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Dear Coach:

We have assembled what we hope is a detailed packet of information. It is very important that you look over this information ASAP. **The roster form and team photo for the tournament program MUST be emailed to the Columbus Sports Council at msherman@columbusga.org by 9:00 AM on Monday, October 24, 2011.** This will allow us to properly plan and execute state tournament activities. Items received after the deadline will not get into the tournament program.

Opening Ceremonies will take place on Thursday at 2:00 PM at the Stadium. Teams will line up at 1:30 PM by classification. Please ask the Team Check-In gate where your team needs to line up. Per GHSA, failure to have your team at the Opening Ceremonies will result in a \$100.00 fine to the school.

We cordially invite you and your team to the XVI Olympiad Softball venue. The entire Columbus community is excited to be able to host the GHSA State Softball Championships. We trust your stay with us will be pleasant and a memorable experience. Please visit the Sport's Councils Facebook page at Columbus, GA Sports Council and website www.columbusgasports.com for tournament photos.

Best Wishes,

Tommy Groce
Tournament Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have qualified for State...



HOTEL RESERVATION ASSISTANCE

Please go to www.visitcolumbusga.com.

This site allows you to book directly with the hotel of your choice from a list and receive a confirmation number.

If you need further assistance, please contact Ashley Woitena at the **Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau**, at **800-999-1613** or **706-317-2110** or email awoitena@visitcolumbusga.com. **Please reference “GHSA Housing”!**



2011 GHSA SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT CONGRATULATIONS!

Please read the “General Instructions” very carefully. Each year we have problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions. Pay particular attention to the State Tournament bracket regarding the issue of which uniform your team should be wearing each game.

Enclosed you have the following forms:

- **OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM** – Please fill out this form out completely and turn it in at the “Team Entry Gate” at the arena. You are allowed to list (20) names on this form.
- **LINE-UPS/COIN TOSS** – Line-up cards, and the coin toss to determine “home team”, will be conducted with the official score keeper thirty (30) prior to each game.
- **EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM** – List names on this form of individuals who are part of your team operations over the limit of the (20) names on the TEAM TRAVEL FORM.
- **GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER** – Each school is responsible to have an Administrator and/or Resource Office on site during the game. Please provide the name and cell # of those individuals on the enclosed form and submit it to the “Game Manager” upon arrival at the venue.

**THE GHSA OFFICE WISHES YOU AND YOUR TEAM THE BEST OF
LUCK THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.**

GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone numbers, who will be in attendance at the GHSA State Tournament contest.

ADMINISTRATORS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

RESOURCE OFFICERS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior to the "Game Manager" upon arrival at the venue.

OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Each team is allowed (20) names on the "Team Travel Form, consisting of players, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names on this form must list the names of those individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

| NAME | FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.) |
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COACH: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: The head coach is responsible for turning in this form when entering the "Team Entry Gate".

EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names must list the names of those individuals on this "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

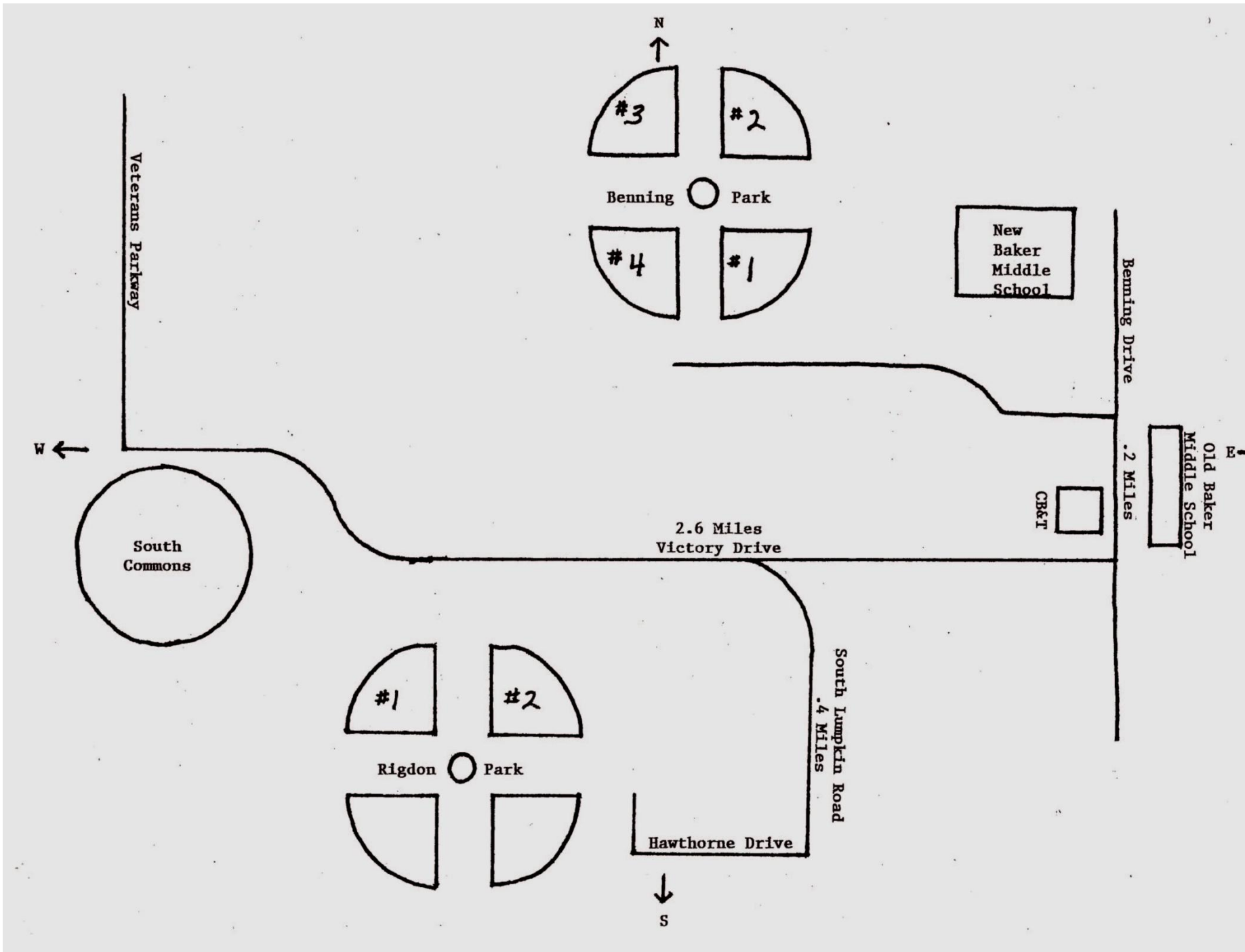
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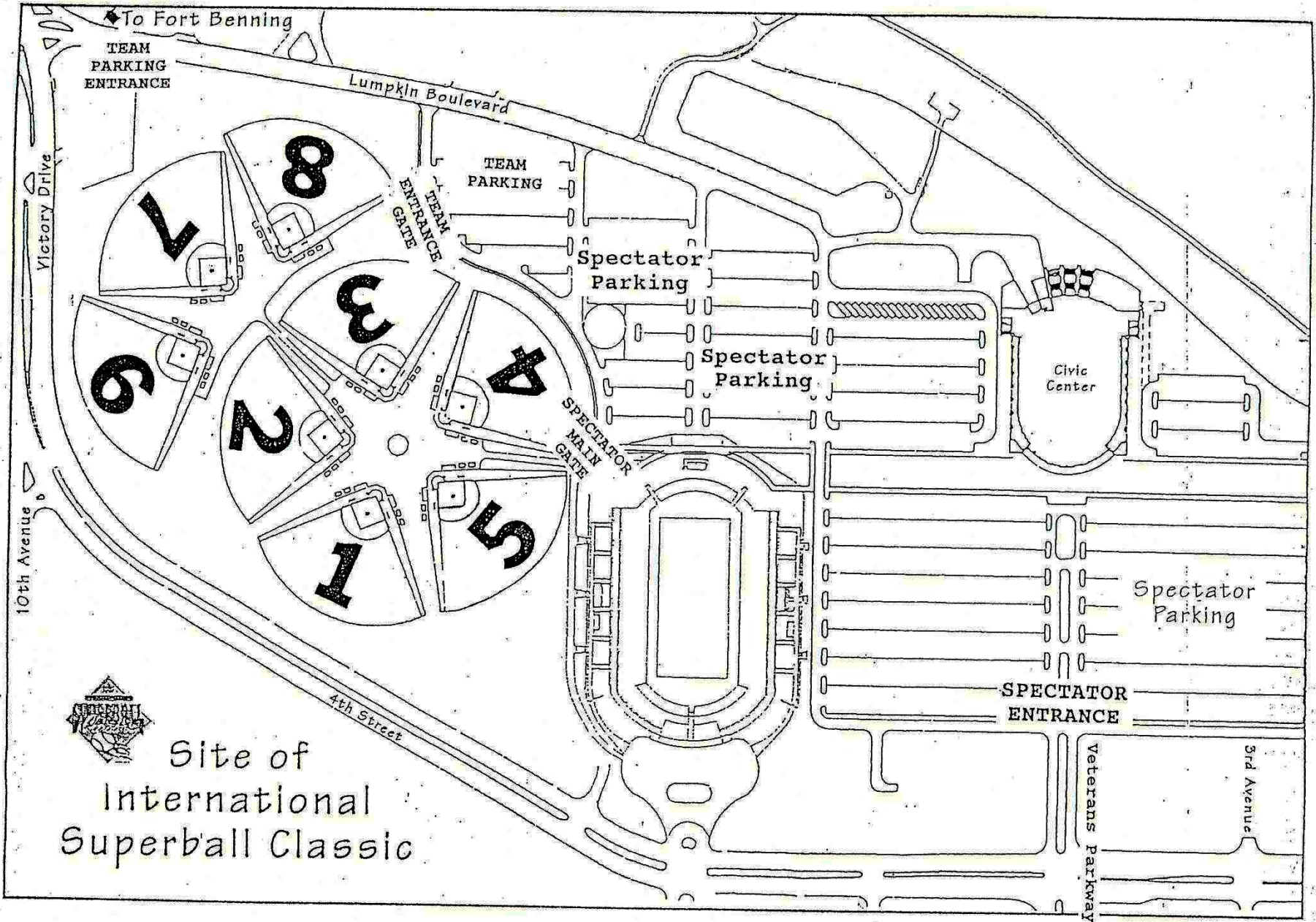
COACH: _____ DATE: _____

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SOUTH COMMONS COMPLEX POLICY

- 1. All team members must enter the complex through the player's gate (See enclosed map). This will be the only gate Players and Coaches will be allowed to enter free of charge. If team members or coaches enter main gate, admission will be charged.**
- 2. Team Buses and Team Vans will be admitted free (no charge for parking) through the team parking entrance by Lumpkin Boulevard entrance. Individual vehicles will be charged a \$5.00 daily pass for parking charge.**
- 3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all areas.**
- 4. Glass containers are prohibited in all areas.**
- 5. All Team Coolers must be taken in complex through team gate.
No individual coolers are allowed in complex through main gate.**
- 6. Top line of the bracket uses first base dugout unless a team is playing back-to-back on that field.**
- 7. No pepper games between dugouts.**
- 8. No ball-toss drills on field fence.**
- 9. Animals are prohibited in all areas (except seeing-eye dogs)**
- 10. Lineups: Lineup cards are provided by the scorekeeper or on site staff. A copy of your lineup should be given to the scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Give original copy of lineup to umpire, second copy to scorekeeper, third copy to opposing coach or manager. The fourth copy is for your use. Give all substitutions to home plate umpire.**
- 11. Coin Toss: Coaching staff shall be available 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time for the purpose of home/visitor designation. Official scorekeeper shall administer this and team shall receive one new game ball to warm up.**
- 12. Teams are prohibited from warming up inside the confines (between fields) of South Commons complex. Practice areas may be found at Benning Park and Rigdon Park. Practice times will be available Wednesday and Thursday only and shall be reserved at (706) 653-4506. Practices on Friday and Saturday will be on a first come first serve basis. Enclosed in your packet is a detailed map that will enable you to travel between these practice areas and South Commons complex in a matter of 10 minutes or less. Please limit warm-up on the tournament playing fields to the outfield grass. It is our intention to prepare the infield to the best of our ability with the time allotted between games. If either team gets on the dirt, with the intentions of warming up, before the grounds crew finishes, work will cease and they will immediately leave the field.**





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