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Ms. Kay Hutchcraft
Executive Secretary
Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Kay:

At this time we have not written a code of operation for the Softball Advisory Committee for AIAW National and Junior/Community College Championships. I have corresponded with Judi Garman, Tournament Director, about the best method of arriving at an operating code for this year's tournament; since it will be impossible to have a committee meeting before the tournament. I am awaiting her reply.

The Softball Advisory Committee for AIAW National and Junior/Community College Championships is composed of:

Lorene Ramsey, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, Ill. 61615 - Chairperson

Judi Garman, Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 - Meet Director

Jo Ann Zwanziger, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA - Coaches Representative

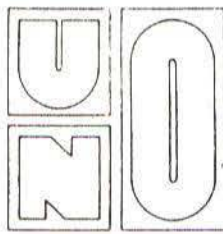
Shirley Loutala, Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ 85202 - Future Meet Director

I hope that this information will answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Lorene Ramsey
Chairperson,
Softball Advisory Committee
for AIAW National and
Junior/Community Colleges

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The University of Nebraska at Omaha
Box 688 Omaha, Nebraska 68101 402/554-2300

October 12, 1976

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

National College Softball Champions 1975

MAVERICK COUNTRY



Elaine Taylor
Department of Athletics
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Elaine:

Thank you for answering the questionnaire regarding the AIAW-ASA softball tournament. In your comments you said that South Carolina was the only State in your region that plays fast-pitch, so would your State tournament qualify you and the second place team for the AIAW-ASA national fast-pitch tournament?

To answer that question, I would say that it is up to your region to make that decision. If your region wants your tournament as the qualifying tournament, than the winner would qualify. If the winner was not able to come than the second place team could come. Please let me know what your region decides.

Sincerely,

Connie Claussen, Chairperson
AIAW-ASA Softball Committee

cc Committee Members
Leanne Grotke
Mary Roland Griffin

CC/hk

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Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036

TO: JC/CC Regional Representatives, Regional Representatives
FROM: Judi Garman
DATE: January 25, 1977
RE: 1977 JC/CC National Softball Championship

Golden West College will host the 1977 AIAW NATIONAL JC/CC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held May 19, 20, and 21, 1977. This is a fast-pitch double elimination tournament.

All Junior Colleges and Community Colleges who are members of AIAW are eligible to attend the National Championship. Teams must qualify through regional qualifying tournaments. Each region may qualify two teams. Each region may determine how they wish to qualify their two teams (i.e.: State, Regional or only teams interested in going).

We need each JC/CC Regional rep to notify all JCs in your region of the upcoming National Softball Championship and to determine whether your region needs to have a regional qualifying tournament.

We need to know as soon as possible:

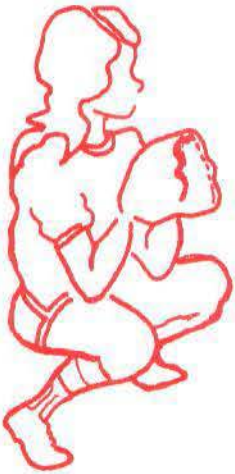
1. whether your region has teams interested in attending (if they qualify) the National Softball Championship;
2. if there is an interest, the following information: date, location and meet director of your regional qualifying tournament.
(According to AIAW regulations, regionals must be completed by May 7.)

This is the second AIAW National Softball Championship and we need your help to make it a success. Please send the information as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Judi Garman
Director, National Softball Championship

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Four Year Schools
Fast Pitch

February 10, 1977

Dear Regional Tournament Director:

First of all, thank you for hosting your regional tournament. Without you there would be no National Tournament. In this mailing I hope I have enclosed everything that you need to know about the National Tournament. Since this is the first year that regionals have been required, both you and I are doing this for the first time. If I confuse you, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Enclosed is your copy of the 1977 AIAW-ASA Rules and Regulations. Please read it carefully, especially for the number of teams that can qualify from your region for 1977 and the directions for regional tournament directors. Since it is already past January 1st don't worry about missing that deadline. However, please let me know as soon as possible if your region will send the number of teams it has been allotted. Also enclosed are the packets for you to give to the softball teams that qualify for the Women's College World Series and an additional packet if a team will be applying for an at-large position.

Also enclosed in this letter is a form for teams to fill out concerning roster information for our program. Please send this form to every team entering your regional tournament. Please make note of the due date. Also, please send each team a copy of the 1977 AIAW-ASA Rules and Regulations so they will know all the rules, especially how to apply for an at-large berth.

There is a free breakfast on Wednesday morning for all teams. Therefore, I will need to know how many will be attending the breakfast. If there are over 20 per team, each one over will have to pay \$5 for breakfast. Joan Joyce will be our guest speaker and we are very excited about her coming.

Since I am the chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee and also the tournament director, you don't have to worry about what information goes to which individual. Just send it all to me.

Would you also ask your softball coaches if they prefer the third or fourth week of May for the 1978 WCWS. Then let me know how many voted for the third week and how many voted for the fourth week. Would you also ask them for comments on the AIAW-ASA rules and regulations and have someone give these comments at the coaches' meeting at the National Tournament.

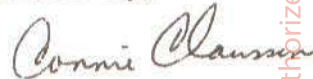
Monday, after your regional tournament, please call me between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time at school, 402/554-2300 and give me the following information:

1. Team(s) that are coming and where they placed in your tournament.
2. Season record of the qualifying team(s), including games in your regional tournament and pitcher's season record.
3. Names that were scratched off the eligibility affidavit.
4. Number coming for breakfast.
5. School and home phone numbers of coach of qualifying team(s).
6. Information that would be beneficial for publicity.

In addition to calling me, please read the enclosed information on how to "Verify the Eligibility of all Participants" which is taken from the handbook on "Guidelines for Administering AIAW Championships."

If you or any of the coaches in your region have suggestions for Nationally rated NAGWS umpires for the WCWS please let me know by March 1. In addition to your recommendations, please have the umpires write to me, telling of his/her experience.

Sincerely,



Connie Claussen, Director
Women's College World Series

CC/rf

enclosures: Router-Publicity Form
Rules and Regulations
Procedures Regarding Eligibility Forms
Packets

P.S. Please send me your home and office phone numbers and home address.

cc: AIAW Executive Board
AIAW-ASA Softball Committee
ASA Officials - Don Porter
Dave Hill

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- (8.) "Runners" should be available to bring updated information to the press room.
- (9.) Immediate follow-up press releases summarizing the event should be sent to AIAW National office, local and national media.

22. Verify the Eligibility of All Participants

Affidavits of eligibility forms are sent to AIAW member institutions by AIAW national headquarters staff during the summer. The instructions for completing the form and a sample of the form are included in the Appendix of this document.

The form is a carbonized nine-part form. The administrator or coach retains three copies of the form to be utilized in the following manner in the event that the institution's team and/or individual student-athletes shall participate in a Regional Qualifying Event or National Championship.

National Championship Having a Regional Qualifying Event

- a. The administrator or coach shall send the buff copy of the form directly to the meet director of the regional qualifying event. The meet director shall verify that the form is completed in full.
- b. The administrator or coach shall send the pink copy directly to the AIAW administrative assistant who shall verify AIAW membership and the completeness of the form. The meet director shall be immediately informed of any irregularity. The administrative assistant shall be responsible for securing complete affidavits of eligibility.
- c. The regional meet director shall verify the institutional entries by telephone to the AIAW administrative assistant immediately following the deadline for entries. If there is a discrepancy between the affidavits received by the meet director and those received by the administrative assistant, the administrative assistant shall take whatever action necessary to resolve the discrepancy.
- d. The coach shall hand carry the white (original one) copy to the regional qualifying event. She/he shall retain the copy to hand carry to the National Championship in the event the team/individual(s) proceed to the National.

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- *e. Immediately following the conclusion of the regional qualifying event (or the following morning) the regional meet director shall telephone the results to the AIAW administrative assistant. The results and statistical sheets shall be forwarded to the AIAW administrative assistant and the Director of the National Championship within 24 hours following the conclusion of the event.

The affidavits of eligibility for the qualifying teams/individual(s) progressing to the National Championship shall be forwarded to the Director of the National Championship by the administrative assistant.

- f. All athletes participating in the national championship must be listed on the Affidavit of Eligibility submitted for the regional championship. Names may not be added to the roster after the deadline for entry set for the Regional championship. Institutions are encouraged to list all eligible athletes on the affidavit of Eligibility to assure that a sufficient number of athletes would be eligible to compete at Regional and National championships.

National Championships Having No Regional Qualifying Events

- a. The administrator or coach shall send the buff copy of the Affidavit of Eligibility directly to the National Championship Director.
- b. The administrator or coach shall send the pink copy of the Affidavit of Eligibility directly to the AIAW administrative assistant who shall verify the completeness of the form and AIAW membership. The Championship Director shall immediately be informed of any irregularity. The administrative assistant shall be responsible for obtaining complete Affidavits of Eligibility.
- c. The coach shall retain the white (original one) copy to hand carry to the championship.
- d. The AIAW administrative assistant shall inform the Championship Director of the affidavits received in the national office. Discrepancies between the affidavits received by the Championship Director and the administrative assistant shall be resolved by the administrative assistant.

* Important Step

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Four Year Schools
Fast Pitch

April 4, 1977

Dear Regional Tournament Directors:

Since I have been receiving questions concerning the rules that will be used during the 1977 national tournament, I feel it is important that everyone is aware that ASA and NAWS use the same rules. However, rules are written every year, so those coaches that have the two year NACWS softball guide do not have the current rules. Coaches can write to AAHPER and get the supplemental for the 1977 rules for softball or write to ASA and get their rule book.

The two rule differences that I am aware of have to do with the ^{two} second pause of the pitcher and the tip (by the grip) of the bat not being rubber or wood.

Please make sure the state tournament directors are aware of the 1977 rules and that they inform their coaches within the state.

Currently, we are trying to set up a hospitality room for all the players Tuesday evening at the Sheraton. I hope to have an organization that will pick up the cost for the room, pop and snacks.

Could I also have a billfold size picture of you to put in our program as the director of your regional tournament. I will need the picture by May 1.

Sincerely,

Connie Claussen, Director
Women's College World Series

CC/rf

cc: Leanne Grotke
Kay Hutchcraft

P.S. Please let me know if your region will be sending the number of teams that you have been allotted. So far I have only heard from Regions 5 and 6.

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Golden West College

AIAW National Softball Championship

May 19-21, 1977

TO: AIAW Regional Representatives, Regional Meet Directors
FROM: Judi Garman, National Tournament Director
RE: 1977 JC/CC National Softball Championship

DATE: April 7, 1977

Golden West College will host the 1977 AIAW NATIONAL JC/CC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held May 19, 20, and 21, 1977. This is a fast-pitch double elimination tournament.

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- A. Please forward immediately the name, address and telephone number (school and home) of the Meet Director of your region's softball championship to Judi Garman, Golden West College, 15744 Golden West Street, Huntington Beach, California 92647.
- B. Please see that *all* teams entering your Region JC/CC Softball Championship forward to the Tournament Director, Judi Garman, by April 25, 1977 (or sooner) the following:
- (1) 8 x 10 b/w team picture
2 x 3 b/w picture of coach
 - (2) Roster --including player's name, number, position, bats, throws, year of competition, home town.
 - (3) Information on college -- enrollment, nickname, colors, college President, women's athletic director, assistant coaches.
 - (4) Information on softball team -- past accomplishments, present record, outstanding players. Please send any individual pictures of outstanding players.
- C. Deadlines for entries to National JC/CC Softball Tournament:
- (1) Call Judi Garman with Regional Championship results on *Sunday, May 8* at 213-358-4261, or sooner if Regional Tournament is earlier.
 - (2) If no Regional Tournament, call as soon as possible with the name of the teams selected by the Region and any other teams interested. There may be at-large berths available and we need to know of any teams in your region that are interested in applying for at-large berths.

AIAW Regional Representatives
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April 7, 1977

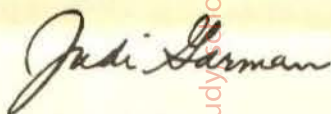
(3) Follow telephone call with the following information postmarked *no later than Monday, May 9 by 12:00 noon.*

----- Copy of championship structure showing a capsule summary of all games played and winner.

----- Copy of AIAW eligibility forms of selected teams.

Thank you for your cooperation in seeing that deadlines are met. Your help will aid in the success of this Championship.

Sincerely,



Judi Garman, Tournament Director
Golden West College
15744 Golden West Street
Huntington Beach, California 92647
College: 714-892-7711, Ext. 581
Home: 213-358-4261

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Golden West College

AIAW National Softball Championship

May 19-21, 1977

TO: AIAW JC/CC Members
FROM: National JC/CC Softball Committee
RE: National JC/CC Softball Championship 1977

DATE: April 7, 1977

1. SITE: Golden West College
Huntington Beach, California 19647
2. DATES: Thursday, May 19 - Saturday, May 21, 1977
3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Ms. Judi Garman
4. TYPE AND STRUCTURE OF TOURNAMENT: Eight team double elimination. See attached draw with game times. This is a fast-pitch tournament.
5. SELECTION OF TEAMS: Teams will be selected on basis of qualifying through their Region. Each region will be given two berths. It is up to the Region to determine how they qualify both. In Region 8 -- Golden West College is given one berth as hostess team but must participate in the regional qualifying tournament for purpose of seeding. There may be some at-large berths and any region or teams interested in applying for an at-large berth should notify Judi Garman immediately.
6. SEEDING:
 - a. The first four top regional teams will be seeded on basis of committee's evaluation of:
 - (1) Season's record
 - (2) Performance in last year's National JC/CC Softball Championship
 - (3) Strength of region
 - (4) Strength of opponents
 - b. Blind draw the balance of qualifying teams.
 - c. If byes are necessary they shall be given to the seeded teams.
7. OFFICIALS: Nationally rated NAGWS officials will be used. Officials from the western states will be used.
8. AWARDS: Team awards -- AIAW plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place teams. Individual awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place teams. (18 awards per team)
9. BALLS: Tournament balls will be Harwood 100. (Day Cover)
FIELDS: Infields are crushed brick.
10. MEDICAL COVERAGE: Teams must provide own insurance coverage. There is a health center on campus with doctors and nurses; trainers will be in attendance at all games. You must provide your own supplies.

11. ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per team
12. FLIGHT INFORMATION: Orange County Airport is 15 minutes from Golden West. Los Angeles International Airport is 60 minutes. Please notify Judi Garman of your expected arrival (flight, place, time). We will meet you at the airport and transport you to your motel. Transportation during your stay will not be provided.
13. BREAKFAST: Friday, May 20, 9:30 a.m. Every team is expected to attend the buffet breakfast at Golden West College Student Center. Cost: \$3.00 per person.
14. T-SHIRTS: Will be sold at the breakfast for \$4.00 each.
15. OPENING CEREMONIES: Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. All teams are to be present in uniform. Teams will be introduced on the field.
16. BAT GIRLS: A bat girl will be assigned to your team. She is a Bobby-Sox ball player (Junior H.S. age).
17. PRACTICE FIELDS: Will be available Wednesday through Saturday. Make arrangements at Tournament Headquarters.
18. DISNEYLAND: Disneyland is 20 minutes from Golden West College. Tickets for the day are \$6.30 per person (this includes discount for our tournament teams).
19. MOTEL INFORMATION: See enclosure.
20. CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES: Coaches should be familiar with all championship policies which can be found in the AIAW Handbook.
21. DEADLINE DATES:
 - A. By April 25, 1977, or sooner if possible, each school interested in participating in the tournament must send the following information to the Tournament Director:
 - (1) 8 x 10 b/w team picture)
2 x 3 b/w picture of coach
 - (2) Roster including player's name, number, position, bats, throws, year of competition, home town.
 - (3) Information on college -- enrollment, nickname, colors, college President, women's athletic director, assistant coaches.
 - (4) Information on softball team -- past accomplishments, present record, outstanding players. Please send any individual pictures of outstanding players.

Winning Regional Teams -- please update this information immediately following Regional Tournament so we can use this information for publicity purposes.

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- B. By May 8, 1977, (or immediately at completion of Regional Tournament) each Regional Representative must indicate to the tournament director by telephone the name(s) of the selected team(s) from her region.
- C. No later than Monday, May 9, each Regional Representative must send to the Tournament Director:
- (1) A capsule summary of all games played and winner.
 - (2) Copy of AIAW eligibility forms of selected teams.
- D. Entry fee -- \$100 due one hour before first game. Report to Tournament Headquarters at Golden West College softball fields.
- E. SEEDING: Teams that have qualified will be seeded and placed on the bracket by Monday, May 9. A copy of the draw will be mailed immediately to all qualifying teams, or you may call after Monday, May 9.
- This is the only mass mailing. If there are any further questions please contact Judi Garman = Tournament Director at Golden West College. Best of luck in your Regional Tournament. We hope to see you in California.

1977 NATIONAL JC/CC SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Laurene Ramsey, Chairperson
Illinois Central College
East Peoria, Illinois 61315

Judi Garman, Tournament Director
Golden West College
Huntington Beach, California 92647

Mary Swiess
Mesa Junior College
Mesa, Arizona 85201

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Pasadena City College
Pasadena, California 91106

PLEASE TYPE
DUE: April 25, 1977

Send To: Judi Garman
Tournament Director
Golden West College
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AIAW National JC/CC Softball Championship Entry Form --- 1977

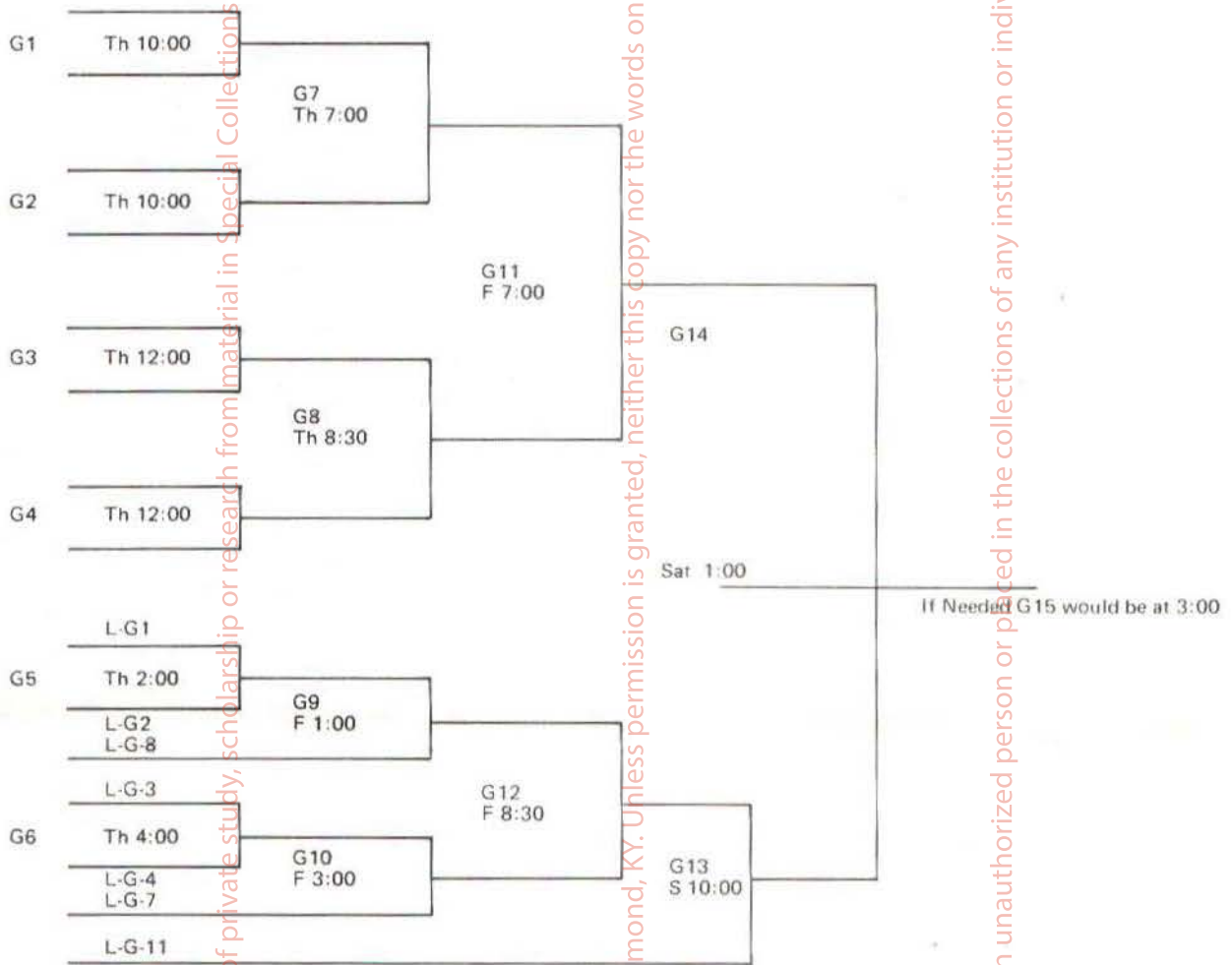
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College _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

NAME (in full)	UNIFORM NUMBER	YEAR OF COMPETITION			POSITION	THROWS R or L	BATS R or L	HOMETOWN		Meets AIAW Eligibility
		1	2	3				CITY	STATE	

Signature: _____ Coach
College Phone () _____
Home Phone () _____

AIAW National JC/CC Softball Championship May 19-22, 1977



May 19, Thursday

Times	#
10:00	2
12:00	2
2:00	1
4:00	1
7:00	1
8:30	1

May 20, Friday

Times	#
1:00	
3:00	
7:00	
8:30	

May 21, Saturday

Times	#
1:00	1
3:00	1 (final)
	1 (if necessary)

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Motel Information in Huntington Beach area

ROYAL EXECUTIVE SUITE

15401 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach
Phone: (714) 897-4310

Rates

2 double/4 persons - \$24 + tax
1 double/2 persons - \$18 + tax
approx. mileage to G.W.C. - .2 miles
contact: Opal or Harry Sawyer

HUNTINGTON SHORES MOTEL (on the ocean)

21002 Ocean Ave., Huntington Beach
Phone: (714) 536-8861

Rates

2 double/4 persons - \$23.32
1 double/2 persons - \$19.08
approx. mileage to G.W.C. - 6.0 miles
contact: Mr. Carter

SHERATON BEACH INN (on the ocean)

21112 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach
Phone: (714) 536-1421

Rates

2 double/4 persons - \$24.00 + tax
1 double/2 persons - \$22.00 + tax
approx. mileage to G.W.C. - 6.4 miles
contact: Jackie

AMBASSADOR INNS OF AMERICA

2277 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa 92626
Phone: (714) 645-4840

Rates

2 double/4 persons - \$6/person + tax
1 double/2 persons - \$7.25/person + tax
approx. mileage to G.W.C. - 7 miles (6 by freeway)
contact: Mr. or Mrs. Morris

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 31, 1977

NORTHERN IOWA CAPTURES 1977 WCWS

OMAHA--For the first time in three years, competition replaced the weather as the topic of conversation at the ninth Women's College World Series. But that's not to say tournament officials had some anxious moments during the double-elimination affair held here May 25-29.

The University of Northern Iowa bounced back after Arizona University pinned a first loss on the Panthers in the championship game opener, 1-0. Northern Iowa captured the crown on pitcher Pat Stockman's 7-0 win.

After two straight years of monsoon-type weather, tournament Chairperson Connie Claussen hoped the WCWS was due for sunshine. A tornado in 1975 ripped the Dill Softball Complex apart, and three straight days of rain in 1976 forced the completion of the tourney on University of Nebraska at Omaha's Astro-Turfed football field.

An aggressive public relations campaign, coupled with the co-sponsorship of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and the Amateur Softball Association, set the stage for larger crowds and better competition. Regional tournaments were staged for the first time throughout the nation, and 16 teams paired off on the evening of May 25.

The publicity generated proved successful on opening night as an estimated 1,500 fans watched the first round under superb weather conditions. Nebraska-Omaha, Arizona State, Southwest Missouri State, Arizona, Northern Iowa, Kansas, Michigan State and Northern Colorado advanced to the winner's bracket.

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The following day's morning round was played under sunny skies. But as the afternoon session was under way, dark clouds began to roll in. The sun ducked behind the clouds, never to be seen for two more days.

Then came the rain. The Thursday evening session was postponed. A helicopter was called in to help dry the field on Friday, while the ground crew prepared one of the three fields for play. Just as Northern Colorado and Texas-Arlington took the field that afternoon, the skies broke loose again, halting play until Saturday.

Saturday began graced by sunshine and weather forecasts called for a continuation of good weather. The fields were shaped into excellent condition by a miracle-working ground crew, and it appeared things would go on schedule.

Arizona and Northern Iowa remained the only unbeaten teams in the afternoon, while Michigan State and Arizona State survived loser's bracket games. Later in the evening, Northern Iowa tagged Arizona with its first loss, 1-0, in eight innings.

The evening session was once again placed in jeopardy when an isolated thunderstorm dumped more worrisky rain on the fields. However, the rains moved out of the area before forcing another postponement.

Sunday's final round was graced by perfect weather. Michigan State dropped Arizona State from the tourney, 3-2, giving ASU fourth place. Arizona then bumped Michigan State, 2-1, handing the third place trophy to the Spartans. Northern Colorado stopped Nebraska-Omaha, 3-0, in a playoff for fifth place.

That set the scene for the championship game. Arizona's Tonja Adreon stole the show from Northern Iowa's Stockman, who came into the tourney as the top pitcher. Adreon allowed just one base runner, a single in the eighth as her teammates took the first game, 1-0, in nine innings.

Stockman was touched for three hits in the opener, but the run which came with two outs was unearned. An error by second baseman Janeen Benson allowed the winning run to score, forcing a second game.

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Both pitchers started the nightcap. But it proved to be Stockman who had enough wind left to get the job done. She gave up a pair of singles en route to the 7-0 championship.

Stockman's credentials coming into the meet were impressive enough. She entered the tournament at 16-0. Her tourney record was 3-1. The only run scored off her was unearned. She walked two batters and struck out 32 in 31 innings of work, while allowing 10 hits.

One of the early highlights of the meet was an appearance at Wednesday's breakfast by Joan Joyce, pitcher and president of the Connecticut Falcons and the Professional Softball League. Later that night, Joyce put on a pitching exhibition at the completion of first round action.

Tournament officials were pleased at the completion of the five-day series. A paid attendance of 5,251 added to their delight in completing the tourney on a softball field rather than a football field.

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ROSTER SHEET
 for the
 OFFICIAL PROGRAM
 for the
 AIAW-ASA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
 Omaha, Nebraska
 May 25-28

IMPORTANT

Send a 5x7 black and white team picture with names and an individual picture of the coach by May 9.

Please Type

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SCHOOL _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ENROLLMENT _____ SCHOOL PHONE _____ area code _____

COACH _____ HOME PHONE _____ area code _____

NO. YEARS COACHING AT THIS SCHOOL _____ ASSISTANT COACH _____

TRAINER _____ SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR _____

MANAGER _____ WOMEN'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR _____

PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTION _____ SCHOOL NICKNAME _____

SCHOOL COLORS _____ 1977 Season Record _____
 (attach teams played and scores of games)

NO. OF YOUR REGION _____

<u>Uniform</u>		<u>Players</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>*Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Times at</u>	<u>Batting</u>	<u>Bats</u>		<u>Throw</u>	
<u>#</u>	<u>#</u>					<u>Bat</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>L</u>
Light	Dark	1.									
		2.									
		3.									
		4.									
		5.									
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		10.									
		11.									
		12.									

Attach an additional sheet if needed. (Maximum number of players is 18.)

* - Put an * in front of the name for each letter won before this year.

(over)

Pitcher's Win-Loss Record

<u>Names</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Information for Pre-Publicity (Without your help we cannot receive pre-publicity.)

1. Last year's record _____
2. State, Regional or National Honors in 1976

3. Has your school competed in the National Softball Tournament? _____

	Yes	No
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If yes, what years and did you finish in the top four positions. If yes, please list what position.

4. Outstanding players and their achievements. (If possible, include black and white pictures with the individual names and statistics.) Example: leading batter, defensive player, bunter, stealer, etc. Also, mention summer softball experience such as number of years playing, National or Regional experience, All-Star Teams, etc. Use an additional sheet if necessary.

PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 9 to:

Connie Claussen
 Women's Athletics
 University of Nebraska at Omaha
 Box 688
 Omaha, Nebraska 68101

(402) 554-2300

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If you do qualify for this tournament we would like to send press releases to your news media. Would you please list the names and addresses of the newspapers, TV stations and major radio stations that you would like to receive pre-tournament information.

In return, would you put UNO on your mailing list to receive your press releases during your season.

Name

Address

Zip Code

Send this and your press releases to: Connie Claussen
Coordinator
Women's Athletic Department
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Box 688
Omaha, Nebraska 68101

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1977 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES STANDINGS

	WON	LOST
1. University of Northern Iowa.....	5	1
2. Arizona University.....	5	2
3. Michigan State University.....	4	2
4. Arizona State University.....	3	2
5. University of Northern Colorado.....	4	2
6. University of Nebraska at Omaha.....	3	3
7. University of Kansas.....	2	2
7. Southwest Missouri State University.....	2	2
9. University of Texas-Arlington.....	1	2
9. University of California State-Sacramento.....	1	2
9. Oklahoma State University.....	1	2
9. Oregon State University.....	1	2
13. Southern Illinois University.....	0	2
13. West Chester State College.....	0	2
13. Springfield College.....	0	2
13. Western Illinois University.....	0	2

BATTING LEADERS (MINIMUM 10 AT-BATS)

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Gayle Barrons, MSU	20	4	9	4	.450
Venus Jennings, UNC	21	6	9	4	.428
Carmen King, MSU	19	7	8	0	.421
Jan Nelson, SW Mo	12	0	5	4	.417
Kathy Drickey, UNO	22	1	9	2	.409
Kristie Koenig, Cal-State	10	1	4	0	.400
Barb Wahlstrom, UNI	16	1	6	1	.375
Lisa Nelson, SW Mo	14	2	5	2	.357
Anne Davenport, AU	20	4	7	3	.350
Connie Wichman, UNO	23	4	8	2	.349
Ann Anderson, MSU	18	1	6	3	.333
Pat Bromley, UNO	15	3	5	1	.333
Carol Hutchins, MSU	19	0	6	1	.316
Kris McCartney, UNI	16	2	5	1	.313
Laurie Zoodsma, MSU	20	3	6	2	.300
Paula Woolworth, KU	10	1	3	0	.300

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1977 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES STATISTICS (CONTINUED)

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS-HITTING

MOST HITS: 9--Gayle Barrons, MSU; Venus Jennings, UNC; Kathy Drickey, UNO.
 MOST DOUBLES: 3--Anne Davenport, AU.
 MOST TRIPLES: 2--Shelly Van Drimmelen, Cal-State
 MOST HOME RUNS: 1--Brneda Marshall, UTA; Cindy Salisbury, West Chester; Lisa
 Nicholson, SW Mo; June Koleber and Gloria Graves, KU; D.J.
 Parker, UNI.
 MOST RBIs: 5--Pat Stockman, UNI.
 MOST STOLEN BASES: 4--Venus Jennings, UNC.
 HIGHEST AVERAGE: .450--Gayle Barrons, MSU

PITCHING STATISTICS (MINIMUM 14 INNINGS PITCHED)

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Pat Stockman, UNI	31	10	1	0	3	1	0.00
Lou Piel, UNC	24 1/3	13	2	0	3	1	0.00
Gloria Graves, KU	14	3	0	0	2	0	0.00
Melanie Kyler, ASU	37	21	5	2	3	2	0.49
Penny Clayton, SW Mo	17	11	4	2	1	1	1.06
Marlene McCauley, UNO	31	23	6	4	3	1	1.16
Michelle Thomas, UNI	14	8	3	2	2	0	1.28
Laurel Hills, MSU	28 1/3	26	11	6	2	1	1.91
Nancy Lyons, MSU	14	9	6	3	2	1	1.93
Tonja Adreon, AU	44	32	15	10	4	2	2.04
Phyliss Schachterle, UNC	17 2/3	19	6	4	1	1	2.04

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS-PITCHING

MOST STRIKE OUTS: 32--Pat Stockman, UNI; 31--Marlene McCauley, UNO.
 MOST WALKS: 12--Lou Piel, UNC; 10--Phyliss Schachterle, UNC.
 BEST ERA: 0.00--Pat Stockman, UNI; Lou Piel, UNC; Gloria Graves, KU.
 MOST WINS: 4--Tonja Adreon, AU.

1977 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES RESULTS

FIRST ROUND, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

UN-Omaha 6.....Western Illinois 0
 Arizona 4.....Texas-Arlington 3
 Southwest Missouri State 5.....Springfield College 2
 Arizona State U. 2.....Cal-State, Sacramento 1, (9 inn.)
 Northern Iowa 3.....Southern Illinois 0
 Kansas 1.....Oklahoma State 0
 Michigan State 6.....West Chester State 2
 Northern Colorado 6.....Oregon State 0

WINNER'S BRACKET GAMES, THURSDAY, MAY 26

Arizona 7.....UN-Omaha 4
 Arizona State U. 2.....Southwest Missouri State 0
 Northern Iowa 4.....Kansas 0
 Michigan State 5.....Northern Colorado 4 (8 inn.)

LOSER'S BRACKET GAMES, THURSDAY, MAY 26

Texas-Arlington 4.....Western Illinois 1
 Cal-State, Sacramento 6.....Springfield College 0
 Oklahoma State 3.....Southern Illinois 2
 Oregon State 8.....West Chester State 6

WINNER'S BRACKET GAMES, SATURDAY, MAY 28

Arizona 1.....Arizona State U. 0
 Northern Iowa 7.....Michigan State 3
 Northern Iowa 1.....Arizona 0 (8 inn.)

LOSER'S BRACKET GAMES, SATURDAY, MAY 28

Northern Colorado 6.....Texas-Arlington 0
 Kansas 5.....Cal-State, Sacramento 1
 Southwest Missouri 3.....Oklahoma State 1
 UN-Omaha 6.....Oregon 0
 Northern Colorado 2.....Kansas 1
 UN-Omaha 2.....Southwest Missouri State 1 (10 inn.)
 Arizona State U. 2.....Northern Colorado 0
 Michigan State 5.....UN-Omaha 1

LOSER'S BRACKET GAMES, SUNDAY, MAY 29

Michigan State 3.....Arizona State U. 2, 4th Place
 Arizona 2.....Michigan State 1, 3rd Place
 Northern Colorado 3.....UN-Omaha 0, 5th Place

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, SUNDAY, MAY 29

Arizona 1.....Northern Iowa 0 (forced 2nd game) 9 Innings
 Northern Iowa 7.....Arizona 0

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING 1977
NATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR
AIAW AND ASA
FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS

I. Composition of Committee

- A. The AIAW-ASA Softball Championship Committee shall consist of two persons appointed by ASA, two persons appointed by AIAW, a student representative and a chairperson.
- B. The chairperson shall be mutually agreed upon by the AIAW Executive Board upon the recommendation of the commissioner for national championships and the ASA. The chairperson shall serve for two years beginning August 1 and ending July 31 and may be reappointed.
- C. An elected coaches' representative shall become one of the AIAW members. One coach from each AIAW member school may vote for the coaches' representative, who shall be elected every two years by those coaches in attendance at the championship. The next election shall take place in 1978.
- D. The other AIAW member shall be appointed by the commissioner for national championships and shall serve a variable term.
- E. The student representative shall serve a one year term and be elected at the championship by the student participants. One student from each AIAW member school may vote for the student representative. The student representative must have at least one more year of softball eligibility.

II. Purpose of Committee

The Softball Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the tournament director and be responsible for establishing policies and procedures governing the softball championship.

III. Co-Sponsorship

- A. This tournament will be called "The Women's College World Series." (WCWS) (Pending AIAW approval.)
- B. The tournament will be held in Omaha, Nebraska for a minimum of three years, 1977, 1978, 1979.

- C. Cost for registering teams with ASA will come from the tournament income.
- D. Tournament profits will be divided as follows:
1. 50% to the host school
 2. 25% to ASA
 3. 25% to AIAW

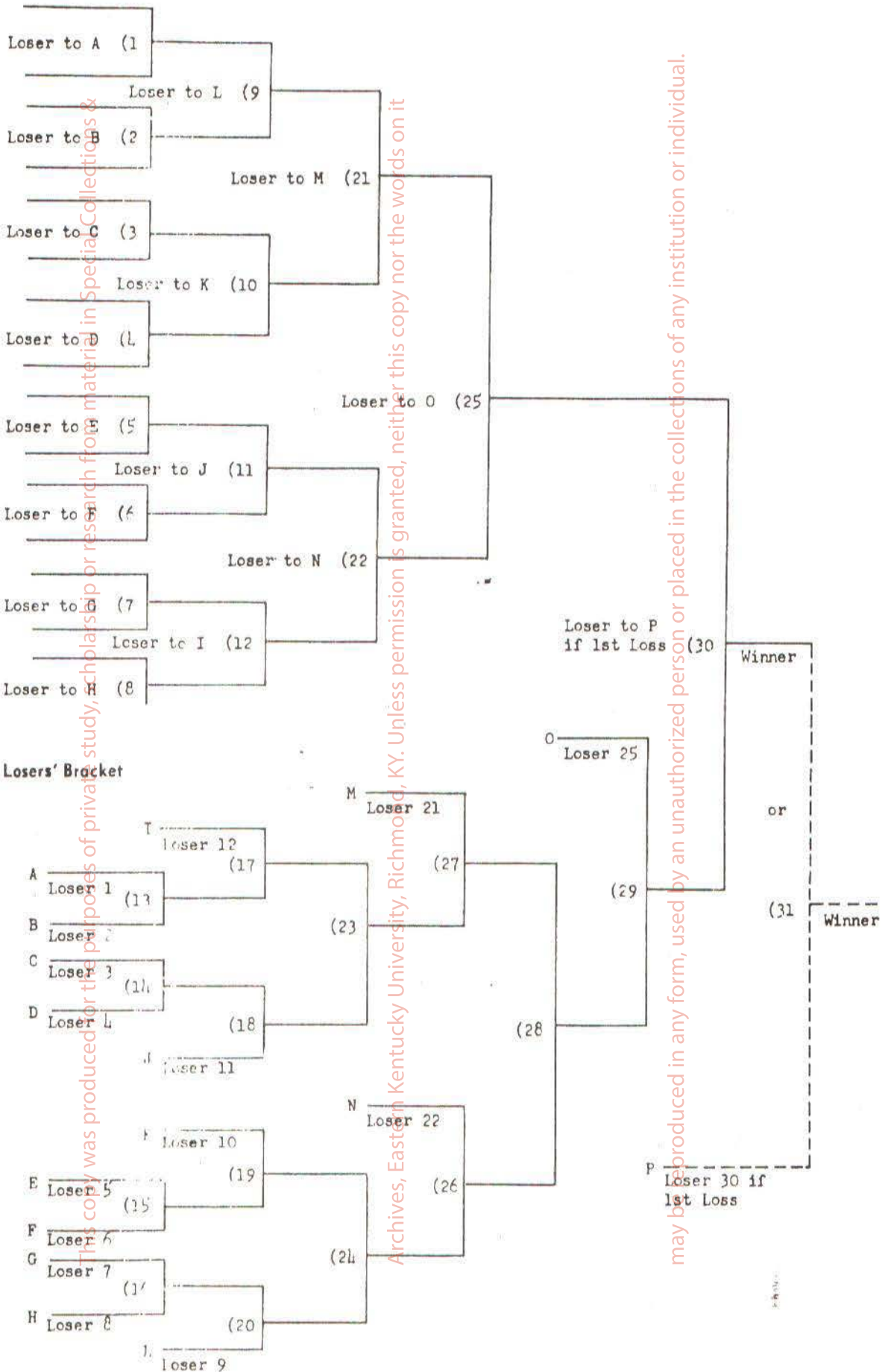
(This is how it was done for the co-sponsored field hockey tournament.)

IV. Competition

- A. Official rules of NAGWS shall be used at all times.
- B. There shall be 16 teams with a maximum of 18 players each entered in the tournament. Only those 18 players listed on the eligibility form shall dress in uniform and sit on the bench.
- C. All teams must qualify through a regional tournament which must be held at least two weeks prior to the national tournament. If there are small college and large college tournaments, the large college tournament shall be the qualifying tournament for the national tournament. Small colleges must be allowed to enter the large college qualifying tournament.
- D. The tournament shall be a double elimination tournament. All games except the championship will utilize the 10-run rule.
- E. The championship shall be held the 4th weekend in May in 1977 and shall utilize four days of game play. Sunday will be utilized for competition only if another day of the tournament is rained out and games must be made up.
- F. Teams will play no more than three games in one day. There must be a minimum of two hours scheduled rest between the second and third game in one day, with the exception of the final game if a second game is necessary. In case of inclement weather, injury, extra inning games, or any instance that might prolong the game, the two hour minimum may be waived. More than three games may be played in one day in extreme circumstances where inclement weather forces extensive re-scheduling.
- G. Team and individual awards shall be given to the 1st-5th place teams. The traveling trophy that now exists will be given. A plaque will be added that incorporates the ASA/AIAW logo. All awards will say AIAW-ASA and AIAW will furnish the awards. AIAW and ASA will share the cost of the awards.
- H. The bracket shall be as follows:

Winners' Bracket

16 Teams



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V. Selection of Teams

- A. The first place team in each AIAW region shall qualify for the national championship. The hostess school shall also receive a championship berth. The remaining six teams shall be selected at-large by how the regions placed in the previous year's tournament.
- B. If the hostess school does accept an invitation to the tournament
1. and places in a qualifying position (e.g. 1st in the region) then the next qualifying regional team shall receive the hostess berth. (The third place team in Region 5 would get the position for 1977, as they placed two in the top eight in 1976. For each succeeding year it will depend what regions place in the top six or eight places.)
 2. but does not qualify through regional competition, then the hostess institution shall receive the hostess seeding.
- C. Procedure for selection of at-large teams:
- Regions placing 1 through 6 in the previous year's competition shall receive an at-large bid for the current year's championship. The 7th or 8th place team shall receive an at-large bid only in a case where more than one team from the same region has earned a position among the top six spots.
- D. If the first place team in a region is unable to attend the championship, the 2nd place team may represent the region. If a region is allowed two berths in a championship and either the 1st or 2nd place team cannot attend, the 3rd place team may represent the region. If complications beyond 3rd place arise, the Softball Committee shall select the team from either within the region involved or from another region. If a region is allowed three berths in a championship and one of the top three teams cannot attend, the Softball Committee shall select the team from either within the region involved or from another region.
- E. Requests for being selected as an at-large team must be made within 24 hours of the completion of the regional tournament. (Additional at-large teams will only be selected if regions do not send the number of teams that they have been allotted.) The chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee must be informed of how your team placed in the regional tournament, teams you have played and the scores of the games, season record and any other information you feel is pertinent.

VI. Duties of Regional Representatives

- A. By January 1, AIAW regional representatives must let the national tournament director know who will be directing the regional tournament so communication can begin.
- B. By January 1, AIAW regional representatives must let the national tournament director know if their specific region will be sending the number of teams that have been allotted to them. If not, then the Softball Committee shall identify the region(s) to be allotted additional teams.

VII. Duties of Regional Tournament Directors

Regional tournament directors will receive from the national tournament director all information needed to give to the qualifying teams. The regional tournament director must call the national tournament director within 24 hours of completion of the tournament to inform him/her who will be coming. If the tournament is delayed because of rain, the regional tournament director must call the national tournament director to inform him/her of the delay. The results of the regional tournament and the eligibility affidavits for each qualifying school must be mailed the day following the regional tournament to the national tournament director.

VIII. Seeding the Bracket

A. Regions ranking 1 through 8 in the previous year's tournament shall be placed in the appropriate corresponding berth for the current year's competition. The designation at the 7th-8th place regions shall be by lot.

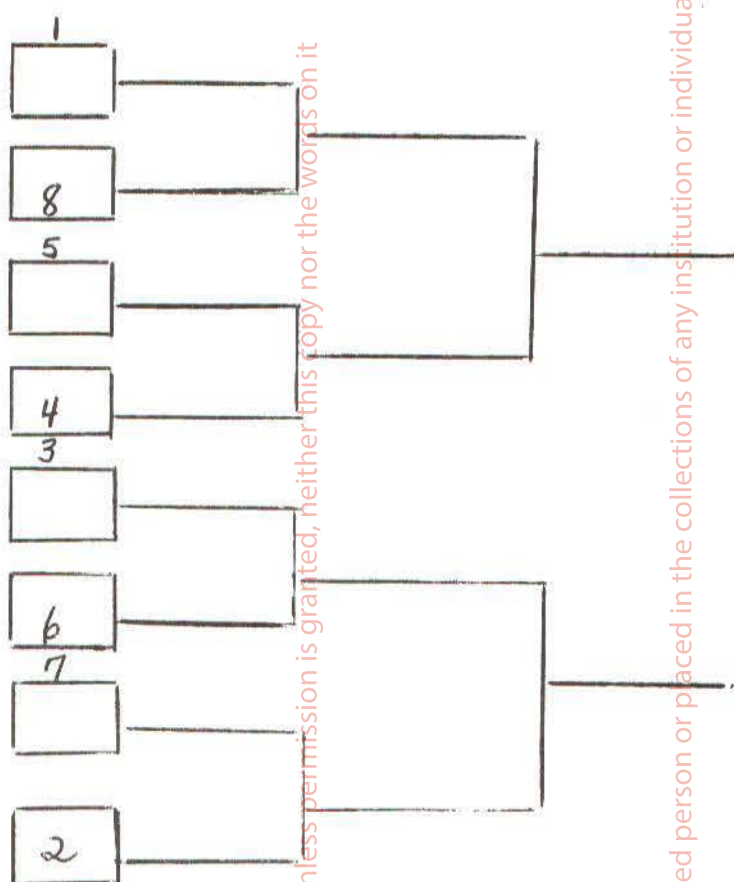
B. The following procedures shall be applied to determine the seeding of the hostess institution.

If the hostess institution does not receive an invitation to the regional tournament, or does not qualify in the regional tournament, it has the option to:

1. Accept the hostess berth, e.g., the last seed in the national tournament (this position draws the 1st seed in the tournament) or
2. To give up the hostess berth to the next regional qualifying team. (For 1977 it would be Region 5-3.)

C. The remaining seven teams shall be placed in the bracket by lot.

D. The bracket shall be seeded as follows:



IX. Selection, Financing, and Assignment of Umpires

- A. Only NAGWS national umpires and ASA appointed umpires will be used:
- B. A minimum of eight umpires will be used. There shall be equal representation of umpires from NAGWS and ASA whenever possible.
- C. The ASA umpires shall be appointed by the ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative.
- D. The NAGWS umpires shall be selected by the NAGWS softball principles and techniques of officiating chairperson or his/her designated representative. NAGWS nationally rated softball umpires shall be informed of the opportunity to officiate and be invited to apply for selection.
- E. The following guidelines shall govern officials' expenses:
 1. Lodging shall be provided.
 2. Pay \$10.00 per diem for meals or the actual cost, whichever is lower. Receipts must be submitted.

3. Pay transportation.

- a. Provide the cost of transportation by the least expensive means of travel. Even though an official has driven a car, if the air fare - tourist class - is cheaper, then the air fare would be paid rather than mileage. Officials should group together or come with a team whenever possible.
- b. The payment per mile should be based upon the rate utilized by the hostess college for other travel costs.

4. Pay the umpiring fees which shall be a minimum of \$15.00 per game per official.

- F. The ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative shall conduct an umpiring clinic for all tournament umpires immediately preceding the tournament. He/she shall be responsible for assigning all umpires throughout the tournament.

X. Championship Protests and Schedule Revisions

- A. The tournament director shall appoint a Protest Committee which shall include:

1. The chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee (or designated representative). In case the chairperson is also involved in coaching a team, the assistant tournament director, who should not be a coach, shall be the representative.
2. The commissioner of national championships (or designated representative).
3. The ASA umpire-in-chief (or designated representative).

- B. The ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative shall serve as the official rules interpreter and shall rule on all protests involving the rules. Protest procedures outlined in the rule book will be utilized. The protest must be announced before the ball is put into play and must be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue.

- C. The AIAW-ASA Softball Committee shall be consulted by the tournament director or the assistant tournament director if the tournament director is involved in coaching a team for rescheduling any games due to inclement weather. The final decision will be made by the tournament director or assistant tournament director.

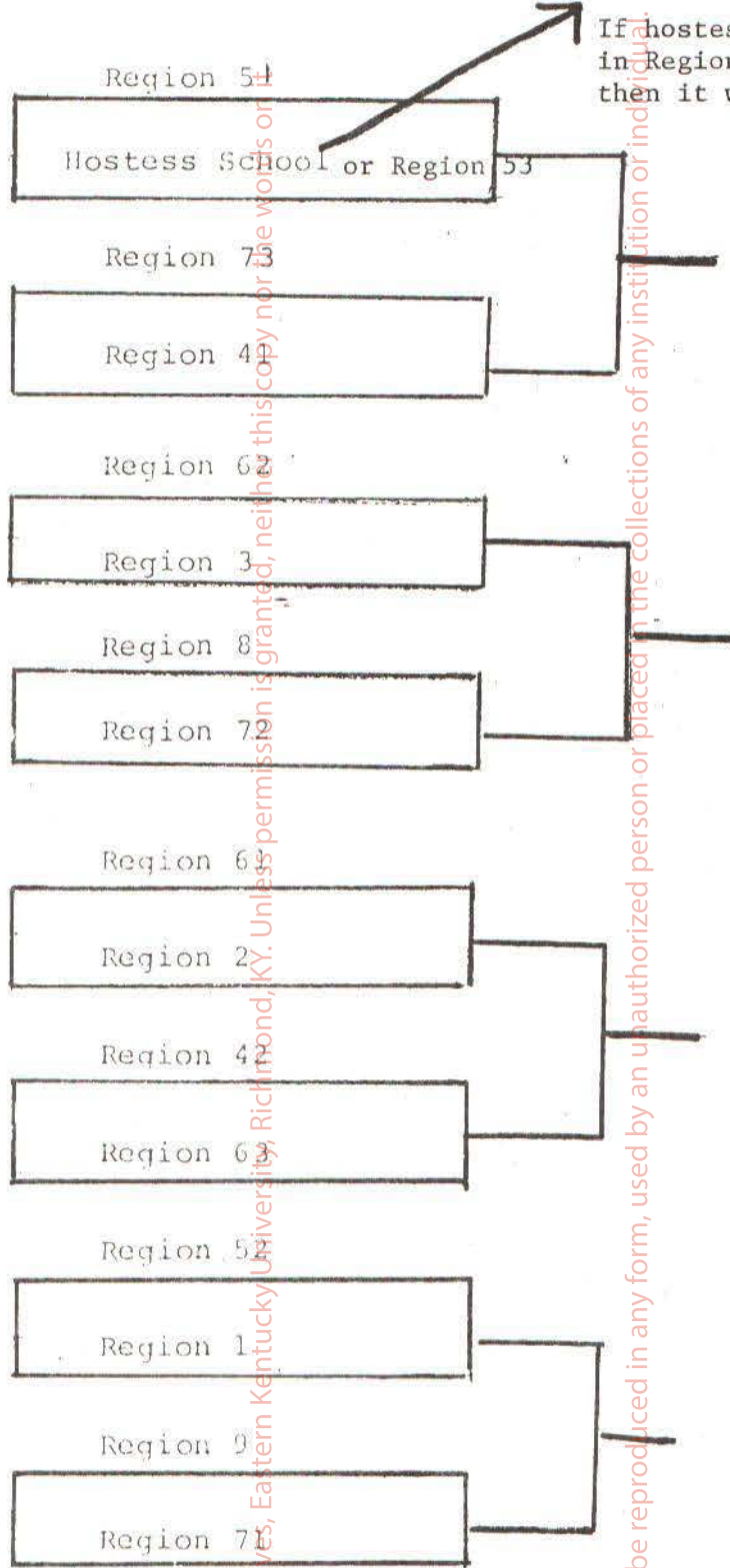
1. Once a game is begun it is the prerogative of the umpires to suspend or continue the game.
2. Games halted by rain shall be continued from the point of suspension until they are completed.

XI. Tournament Functions

- A. There shall be a meeting for all coaches of AIAW member schools in attendance at the championship. The chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the meeting. The tournament director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the Softball Committee chairperson.
- B. There shall be a meeting for all players involved in the championship. The student representative shall be responsible for conducting the meeting. The tournament director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the student representative.
- C. There shall be a meeting and/or clinic for all championship umpires prior to the first scheduled game. The ASA umpire-in-chief (or designated representative) shall be responsible for the meeting.
- D. There shall be at least one meeting of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee during or immediately preceding the championship. The tournament director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the Softball Committee chairperson.
- E. There should be a social event planned for all participants sometime during the championship.
- F. The tournament director shall complete a report of the championship by August 1 following the championship.

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If hostess school qualifies in Regional Tournament, then it would be Region 5-

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How Teams Finished in 1976 WCWS

<u>School</u>	<u>Region</u>
1. Michigan State University	(5)
2. University of Northern Colorado	(7)
3. University of Nebraska at Omaha	(6)
4. Arizona State University	(7)
5. University of Northern Iowa	(6)
6. Tarkio Missouri	(6)
7. Illinois State University	(5)
8. University of Texas at Arlington	(4)

Team Allotments for 1977

<u>Region</u>	<u># Teams</u>
1	
2	
3 (Have no fast pitch teams.)	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
Hostess School	

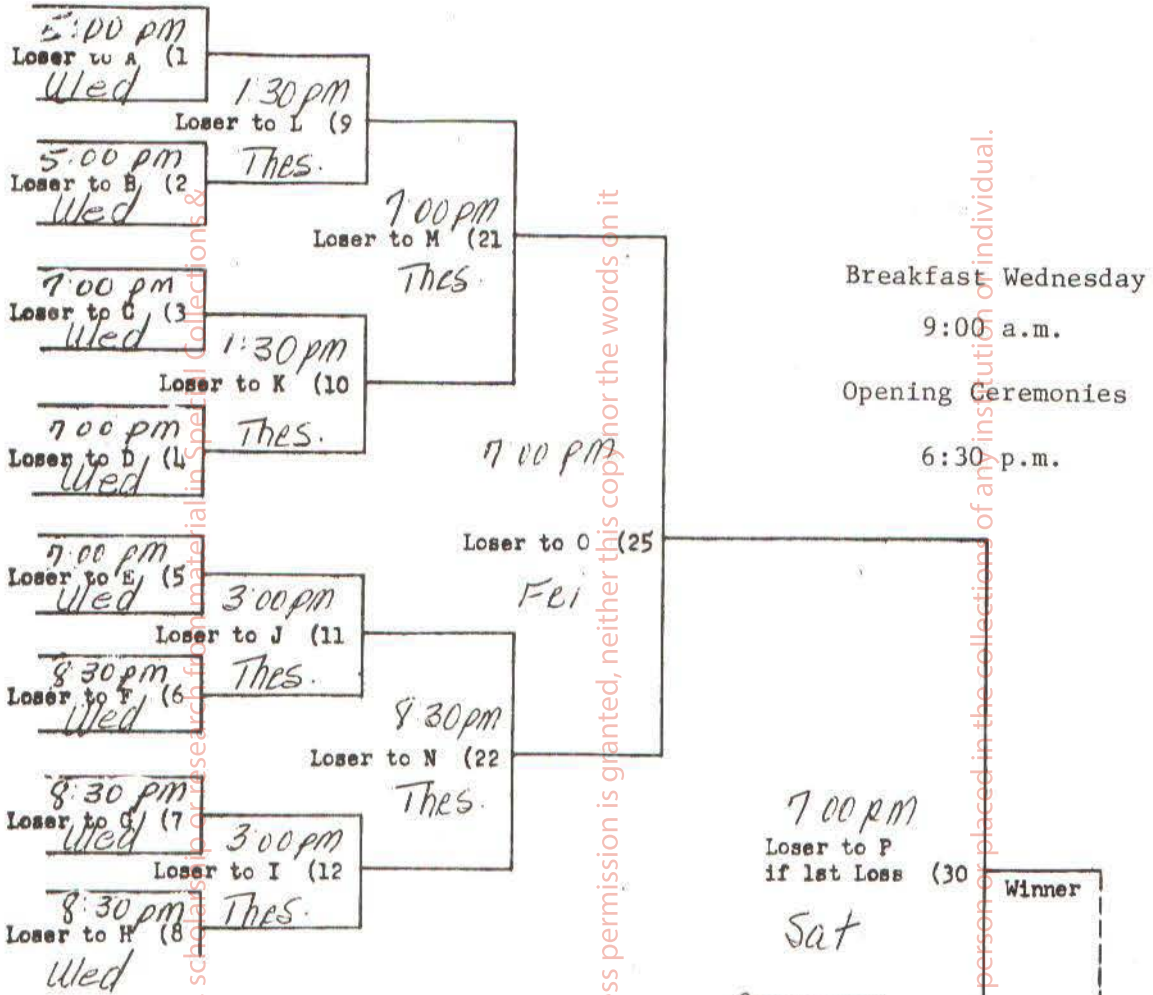
If hostess school qualifies in Region 6 then Region 5 will get to send three teams.

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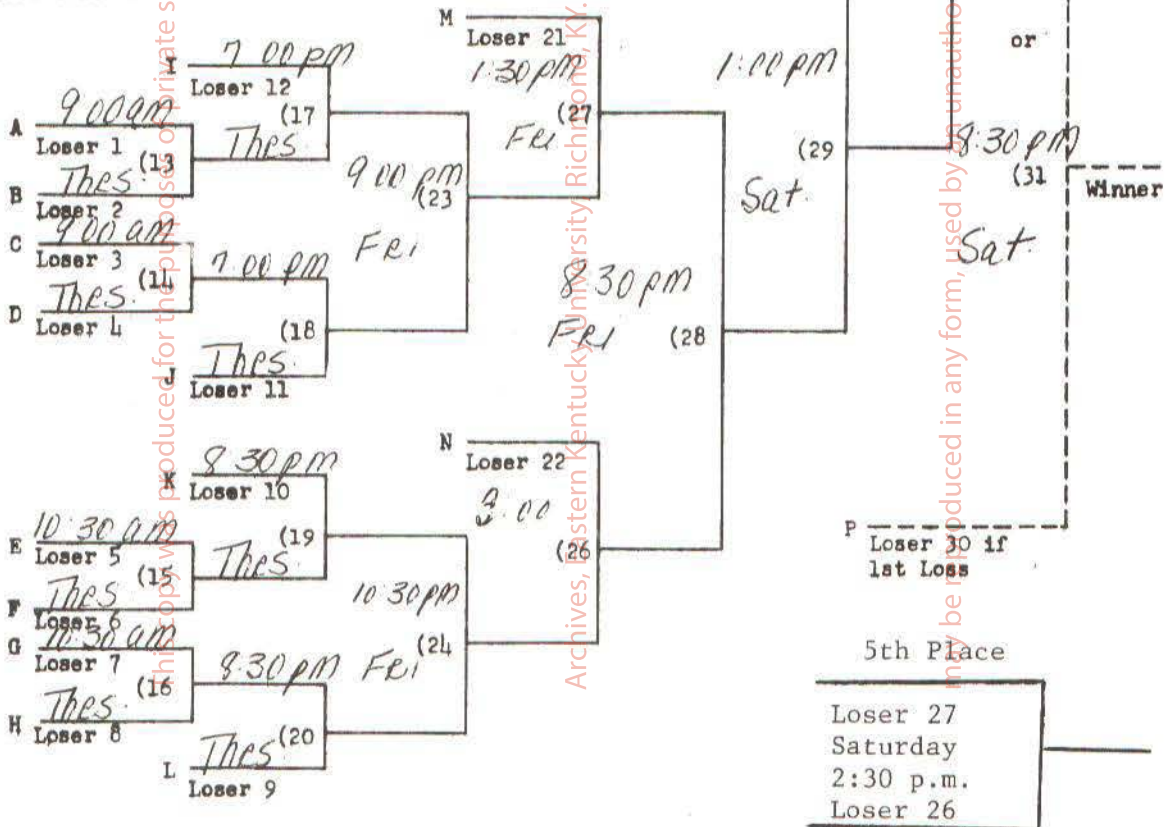
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Winners' Bracket



Losers' Bracket



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Breakfast Wednesday
9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies
6:30 p.m.

7:00 pm
Loser to P
if 1st Loss (30)
Sat
Winner

or

1:00 pm
Sat
Winner

5th Place

Loser 27
Saturday
2:30 p.m.
Loser 26

OPERATING CODE

AIAW/ASA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

REVISED JUNE 1977

Composition of Committee

- A. The AIAW-ASA Softball Sport Committee shall consist of two persons appointed by ASA, one person appointed by AIAW, a coaches' representative, a student athlete representative, the past, present and future championship director and a chairperson.
- B. The chairperson shall be mutually agreed upon by the AIAW Executive Board upon the recommendation of the commissioner for national championships and the ASA. The chairperson shall serve for two years beginning August 1 and ending July 31 and may be reappointed for one additional term.
- C. The coaches' representative shall be elected every two years by those coaches in attendance at the championship from any AIAW member institution. Elections shall be held in odd numbered years, i.e. 1979, 1981. One vote per member institution shall be permitted.
- D. The AIAW appointed representative shall be named to the committee, in even number years, by the commissioner for national championships and shall serve a two year term. The AIAW Representative may be reappointed for one additional term.
- E. The two ASA appointed representatives shall be named to the committee by the President of the ASA. Their term of office will be decided by the President of the ASA.
- F. The student representative shall serve a one year term and be elected at the championship by the student athletes. One student from each AIAW member school may vote for the student representative. The student representative must have at least one more year of softball eligibility.
- G. New committee members shall assume office immediately following the championship. They shall be non-voting members of the committee upon election or appointment if the person they are replacing has not yet left the position. They may assume their position immediately if the person in the position they are filling is not present at the championship.

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II. Purpose of Committee

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III. Co-Sponsorship

- A. The championship will be called the "AIAW/ASA Softball Championship."
- B. The tournament will be held in Omaha, Nebraska for a minimum of three years; 1977, 1978, 1979.
- C. The cost for registering teams with ASA will come from the tournament income.
- D. Tournament profits will be divided as follows:
 1. 50% to the host institution
 2. 25% to ASA
 3. 25% to AIAW
- E. The host institution shall assume any loss.

IV. Competition

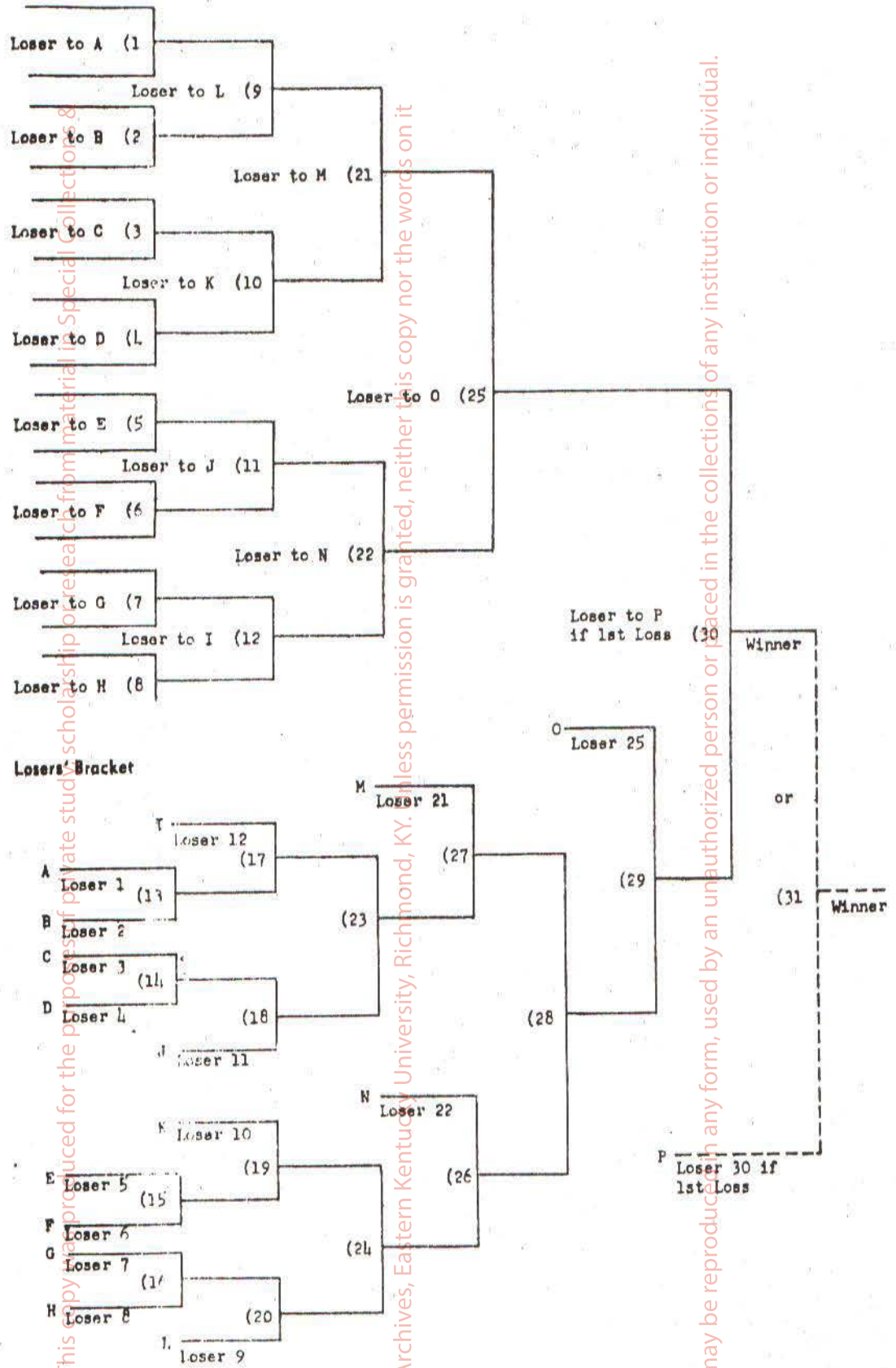
- A. The official rules of NAGWS shall be used to conduct the championship.
- B. The championship director shall decide which brand of softball, and will indicate the brand in pretournament information. Teams wishing to use another ball can provide 2 new game balls each game to be used when in the field.
- C. There shall be 16 teams with a maximum of 18 players each entered in the tournament. Only 18 players listed on the eligibility form shall dress in uniform and sit on the bench.
- D. All teams must qualify through a regional championship which must be held at least two weeks prior to the national championship. If there are small college and large college championships, the large college championship shall be the qualifying championship for the national championship. Small colleges must be allowed to enter the large college qualifying championship.
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- F. The championship shall be held the 4th weekend in May: Play shall be scheduled over four days.
 - G. Teams will play no more than three games in one day. There must be a minimum of two hours scheduled rest between the second and third game in one day, with the exception of the final game if a second game is necessary. In case of inclement weather, injury, extra inning games, or any instance that might prolong the game, the two hour minimum may be waived. More than three games may be played in one day in extreme circumstances where inclement weather forces extensive re-scheduling.
 - H. Team and individual awards shall be presented to the 1st-4th place teams. A traveling first-place team trophy will be awarded. AIAW and ASA will share the cost of the awards.
 - I. The championship bracket shall be as follows:

Winners' Bracket

16 Teams

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V. Selection of Teams

A. The first place team in each AIAW region shall qualify for the national championship. The host institution shall also receive a championship berth. The remaining teams shall be selected according to how the regions placed in the previous year's tournament.

B. The host institution may accept a berth in the national championship and play their first game against the first seeded team.

or

The host institution may attempt to qualify through a regional championship. If the team qualifies through regional play, they must accept the championship berth assigned to their regional placement. If the team fails to qualify for the national championship, they may elect to enter as the host institution.

C. To the extent possible, each region will be slotted one additional berth in the championship according to the standings of the championship the previous year, never to exceed three teams per region.

D. If the first place team in a region is unable to attend the championship, the 2nd place team may represent the region. If a region is allowed two berths in a championship and either the 1st or 2nd place team cannot attend, the 3rd place team may represent the region. If the 3rd place team is unable to represent their region, the Softball Committee shall select a team from either within the region involved or from another region. If a region is allowed three berths in a championship and one of the top three teams cannot attend, the Softball Committee shall select a team from either within the region involved or from another region.

VI. Duties of Regional Softball Representatives

A. By January 1, AIAW regional softball representatives must let the national championship director know who will be directing the regional tournament.

B. By December 1, AIAW regional softball representatives must let the national championship director know if their region will be sending the number of teams that have been allotted to them. If not, the Softball Committee shall identify the region(s) to be allotted additional teams.

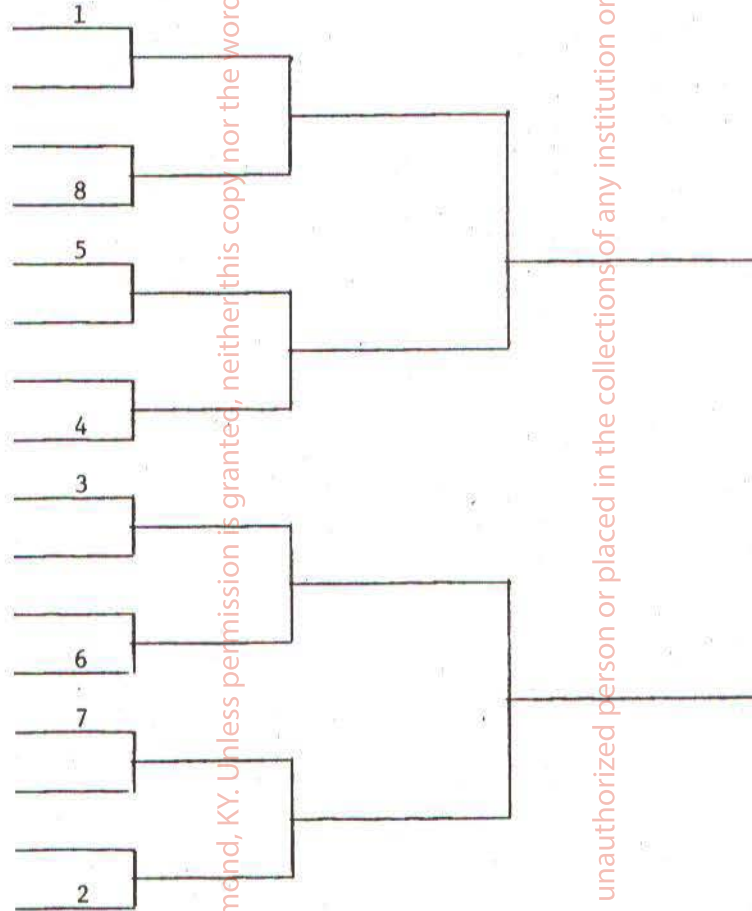
VII. Duties of Regional Championship Directors

Regional championship directors will receive from the national championship director all information needed to give to the qualifying teams. The regional championship director must call the national championship director within 24 hours of completion of the regional championship to inform him/her of the team(s) advancing from the region. If the regional championship is delayed because of rain, the championship director must call the national championship director to inform him/her of the delay. The results of the regional championship and the affidavits of eligibility for each qualifying team must be mailed to the national director the day following the regional championship.

VIII. Seeding the Bracket

- A. Eight teams will be seeded on the championship bracket as shown below
 1. The top four seeded teams will represent the regions that placed 1-4 in the previous year's championship.
 2. The fifth and sixth place seeds shall be determined by lot of the regions finishing fifth and sixth in the previous year's championship.
 3. The seventh and eighth place seeds shall be determined by lot of the regions finishing seventh and eighth in the previous year's championship.
- B. If the host institution does not qualify through the regional championship; they shall be placed in the bracket against the number one seed. The exception to this will be if the host institution placed among the top eight teams in the previous year's championship.
- C. The remaining teams shall be placed on the championship bracket by lot. If, by lot, a team is drawn to compete against another team from the same region in the first round, that team shall be redrawn until such does not occur.

D. The bracket shall be seeded as follows:



IX. Selection, Financing, and Assignment of Umpires

- A. Only NAGWS national umpires and ASA appointed umpires will be used.
- B. A minimum of eight umpires will be used. There shall be equal representation of umpires appointed by AIAW and ASA.
- C. The ASA umpires shall be appointed by the ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative.

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D. The AIAW umpires shall be appointed by the championship director after receiving recommendations for championship umpires from the coaches present at the national championship, regional softball representatives and anyone associated with an AIAW member institution that contacts the national championship director by December 1.

E. The following guidelines shall govern officials' expenses:

1. Lodging shall be provided.
2. \$12.00 per day for meals.
3. Transportation
 - a. Provide the cost of transportation by the least expensive means of travel. When an official has traveled by car, if the air fare - tourist class - is less, then the air fare will be paid.
 - b. The payment per mile should be based upon the rate used by the host institution for University travel.
4. The umpiring fees which shall be \$15.00 per game per official.

F. The ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative shall conduct an umpiring clinic for all umpires immediately preceding the tournament. He/she shall be responsible for assigning all umpires throughout the tournament.

X. Championship Protests and Schedule Revisions

A. The championship director shall appoint a Protest Committee which shall include:

1. The chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee or designated representative.
2. The commission of national championships or designated representative.
3. The ASA umpire-in-chief or designated representative.

B. The ASA umpire-in-chief or his/her designated representative shall serve as the official rules interpreter and shall rule on all protests involving the rules. Protest procedures outlined in the rule book will be utilized. The protest must be announced before the ball is put into play and must be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue.

C. The AIAW-ASA Softball Committee shall be consulted by the championship director or the assistant championship director if the championship director is involved in coaching a team for rescheduling any games due to inclement weather. The final decision will be made by the championship director or assistant championship director.

1. Once a game is begun it is the prerogative of the umpires to suspend or continue the game.
2. Games halted by rain shall be continued from the point of suspension until they are completed.

XI. Tournament Functions

- A. There shall be a meeting for all coaches of AIAW member institutions in attendance at the championship. The chairperson of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee shall be responsible for conducting the meeting. The championship director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the Softball Committee chairperson.
- B. There shall be a meeting for all players involved in the championship. The student representative shall be responsible for conducting the meeting. The championship director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the student representative.
- C. There shall be a meeting and/or clinic for all championship umpires prior to the first scheduled game. The ASA umpire-in-chief (or designated representative) shall be responsible for the meeting.
- D. There shall be at least one meeting of the AIAW-ASA Softball Committee during or immediately preceding the championship. The championship director shall be responsible for securing a time and location for the meeting, after consultation with the Softball Committee chairperson.
- E. There should be a social event planned for all participants sometime during the championship.
- F. The championship director shall complete a report of the championship by August 1 following the championship.

HOW TEAMS FINISHED IN 1977 WCWS

	<u>School</u>	<u>Region</u>
1	University of Northern Iowa	6
2	Arizona University	7
3	Michigan State University	5
4	Arizona State University	7
5	University of Northern Colorado	7
6	University of Nebraska at Omaha	6
7	University of Kansas	6
	Southwest Missouri State University	6
	University of Texas-Arlington	4
	University of California State-Sacramento	8
9	Oklahoma State University	4
	Oregon State University	9
	Southern Illinois University	5
13	West Chester State College	1B
	Springfield College	1A
	Western Illinois University	5

SELECTION OF TEAMS TO 1978 WCWS

	<u># teams</u>
Region 1 -	1
2 -	1
3 -	0
4 -	2
5 -	2
*6 -	2
7 -	3
8 -	2
9 -	2
* Host School -	1

* If UNO places first or second in Region 6, the third place team from Region 6 shall be included.

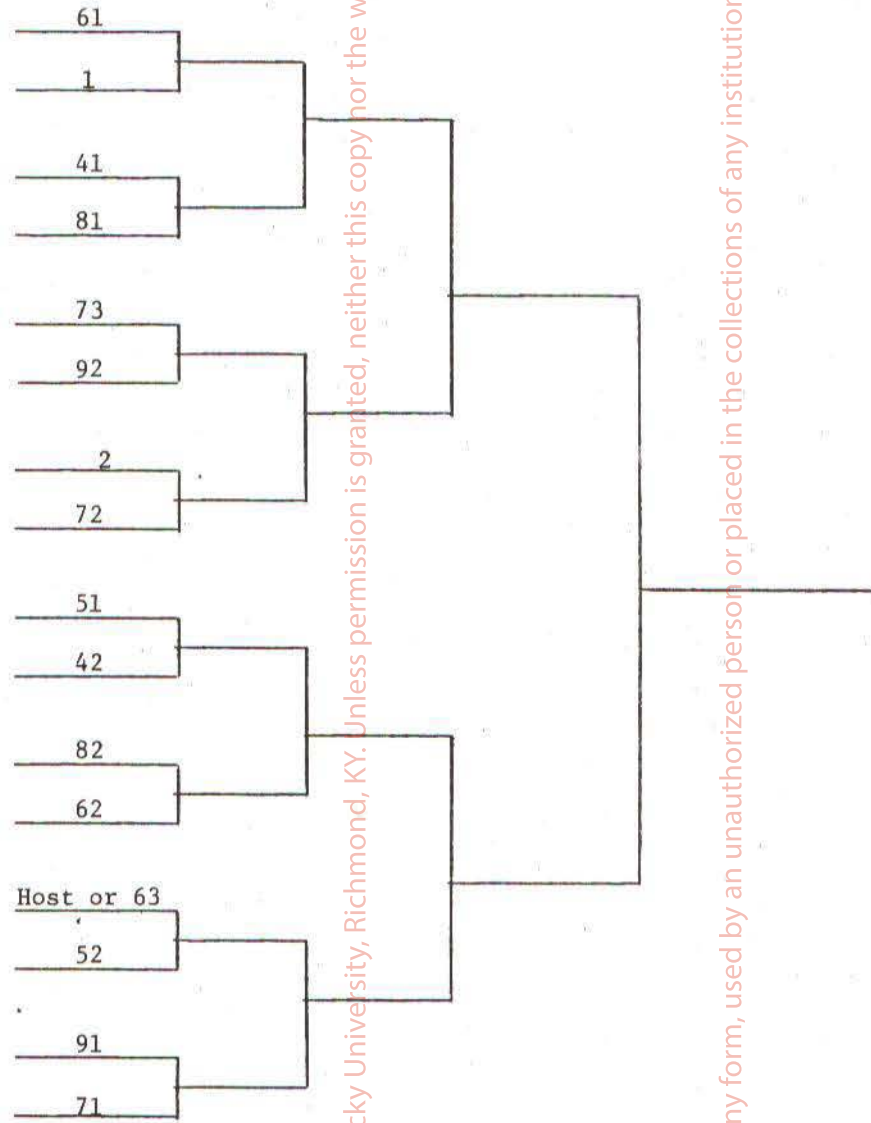
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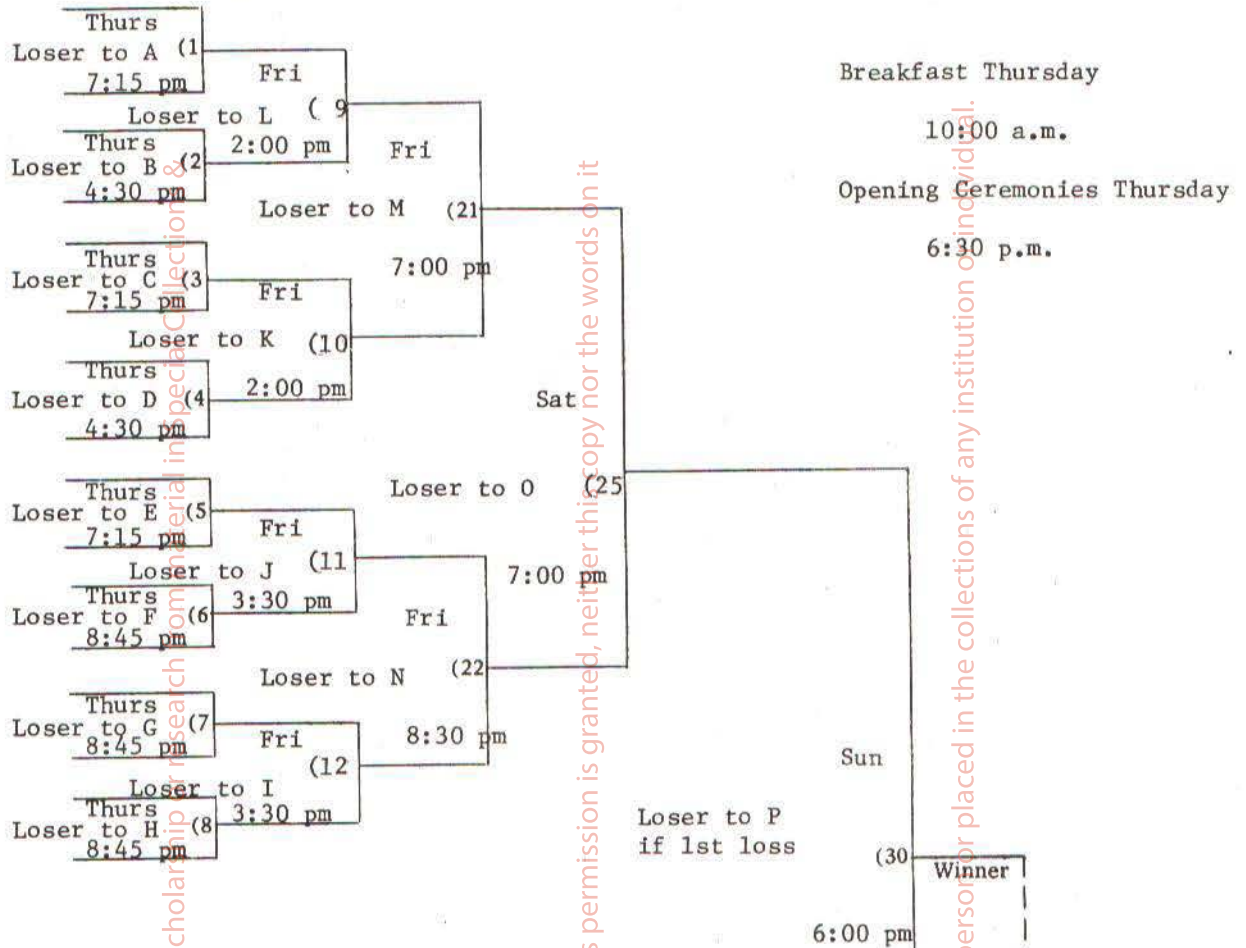
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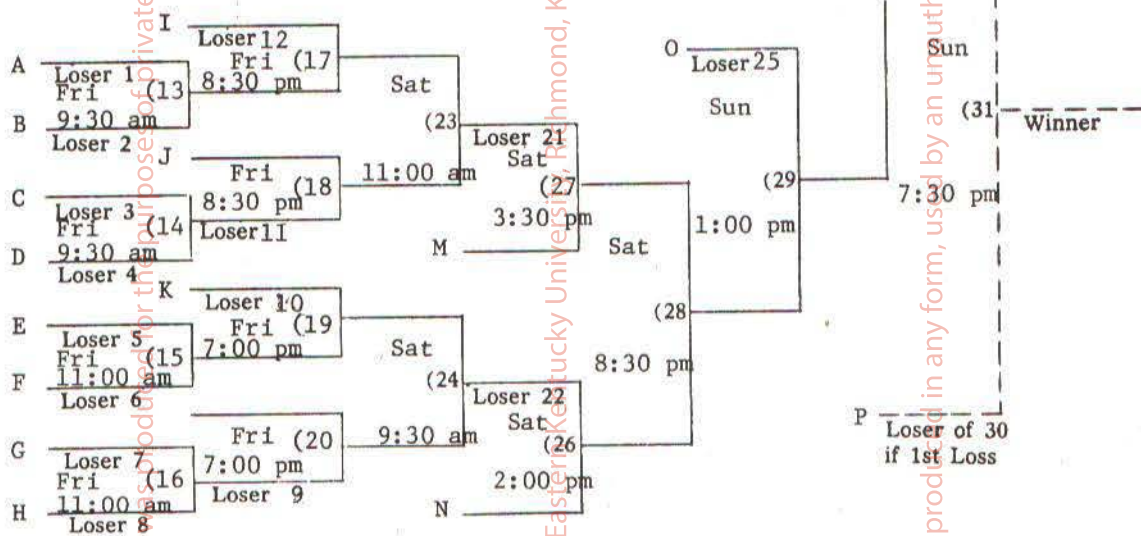


*The 8th seed was drawn from Regions 4, 8, & 9 who tied for 9th place in 1977.

Winners' Bracket



Losers' Bracket



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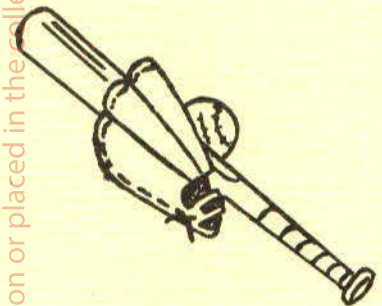
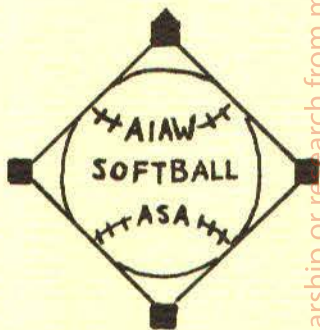
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