

December 1, 2011

Dear Ultimate Captain/Coach,

Our **Twenty-First Annual Amherst Invitational for High School Teams** is many months away, but the time to send in your application is NOW! This year's event will be held on May 5 & 6, 2012.

This year's tournament will be held on fields in Amherst, Massachusetts. We expect that it will be impossible for us to accommodate all teams who are interested in attending these events.

All teams are expected to stay over Saturday night and not leave until their last game is completed on Sunday.

Please note: SAT's may cause a conflict for some folks. Take them in March or June or take them in the Amherst area and miss an early game or two.

The guidelines for the 2012 tournament are:

A) **THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31.** All requests must be postmarked by January 31, 2012. You should try to get your entry in well before the deadline.

B) The fee for this year's tournament is **\$400.** We will not cash your check until your team has been accepted into the tournament. Please make your check payable to: **AMHERST ULTIMATE.** If your team is not accepted, your check will be returned to you within 2 weeks after the teams have been selected.

C) Your fee will go to the normal costs of running a tournament: custodian, trainer, tent, water, fruit, trophies, etc. In addition, we will provide a lunch and pizza for your team on Saturday. We will not be having dinner at the school on Saturday night, so you will have to make arrangements for dinner that night. We will feed you pizza on Saturday after the game are finished, while people are showering. No meals will be provided on Sunday. (In case of cancellation of the tournament, we will deduct any fixed costs and send you the remaining money.)

D) You must also fill out the **TEAM INFORMATION SHEET** completely. We hope to provide housing to any teams who want it, although we will give first preference to those teams who travel the furthest. **Please Note:** All teams must travel with an adult chaperone, which is someone who is 25 years old or older. If you arrive in Amherst without a chaperone, you will be disqualified from the tournament.

E) Acceptance to the tournament will be based on the following factors, not necessarily in this order:

- 1) your team's past performance/attendance at our tournament
- 2) your team's performance last spring and fall
- 3) how quickly you return the form and money
- 4) which state/city your team is from

We will also be basing our selection guidelines on the USA Ultimate guidelines for Junior Nationals. You can access these guidelines at: http://www.usultimate.org/competition/youth_division/guidelines.aspx

Since the results of this tournament are used for seeding at Nationals, we will only allow those teams which are USA Ultimate eligible.

Do not delay or your team will not play! No team is guaranteed a spot.

Please contact Tiina or Jim if you have any questions. Phone calls before 10:00 p.m. please.

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Ultimately yours,

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