

# 2008 NCAA Division III Softball Championship

Tyler, Texas Regional



May 8-12, 2008

UT Tyler Ballpark

3900 University Blvd. – Tyler, Texas 75799

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER**



May 5, 2008

To Participating Coaches, Administrators and Staff:

The University of Texas at Tyler is pleased to welcome you to our campus for first-round competition in the 2008 NCAA Division III Softball Championships. We are excited to be hosting the student-athletes, coaches, official representatives and spectators from our fellow NCAA schools.

UT Tyler's goal is to make the tournament an event that all players, coaches and fans will remember with fondness.

We hope you will find the information provided in this packet, which is supplemental to the NCAA Division III Softball Championship Participant Manual, to be useful during your stay in Tyler. If you have special needs that have not been addressed, please do not hesitate to ask any of the UT Tyler staff for assistance.

Please remember that competition on UT Tyler's campus is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner which encourages enthusiasm while maintaining good sportsmanship and a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.

It is the principle of The University of Texas at Tyler and the NCAA that student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with athletics adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and accountability. We, like you, expect the conduct before, during, and after competition to exemplify the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.

On behalf of The University of Texas at Tyler, I am pleased to extend you a warm welcome and best wishes for safe travels to and from Tyler.

Sincerely,

Peyton Low  
Tournament Director  
(903) 565-5559

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**The University of Texas at Tyler**

\*\*\* All Times CDT \*\*\*

Sunday, May 4

NCAA Selections

Information packets distributed via e-mail to teams following selections

Tuesday, May 6

1 p.m. – Conference Call with Participating Coaches, ADs, and Staff  
To Join Call: Dial (888) 737-5824. Enter Conference Code: \*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, May 7

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Practice Times

7 p.m. – Games Committee Meeting

8 p.m. – Coaches Meeting

10 p.m. – Umpires Meeting

Thursday, May 8 – Day 1

Game 1 (10 a.m.) – #5 Redlands vs. #4 Linfield

Game 2 (12 p.m.) – #3 Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. #6 Chapman

Game 3 (2 p.m.) – #2 Texas-Tyler vs. #7 La Verne

Game 4 (4 p.m.) - #1 Louisiana College vs. Winner 1

Friday, May 9 – Day 2

Game 5 (10 a.m.) – Loser 1 vs. Loser 3

Game 6 (12 p.m.) – Loser 2 vs. Loser 4

Game 7 (2 p.m.) – Winner 2 vs. Winner 3

Game 8 (4 p.m.) – Winner 5 vs. Winner 6

Saturday, May 10 – Day 3

Game 9 (10 a.m.) – Winner 4 vs. Winner 7

Game 10 (12 p.m.) – Loser 7 vs. Winner 8

Game 11 (2 p.m.) – Loser 9 vs. Winner 10

Sunday, May 11 – Day 4

Game 12 (12 p.m.) – Winner 9 vs. Winner 11

Game 13 (2 p.m.) – Winner 12 vs. Loser 12 (if necessary)

# UT Tyler Staff and Tournament Key Contacts

UT Tyler Athletics Main No. – (903) 566-7105

## TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION

Peyton Low, Tournament Director *	(903) 565-5559
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(903) 780-5308
James Vilade, Associate Athletic Director *	(903) 565-5640
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(903) 372-1600
Heather Barber, Assistant Tournament Director	(903) 565-5865
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(903) 780-1443
TBA, NCAA Representative *	
TBA, Assistant NCAA Representative	
TBA, Umpire-in-Chief *	

## SPORTS INFORMATION

Parker Griffith, Sports Information	(903) 565-5816
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(501) 366-0881

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

Rebekah Grube, Athletic Trainer	(903) 565-5545
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(913) 980-4464
Adam Hotaling, Athletic Trainer	(903) 565-5742
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(607) 423-3870
Jason Thomas, Athletic Trainer	(903) 565-5742
<i>Cell Phone</i>	(903) 253-5932

## UT TYLER COACHING STAFF

Mike Reed, Head Coach	(903) 565-5984
Christy Gipson, Assistant Coach	(903) 565-5983
Keith Bell, Assistant Coach	(903) 565-5517

## OTHER

UT Tyler Campus Operator	(903) 566-7200
UT Tyler Campus Police	(903) 566-7300
City of Tyler Police Department	(903) 531-1000
Smith County Sheriff's Office	(903) 535-0911
Texas Department of Public Safety (State Troopers)	(903) 939-6000
Texas DPS Emergency Roadside Assistance	(800) 525-5555
Mother Frances Hospital	(903) 593-8411
East Texas Medical Center	(903) 597-0351
University of Texas Health Center at Tyler	(903) 877-3451
Azalea Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic	(903) 939-7500

## Fax Numbers

Athletics Department	(903) 566-7078
Sports Information Office	(903) 565-5687

\* Games Committee

All-Tournament Team: Fifteen players will be selected by the All-Tournament selection committee to the All-Tournament team. Parker Griffith, UT Tyler Sports Information, will coordinate the selections.

Athletic Training: The UT Tyler athletic training room will be open throughout the tournament and UT Tyler's athletic training staff will be on-site for all practices and games. The athletic training room is located inside the field house at the UT Tyler Ballpark.

The following will be provided for the all teams:

- Dugout – water, cups, ice, bags, biohazard supplies.
- ATC/LAT and athletic training students on-site.

The following therapeutic modalities are available at UT Tyler:

- Whirlpool
- Hydrocollator
- Ultrasound
- Muscle stimulation
- Intermittent compression

NOTE: Teams traveling without a certified or licensed athletic trainer will only have hydrocollator and ice packs available to them up to one hour prior to the contest. If your team will be traveling with a certified or licensed athletic trainer, all of our therapeutic modalities will be available for your use.

UT Tyler welcomes all athletic trainers accompanying their teams during their visit to our campus and we are happy to provide full access to our facility for your use. Contact information for the athletic training staff is provided on the key contacts sheet.

Bracket: For all games, the home team will bat last, occupy the third-base dugout, and take infield warm-up first. The home team for the first day of competition will be the higher seeded team. For subsequent days, the Games Committee will determine the home team.

Concessions: The concession stand will be open throughout the tournament.

Credentials: Coaches, players and team staff (25 max.) will be issued credentials for the tournament. For security reasons, the credential must be worn at all times when on-site (except for players in uniform). Only properly credentialed individuals will be allowed access to the field and hospitality areas.

Media will be credentialed through the UT Tyler Sports Information Office. The application form is located at: <http://www.uttyler.edu/athletics/ncaa/>

- Dressing Rooms:** It is strongly recommended that teams and coaches dress at their hotel. Locker room space is not available on-site but if necessary, facilities can be made available in the Herrington Patriot Center on the UT Tyler campus.
- Emergencies:** Should a medical emergency occur at UT Tyler, patients will be transported to East Texas Medical Center, Trinity Mother Frances Hospital or The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler.
- East Texas Medical Center: (903) 597-0351  
1000 S. Beckham, Tyler TX 75701
- Trinity Mother Frances Hospital: (903) 593-8411  
800 E. Dawson, Tyler TX 75701
- UT Health Center at Tyler: (903) 877-3451  
11937 US Hwy. 271, Tyler TX 75708
- Games:** All games will be seven innings with the eight-run rule used after five innings.
- General Parking:** General tournament parking is located in lots 10, 12 and 14. Buses must park in lot 10. A campus map is provided in this packet.
- Hospitality:** Hospitality areas will be provided for coaches, officials, and players at the UT Tyler Ballpark. The hospitality areas will be located just south of the game field. Credentials must be shown to enter the hospitality areas.
- Interviews:** In accordance with NCAA regulations, all coaches and student-athletes must be made available for post-game interviews after a 10-minute cooling off period. At the conclusion of each game, both teams will be escorted to separate cool down areas by a member of the Games Committee. The losing coaches and requested players will be taken to the media tent first, followed by the winning coach and requested players. Failure to comply with this policy will be considered misconduct by the NCAA.
- Laundry:** Teams may utilize the laundry room at UT Tyler. Laundry facilities are available at the UT Tyler Ballpark.
- Lodging:** In order to ensure hotel availability for teams, rooms have been secured and qualifying teams will be randomly assigned to one of the hotels in the Tyler area. The assigned hotel will be reviewed with each team during the Tuesday conference call. Rates at all properties are comparable.
- Media:** All media must be credentialed to cover the tournament and must agree to all NCAA rules and regulations prior to receiving credentials.
- Media representatives are not allowed in team areas/locker rooms at any time.

Following each game, results will be sent to major media outlets and wire services. Specific media lists for each school should be sent to Parker Griffith ([pgriffith@uttyler.edu](mailto:pgriffith@uttyler.edu)).

Working space for media and sports information personnel is available at the field and in the UT Tyler field house.

**Meetings:** The following mandatory meetings have been prior to the start of the tournament. All meetings will be held in the Bill Ratliff Engineering Building on the UT Tyler Campus (see attached map).

May 7 - 7 p.m. – Games Committee (NCAA Rep., Tourn. Director, AD)

May 7 - 8 p.m. – Coaches/Administrators

May 8 - 9 a.m. – Umpires

**Practice:** The following practice times have been scheduled for all teams on Wednesday, May 7. Times are scheduled based on proximity to Tyler in order to maximize travel time. The cage/warm-up time will be at the UT Tyler baseball field (adjacent to the softball field).

<u>Team</u>	<u>Cages/Warm-up</u>	<u>Game Field</u>
Team 1	10 a.m.	11 a.m.
Team 2	11 a.m.	12 p.m.
Team 3	12 p.m.	1 p.m.
Team 4	1 p.m.	2 p.m.
Team 5	2 p.m.	3 p.m.
Team 6	3 p.m.	4 p.m.
Team 7	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Team 8	5 p.m.	6 p.m.

An announcement will be made with 10 minutes remaining and again at the conclusion of your practice time.

Teams should be LEAVING the field with all equipment when the final horn sounds. Teams will use the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout for Wednesday practices.

Teams must wait outside the field until the final horn sounds for the preceding practice.

**Pre-Game:** All games will use the following pre-game format

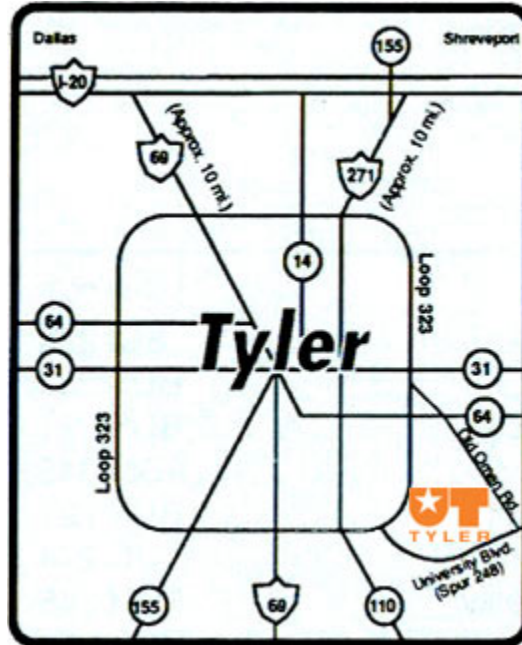
24:00	Home Team Infield
16:00	Visiting Team Infield
8:00	Field Rake & Water
8:00	Umpire/Coaches Meeting
5:00	Introduction of Starting Lineups

1. Visiting team introductions. When announced, players will line up on the foul lines in front of their dugout. The first players announced will lineup next to the base.
    - a. Non starters in numerical order
    - b. Starters in batting order
    - c. Coaching staff (head coach last)
  2. Home team introductions. When announced, players will line up on the foul lines in front of their dugout. The first players announced will lineup next to the base.
    - a. Non starters in numerical order
    - b. Starters in batting order
    - c. Coaching staff (head coach last)
  3. Introduction of Umpires.
  4. National Anthem (first game of each day only).
- 0:00 First Pitch

- Program: Programs will be provided for sale at the tournament by IMG.
- Radio/Internet: Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines at [www.ncaasports.com/broadcast](http://www.ncaasports.com/broadcast).
- Phone lines and wireless internet will be available for use by media, broadcasters, and sports information personnel. Please notify Parker Griffith, UT Tyler Sports Information, if you will be broadcasting.
- Security: University of Texas System Police and Tyler Police will be on-site during all games.
- Statistics: UT Tyler will provide statistical services for all games, including live stats during the games. Box scores will be provided to each team and media at the conclusion of each game. The box scores will also be posted on the tournament web site and sent to the NCAA.
- Tickets: Tickets are available for \$8 per day and are valid for all games that day. A new ticket must be purchased each day. Children under 3 may be admitted free if they will not be using a seat. No passes or pass lists will be accepted. Chair-back seats are available on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Towels: Teams should provide their own towels.
- Uniform: For all games, the visiting team will have choice of uniform and the home team must wear a contrasting color jersey. For teams playing back-to-back games, be prepared to change uniforms after the first game if necessary. Each team must bring two sets of uniforms of different colors
- Web Site: The official tournament web site is located at:  
<http://www.uttyler.edu/athletics/ncaa>

## Directions to The University of Texas at Tyler

The University of Texas at Tyler is located in East Texas, approximately 95 miles from Dallas and Shreveport, Louisiana. For road conditions and construction information in the Tyler area, visit: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/tyl/>.



### From Interstate 20

Exit from I-20 to South on US Hwy. 69 or US Hwy 271. Proceed into Tyler and make right on Loop 323. Proceed to SSE Loop 323. Make right on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Make left on Old Omen Rd. Proceed to University's main entrance.

### From the North (Via US Hwy. 69, US Hwy. 271, State Hwy. 155)

Proceed into Tyler and make right on Loop 323. Proceed to SSE Loop 323. Make right on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Make left on Old Omen Rd. Proceed to University's main entrance.

### From the South (Via US Hwy. 69, State Hwy. 155, State Hwy. 110)

Proceed into Tyler and make right on Loop 323. Proceed to SSE Loop 323. Make right on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Make left on Old Omen Rd. Proceed to University's main entrance.

### From the East (Via State Hwy. 31, State Hwy. 64)

Proceed into Tyler and make left on Loop 323. Proceed to SSE Loop 323. Make left on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Make left on Old Omen Rd. Proceed to University's main entrance.

### From the West, From Tyler Pounds Regional Airport (Via State Hwy. 31, State Hwy. 64)

Proceed into Tyler and make right on Loop 323. Proceed to SSE Loop 323. Make right on University Blvd. (Spur 248). Make left on Old Omen Rd. Proceed to University's main entrance.

# UT Tyler Campus Map





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## Visiting Team Information Sheet

**Institution:**

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**Head Coach:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Phone #:**

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**AD \*:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Traveling: Yes No

**AD Phone #:**

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**SID:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Traveling: Yes No

**SID Phone #:**

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ath. Trainer:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Traveling: Yes No

**Ath. Trainer Phone #:**

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will be arriving by:**

Airline     Bus     Van     Other

**Airline/Bus Co.:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**# in Traveling Party:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival time at Hotel:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Participants:**

Cheerleaders: Yes No      Band: Yes No

**Additional  
Information/Requests:**

\* Athletic Director or administrator traveling with team.

Please return to Peyton Low at (903) 565-5687 Fax by Monday at 12 p.m. CDT.