



As we quickly approach this special event, I want to share information with you. There's a lot here so please take the time to read it. If you aren't the coach of the team, please pass this along. Also, I encourage you to share with your parents so they are aware of what to expect as well.

The theme for this year is **Halloween in July**. Teams are encouraged to interpret this theme however they wish for the opening ceremony! There will be a ton of fund stuff, food and merch vendors and an opening is never complete without a skills competition. Come prepared to have fun!

Prior to the Tournament

- First Team Matchup - I will hold a virtual random draw to select your first pool game match up. More details coming!

July 8 Activities

With the exception of the Golf event and Coaches Meeting, activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Regional Athletic Complex.

- We are hosting the **3rd Annual Cascades Golf Tournament** the morning of July 8. Coaches, fans and players are all welcome to participate. The golf tournament is an 18 hole scramble tourney and will conclude prior to the other festivities. Cost is \$50 per player including a cart. *If you or your fans would like more information, please let me know. [Sign up here.](#)*
- **Coaches Meeting** – On July 8, we will hold a coaches meeting. Show up at 12:30 and grab your free appetizers (yes, a great variety of refreshments are provided) and mingle with the other coaches. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. All teams are expected to send a representative to this meeting. Information will be shared, you will have an opportunity to chat with the umpires and there will be some pretty awesome raffle prizes.
- **Team Check-In** - Every team is required to send a representative to the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) at some point between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. That representative must have a copy of a legal document (birth certificate, passport or driver's license) for each of your rostered players that clearly shows the player's birthdate. These documents will be compared to the official roster. If a player and the documentation do not match up, that player will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. If your team does not check in, you will not be allowed to play. We do not keep the documents.
- **Skills Competitions** – This year's options are the **Speed Racer** (quickest around the bases), the **Golden Arm** (accurate throw) and, everyone's favorite, the **Homerun Derby** (players provide their own pitcher and will be allowed 10 pitches, good or bad). There will be limited space in each of these. **Pick** 2 players for each of the competitions, so each team will have no more than 6 total players participating. Register them by going to [this Google Sheet](#). Please remember, only 2 players per competition. Skills comps will begin about 4:00 p.m.
- **Team Logos** – We will be continuing the tradition of teams moving their teams forward in the first round of bracket play. This is mean as a fun, interactive activity for all teams to participate in during bracket play. To do this, I need you to email me your team logo, either in jpeg or png format. I need everyone's sent to me no later than **June 20**. The activity will be explained in detail at the coaches meeting.
- **Opening Ceremonies** - All the teams present will be introduced. You are encouraged to dress in whatever design you feel represents the **Halloween in July** theme.

- **Trading Cards** - At the conclusion (and probably throughout the day), players are encouraged to share player's cards with other teams. [Go HERE to purchase yours](#). Each player who orders will receive 18 free cards and can purchase more to share with their new found friends at the tournament. These will be picked up at the RAC during team check-in.

This is the Trading Card design!



Games

The anticipated game schedule will be as follows. Pool play with each team playing 3 pool games beginning on July 9, wrapping up on July 10. A 3-game guarantee bracket will begin the afternoon of July 10. All championship games will be played on July 12. All games will be played in the Olympia area.

Payment

Registration Fee is **due no later than June 20** unless you've communicated your plan to pay with me. If you have not communicated or paid by June 20, you may be dropped from the tournament.

Hotels

We have secured multiple hotels for this event that are offering special tournament rates and all are located near to all the fields we will be using. The hotel information is below. If your team is looking for hotels, consider one of these options. Book early, space is limited.

Hotel Links for Cascades National Championship.

Please remind the individuals they have until June 09, 2025 to book the reservations . if you have any questions, please let me know, thanks!

[Cascade National Championships – Spark Tumwater](#)

[Cascade National Championships – Holiday Inn Express Tumwater](#)

Here are additional options linked here [hotel booking link](#).

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Please let me know if you have any questions!

