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FIRST FIELD PLAY AT DWIGHT MERKEL SPORTS COMPLEX GETS UNDERWAY TODAY

*Girls 12 & Under "A" Fastpitch West National Championship Tournament Has
Opening Ceremony at 10:00 am Tuesday, August 3*

For more information - www.spokaneasa.com

12-U "A" WEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AGENDA

Monday 10 AM (Aug 2)

Tournament Draw @ Davenport Hotel, S. 10 Post Street
All teams will be required to be represented at the draw.
The Draw will determine your game times for pool play.
Team check-in will be available from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Draw
Tournament admission tickets will be available at the Draw.

Monday 9 AM & 4 PM (Aug 2)

Team check-in will be held at the Draw at the Davenport Hotel from 9 AM to 11 AM, and prior to and/or after the Opening Ceremonies at Merkel Complex starting @ 4 PM.

Players/Teams not checked in will not be allowed to participate in games.

There will be 15 minutes max. from the game start time to get checked in.

Monday 6 PM (Aug 2)

Opening Ceremonies @ Dwight Merkel Sports Complex, 5701 N Assembly.

There will be no admission charge for opening Ceremonies.

Teams need to be there at least 20 minutes prior to start time to get in line in the proper locations. Teams in top of bracket will assemble behind 3rd base, teams in bottom of bracket behind 1st base.

Teams (not individual players) & officials will be introduced.

Teams will exchange gifts with their scheduled first opponent in Pool Play.

Team check-in will be held prior to and/or after the opening ceremonies.

An Ice Cream Social & Pin Trading will be held for the players after the opening ceremonies

Tournament admission tickets will be available at the Opening Ceremonies.

Tuesday 10 AM (Aug 3)

Pool play begins with 4 games @ 10 AM & continues thru Wednesday.
Tournament admission tickets will be available at the Complex.

Wednesday 6 PM (Aug 4)

Team position in Double Elimination brackets will be determined at the Double Elimination Draw held on Wednesday @ 6PM at the Merkel Sports Complex.
All teams are required to be represented at the Draw.
The Draw will determine your game times for Double Elimination play.

Thursday 8 AM (Aug 5)

Double Elimination Tournament begins @ 10 AM & continues thru Sunday.
Tournament admission tickets will be available at the Complex.

Sunday 8 AM (Aug 8)

Double elimination Trophy rounds starting @ 9 AM with
Championship Game @ 1 PM

About the New Dwight Merkel Sports Complex Funded by 2007 City of Spokane Parks Improvement Bond

Approved by voters with an overwhelming 68.1228% "yes" vote, the \$42.9 million 2007 bond issue has funded the construction and development of a variety of aquatics and youth sports projects throughout the City of Spokane.

The bond funded development of the new Dwight Merkel Sports Complex located adjacent to Joe Albi Stadium. The complex features:

- Six full size natural grass soccer fields
- Two full size synthetic athletic fields equipped with lights
- Five softball diamonds with lights
- One youth baseball field (will still be under construction)
- Concessions, rest rooms and meeting space
- BMX track with lights & timing equipment
- Skate park (may still be under construction)
- Neighborhood park with splash pad & playground
- Walkable connection to Riverside State Park

In addition to funding from the bond, improvements at the Merkel Complex are being funded by \$4 million from the sale of park property that was approved by City voters in 1999 and subsequently held in reserve.

A grand opening celebration at the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex will be held on Saturday, August 7. The public is invited to attend.

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