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Dear Team Managers,

Thank you for your interest in playing in the 52nd Annual Danish Festival Softball Tournament. The Danish Festival is a popular event for not only the softball tournament, but many additional family events as well. We encourage you to bring your families to enjoy the festivities.

Enclosed you will find directions, a banned bat list, rules and sponsor information. **All of the tournament information is available on our website at www.greenvillemi.org/garcc as well.** I highly encourage you to read all of the enclosed information carefully and address any questions you may have prior to the start of the tournament by calling the office during normal business hours, 616.754.8887.

Public Tournament Draw: All tournament schedules will be determined at a public 'Blind Draw' on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00pm at Brookside Golf & Grill (see insert for more information). The draw is open to the public; we hope to see you and your team there!

Tournament Schedule: The final tournament schedule will be available on our website at 5:00pm on August 17th. We will **not** be mailing a copy of tournament schedule to you; it is the managers and players responsibility to download the schedule for your records.

Registration: EACH PLAYER MUST REGISTER AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE PRIOR TO PLAY. Valid picture ID's are required to register. *If there is a problem with player identification, that player may not be allowed to play until proper identification is provided. Failure to register prior to play may result in player and/or team disqualification from the tournament.*

Bat Testing: ALL DIVISIONS! Bat compression testing must be performed on all bats for all divisions. Exception: co-ed men's aluminum bats will not be compression tested but must be checked and stamped. Each bat will be labeled with a customized 2016 Greenville Recreation Summer Softball League/Danish Festival Softball Tournament tamper proof sticker. We will have a bat testing station at Alan Davis and the High School throughout the tournament. Additional bat testing opportunities will be available the week of the tournament, see enclosed insert. If a bat is tested and fails, the bat will be confiscated until the team is eliminated from the tournament.

Balls: Each team must provide at least two game balls per game. *The balls may be new or used however; they MUST meet the exact specification as described in the enclosed rules. Teams' will hit their own balls and are expected to chase their own balls if they are hit/thrown out of play. If you fail to do so and the umpire does not have your teams' game ball in his/her possession to allow the continuation of play, the umpire may begin calling strikes until an official ball is provided. **Game balls will be available to purchase at the concession stands for \$7.00 each.***

Tournament Location: The men's and women's tournament will be held at Alan G. Davis Softball Complex off Walnut Street. The co-ed tournament will be held at the Greenville High School Athletic Complex on Greenville West Drive and at the Alan Davis Complex. Please park in the designated lots.

Co-Ed Rule Additions: **due to field dimensions, male players may NOT use a composite bat during Co-Ed games at the high school. Men are permitted to use composite bats in Co-Ed games at the Alan Davis fields.**

Text Notifications: to receive text notifications regarding the Danish Festival Softball Tournament, you may text 'gpnr15' to 55678. That way you will be the first to receive important tournament updates and information.

Please feel free to contact our office at any time if you have any questions or concerns, 616.754.8887. I look forward to seeing you at Danish Festival.

Recreationally yours,

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Director, Greenville Parks and Recreation