



Pinkstertoernooi 2008

19th International Youth Tournament

May 11 - 12, 2008

Bussum, the Netherlands



Bussum, December 31, 2007

Invitation

Dear friends of baseball and softball,

With great pleasure, we invite your youth teams to this year's event, **Mr. Cocker HCAW 19th International Tournament for Baseball & Softball Youth Teams** - also known as **Pinkstertoernooi** - on the **11th and 12th of May, 2008** in Bussum, The Netherlands.

We plan to have the following categories in our tournament:

Baseball (boys): juveniles (9-12 yrs), cadets (13-15 yrs) and juniors (16-18 yrs)

Softball (girls): juveniles (9-12 yrs) and cadets (13-15 yrs) and juniors (16-18 yrs)

As always, we like to have international teams competing in all categories of both baseball *and* softball. So specially, if you have softball teams that might be interested: let us know!

Applications must be entered before February 29, 2008. May we ask you to reply as soon as possible? We expect a big response to our invitation, from Dutch and other foreign teams alike. Even if you cannot fully commit yourself right now, let us know what your intentions might be.

Last year, we had more international applications than we could honour. We must emphasize that your application becomes final only after our confirmation.

We will finalize the roster of participating teams between March 1 and March 4, and let you know the results immediately.

We have included separately:

- Some general information about the tournament;
- A participation form.

Looking forward to your reply,
Kind regards,

Bernie Elfrink

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General Information

Mr. Cocker HCAW's 18th International Tournament for baseball & softball Youth Teams, 11 & 12 May 2008.

Mr. Cocker HCAW is one of the leading baseball & softball clubs in The Netherlands.

Mr. Cocker HCAW's Pinkstertoernooi ("tournament at Pentecost") has become one of the most attractive youth tournaments in Europe. In past editions, youth teams from all over Europe have had a wonderful time meeting and competing with teams from The Netherlands. The standard of play and the overall quality of the tournament are widely considered to be excellent. In recent years we were happy to welcome teams from the American Air force Base in Avian, Italy, National Teams from the Czech Republic, Poland, Switzerland, Germany and France, as well as club teams from Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Belgium, Russia, Spain, Lithuania and France.

The Pinkstertoernooi takes place on the fields in and around Mr. Cocker HCAW's 'baseball valley' in the town of Bussum (which is located between the cities of Amsterdam and Utrecht).

Foreign teams are welcome to arrive on the day before the tournament (Saturday May 10); all teams usually return home right after the awards ceremony on Monday (May 12 around 18.00 hours).

The participation fee is €60,- per team.

Mr. Cocker HCAW provides free accommodation and breakfast: the coaches and older players (cadets and juniors) can sleep at the club; younger players (under 13's) will stay at people's homes. Other meals will be available at the club at your own cost.

The general program is as follows:

Saturday May 10 – arrival of foreign teams in the afternoon. Juvenile players go to their guest families. In the evening, coaches and older players are invited to get together and enjoy a light meal at our cost.

Sunday May 11 – tournament day from 10-18 hrs. Each team plays three games. In the evening a number of events will be held: barbecue for all participants (at your own cost). Furthermore, in the evening everyone is invited to watch the game of our first baseball team.

Monday May 12 – tournament day from 9-17 hrs. Each team plays three games. Award ceremony. Departure of foreign teams.

Baseball and softball youth teams in the categories juveniles (9-12 yrs), cadets (13-15 yrs) and juniors (16-18) can take part in Mr. Cocker HCAW's Pinkstertoernooi. Applications must be entered before February 29, 2008. The number of available places in the tournament is limited; entries will be treated on a "first come first served" basis.

For additional information please contact:

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Participation Form

Name of club:

Contact person:

Address:

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Telephone: Fax:

E-mail:

Please mark your choice for participation in the following categories:

◇ Baseball (age 9-12) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

◇ Baseball (age 13-15) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

◇ Baseball (age 15-18) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

◇ Softball (age 9-12) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

◇ Softball (age 13-15) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

◇ Softball (age 15-18) Number of teams: Number of players: Number of coaches: Level: A/B*

*Mark one: A=strong, B=regular

Important notice:

- If you participate with 1 or 2 teams, you must bring 1 umpire;
- If you participate with 3 or more teams, you must bring 2 umpires.
- The fee for participation is €60,- per team.
- Participation is final ONLY after confirmation from HCAW.

Signature:

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Please return before 29 February 2008 to:

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