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56th Annual Seattle Invitational Men's Fastpitch Tournament

Returning to Fife's Dacca Park for the sixth year July 22-24

Fife, WA – The 56th Annual Seattle Invitational men's fastpitch tournament is returning to Fife's Dacca Park July 22-24. Friday through Sunday, this championship tournament will offer free spectator admission, feature a beer garden and host top players from around the world pitching at more than 80 mph.

"Some of the top teams in North America, including Bartel Farms-CR Brewers and the Vancouver A's will return this year," Ryan Daly, the tournament administrator says. "Last year was a record-breaking success, featuring players from USA, Canada Guatemala, Venezuela, Denmark, New Zealand, and Australia."

The Seattle Invitational is one of the longest, continuously operated fastpitch events in the United States. The event prides its self in partnering with the community and drawing players, fans and teams from around the world. This will be the sixth installment of the Seattle Invitational at Fife. This year 14 Teams from the US and Canada will be competing, making this the largest men's fastpitch tournament on the west Coast.

"The Dacca Park Athletic Complex and Historic Dacca Barn make perfect venues to host this world class event," Kurt Reuter, Fife's Parks and Recreation director said. "We are honored to have this tournament call Fife home."

The Championship holds three divisions: NAFA Open World Series, NAFA "AA" Western Championship and NAFA "A" Western Championship. You can find the full schedule of tournament play at Seattleinvite.com.

Hours of tournament play:

- Friday: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sunday Championships at 12:30 p.m.

The Seattle Invitational is grateful to partner with the North American Fastpitch Association (NAFA), City of Fife, and the Tacoma South Sounds Sports Commission, as well as a great group of volunteers who make the event possible. For more information, visit Seattleinvite.com

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