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NCBA Team Reps,

The NCBA will be hosting the 2017 Battle Creek Blast on the weekend of September 22nd-24th. This tournament will take place at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, Michigan. Below is all of the information your team will need for the tournament. Please take the time to read through it and let me know if you have any questions.

This tournament will be open to 16 teams. Registration will occur on a first-come, first-serve basis and is now open for all of you! The **first 16 teams** to respond with their signed contract to the NCBA will be guaranteed a spot. Once the signed contract is submitted, teams are expected to participate in the Battle Creek Blast AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$400 REGISTRATION FEE WITH NO REFUNDS GIVEN AT ANY TIME!

The registration fee is \$400 and you will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 games as a tournament participant. This registration fee covers fields, umpires, and game balls. Teams will be placed in 4 pools composed of 4 teams for pool play. Every team will play a round robin within their pool. The four winners from each pool will move on to Sunday and be seeded for a 4-team single elimination playoff. Games will begin Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday afternoon at Bailey Park. The schedule for the event will be built after all teams register. Once registered for the Battle Creek Blast, no refunds will be given. All games will be conducted under official NCBA rules.

We are in the process of securing hotels with discounted rates in Battle Creek. **All teams will be required to stay in the official host hotel of the Battle Creek Blast!** Accommodation information will be released to teams upon registration.

Registration form contracts for the Battle Creek Blast can be submitted via scan/email or fax. Payment can be made either by check (address listed above), or Credit Card (3% surcharge). Once your payment and contract are received by the NCBA office, I will send each of you a confirmation email. On August 1st or once the tournament has reached 16 teams (whichever comes first), I will email all participating teams with the schedule and general operating procedures of the tournament. Again this is first come first serve, so the first 16 teams to get their contracts signed and back to me will have a spot. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at this year's Battle Creek Blast.

Sincerely,
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