.*

ADVANCED
Big Sticks
Golden Gloves
League Players

EXPERIENCED
Strong Hitters
Great Gloves
Played for Years

MODERATE
A Few Good Hitters
Good Gloves
Likes to Play

ONCE-A-YEAR
Great Personalities
Where's My Glove?
Do I Have to Play?

SHIRT COLOR REQUEST: #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

Shirt colors selection will be first come / first serve. Please complete the color request above. We will do our best to provide the shirt color based on your three choices, but will assign a color for you as a last resort. Please choose from the list below.

Black / White / Light Blue / Royal Blue / Navy Blue / Pink / Maroon / Purple
Yellow / Gold / Orange / Lime Green / Forest Green / Light Gray / Dark Gray / Khaki

FEMALE PLAYERS:

1) _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

2) _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

3) _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

4) _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

5) _____ Age: _____

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6) _____ Age: _____

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MALE PLAYERS:

1) _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

2) _____ Age: _____

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TEAM FEES

**Players – Please submit your payment to your team captain
by Sunday, August 7, 2011.**

Total # of Players _____ x \$25 per Player = Total Fee: \$ _____
(Minimum 10 players x \$25 = \$250)

SIGN-UP & PAYMENT DUE DATE

**Team Captains – Please submit your sign-up sheet and full payment
by Wednesday, August 10, 2011.**

Registration and Fees can be dropped off at or mailed to:

West Michigan Lutheran High School
601 36th St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
ATTN: Jon Krueger



If you are mailing your registration, please allow enough delivery time to have it to the school before the deadline.

Remember: Shirt colors will be assigned first come/first serve.

THANK YOU!

TOURNAMENT QUICK NOTES

24-team maximum • Two Divisions: High-Competitive & Low-Competitive
Tournament organizers will speak with coaches regarding division placement prior to the tournament.
Get your sign-up form and payment submitted ASAP!

• **FUN & FELLOWSHIP ARE OUR TOP PRIORITIES!** •
Competitiveness is Expected / Great Sportsmanship is Mandatory!

• **Metal cleats are not allowed.** •

• **All bats must be ASA-approved (look for the ASA 2000 or 2004 stamp).** •
All bats will be checked prior to (or during games) by tournament officials or umpires.
This is a key safety measure. Any teams found using illegal bats will be disqualified.

QUESTIONS???

Please contact Jon Krueger at (616) 745-7944 or email at: krueger_design@att.net

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Dwight Anderson at (616) 455-2200 or email at: danderson@wmlhs.org



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HABWAL TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All teams must have someone designated as team captain. This player is not required to actually be a player on the team.
2. The team captain is responsible for turning in the team roster with the appropriate fee. The captain is also responsible for on-site team registration, t-shirt distribution, and getting their team to the appropriate field at the appropriate time.
3. The tournament is co-ed and slow pitch. Each team must have at least 10 players – 5 female, 5 male.
4. Batting order must alternate male and female players. All players on each team may bat. If there are unequal numbers of male and female players on the team all may bat as long as the order still alternates male and female players. This is referred to as **weaving**.
5. Each team may only field 10 players at a time. If the batting order has more than 10 players, these players may be freely substituted in during the game. There must be four outfielders (two male, two female), four infielders (two male, two female), and the battery (pitcher and catcher, one male, one female).
6. If batting a line up of more than 10 players, a player will be considered injured only if he/she cannot take his/her usual spot in the batting order. If a player is hurt in the field, then another player of the same sex may take the field without penalty.
6. Each team is allowed one replacement runner per inning. The replacement runner must be the last player of that sex to make an out. After a replacement runner is used, no other replacements can occur that inning.
7. If for any reason, a team playing with 10 or more players loses a player(s) during the course of the game, and a legal substitute is not available, that team will be allowed to continue without these players as long as at least nine players are left. A nine-player line-up must consist of a combination of four men/five women or five men/four women (any other combination is illegal). The batting order must still alternate male and female. **If there are only eight players left, then the team forfeits the game.**
8. Each game lasts a maximum of seven (7) innings, with extra innings for ties. Extra innings will be played by international tiebreaker rules. No inning will start after 55 minutes of game time (unless tied).
9. Mercy rule: A 12-run rule will be in effect upon completion of five (5) innings (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead).
10. Each batter starts with a count of one ball and one strike. If a male batter is walked, he may take two bases. The next batter (female) must bat, unless there are two outs, in which case she may take one base.
11. One "grace" foul ball AFTER two strikes will be allowed. **A second foul ball following the second strike will result in the batter being called out.**
12. Softballs for the tournament will be 12" softballs with a .44 cor and .375 compression, and will be supplied for each game by tournament officials.
13. **Only ASA-approved bats are allowed.** All bats must bear the ASA approved 2000 certification mark or the ASA 2004 certification mark (as shown below), and must not be listed on an ASA non-approved list. All bats will be checked by tournament officials or umpires prior to (or during) games. Teams found to be using an ASA non-approved bat during a game will be disqualified from the tournament.



14. **There will be three over-the-fence home runs allowed per team per game.** Each additional ball hit over the-fence fair will be ruled a single and all base-runners will advance one base from the base they occupied at the time of the pitch.
15. No metal spikes allowed.
16. Outfielders must be at least 30 feet off the edge of the infield dirt.
17. The umpire is the final authority on any and all rules and rulings. The umpire may consult other umpires or the tournament director at their discretion. Arguing with any umpire may result in your ejection from the game and you will be asked to leave the tournament.
18. After each game is completed, each team captain must report the final result to the tournament director.
19. Profanity will not be tolerated. Anyone using profanity will be immediately ejected from the game.
20. The most important rule is to have FUN!