Dear Coach,

Thank you for registering your team for Lee County Parks and Recreation’s 33rd Annual Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic. We hope you enjoy the classic, as well as your stay in Lee County. We take pleasure in hosting this event and strive to make it better each and every year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

In the information below you will find the following:

- Important Dates and Information
- Tournament Rules
- Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions

**Important Dates and Information:**

- Payments are due on December 26, 2022 ($70 Per Game)
  - **Game balls provided by Lee County Parks & Recreation**
  - In case of cancellations, no refunds will be issued after January 2, 2023
  - Please make checks payable to: Lee County B.O.C.C
  - Please call Ludie Adorno (239-229-0068) or Schecyl Santiago-Lugo if would like to pay with credit or debit card

- **Game Request Form is due on December 26, 2022**
  - Please complete the “Softball: Game(s) Request Form” found on our website. Here is the link: https://forms.gle/eWfaSPGGHNEeAncE6
  - The current team list can be found on our website. Here’s the link to our website: http://www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/cusic
  - We will make every effort to accommodate you game requests
  - There is no guarantee you will not play the same team twice or the teams you have selected
  - We will begin working on the schedule once all game request forms have been completed

- **Arrival Information Form is due on December 23, 2022**
  - Please complete the “Softball: Arrival Form” found on our website. Here’s the link: https://forms.gle/PEgCFXpZ9mSDtgac6

- **Practice Request Form is due on December 23, 2022**
  - Please complete the “Softball: Practice Request Form” found on our website. Here’s the link: https://forms.gle/wU8Kcsr1CFpFU39Z9
  - We will make every effort to accommodate your practice selection preference
  - The first practice is complimentary and each additional practice scheduled is $50
  - There is no guarantee you will get the practice date/time you have selected
  - Each practice will be two hours in duration

- **Copy of College/ University’s Insurance is due by January 1, 2023**
  - Please email this form to Ludie Adorno (AdornoLI@leegov.com) or Schecyl Santiago-Lugo (SSantiago-Lugo@leegov.com)
Softball Tournament Rules

1. Home and away games will be pre-determined before the tournament.
2. There is no time limit on games.
3. The home team will be designated through a coin toss conducted by the coaches before the game. 

**Exception:** If two teams are playing a doubleheader against the same team, the home team of the first game will be the visiting team for the second game.

4. The eight run rule will go into effect after the fifth inning.
   - A. In order to be considered an official game, five innings must be completed. Please hustle on and off the field during the game.
   - B. The run ahead rule will consist of eight runs after five at bats for the team that is behind in the score.

5. No infield practice will be permitted before the games. Players may use the outfield and areas outside of the base paths for their warm ups.

6. NCAA rules will apply to field action, uniforms and equipment.

7. The international tiebreaker rule will go into effect in the eighth inning. If there is a tie score after the seventh inning each team will be allowed to attempt to break the tie by placing the last batter on second base.

8. Any questions regarding opponent’s uniforms must be brought to the umpire’s attention prior to the start of the game.

9. Any protests will be directed to the supervisor on site on rule misinterpretation only and must be brought to the attention of the home plate umpire prior to the next pitch. The protest committee will include the site director, one umpire and one coach who was not directly involved in the incident.

10. All team personnel and players must stay within the confines of the dugout during routine play. The coaches must stay in their coaches boxes and players in their batter’s boxes and the on deck circle while their team is up to bat.

11. The rainout number is 239-533-7495.

12. No schedule changes will be permitted unless authorized by Ludie Adorno.

13. The game balls provided for the tournament are Worth NC 12 (yellow).

14. Coolers for ice and water will be available on first come first serve basis.

15. We will try our best to reschedule any games canceled due to rainouts. Your opponent may change based on availability.

16. Hitting softballs into the fence at any facility is prohibited.

17. Threats towards umpires, coaches, and personnel will follow the NCAA rules for unsportsmanlike conduct. The appropriate forms will be filed and your college/university will be notified.

18. Bat testing is required by the NCAA. Please arrive to the ballfields early before your first game for bat check.
Additional Information and Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Facility Names and Addresses**
  - Lee County Sports Complex
    - 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33912
  - North Collier Regional Park
    - 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL 34109

- **Lee County Hotel Information:**
  - Please contact Allison Gruber with the Lee County Sports Organizing Committee at 239-541-1800 or leecountysports@aol.com
  - Website: [https://www.leecountysportshousing.net/](https://www.leecountysportshousing.net/)

- **Car Rental Information**
  - Please visit our website at [http://www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/cusic](http://www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/cusic) for information on car rentals

- Please make sure your players retrieve foul balls to the umpire.
- No refunds will be given for cancellations due to weather.
- We do not provide athletic trainers. If you are interested in hiring a certified athletic trainer for your games and/or practices, please contact Mike Evans ([MikeDE@leeschools.net](mailto:MikeDE@leeschools.net)).