

County Receives Award of Excellence for Hosting National Softball Tournaments

Leesburg, VA - January 12, 2012 - The Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) awarded Loudoun County Department of Parks Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) the prestigious James Farrell Award of Excellence for hosting two of the highest rated tournaments in the country in 2011. The ASA, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, recognized members and tournament hosts during an awards luncheon at the 80th Annual Governing Council meeting in Myrtle Beach, S. C. this past November. Loudoun County hosted the Girls 14U Class A and 18U Gold Eastern Fastpitch Nationals in August.

Localities are judged on the quality of the event, staff, facilities, hotels and tournament direction and organization. To attain the James Farrell Award (named in honor of former St. Louis ASA commissioner and national office staff member James Farrell), cities or localities must receive an overall rating of 95 percent. Loudoun received a score of 99 percent for the 14U Eastern Nationals and 98 percent for the 18U Gold Eastern Fastpitch tournament.

"ASA and tournament participants recognize that Loudoun County has outstanding facilities and, more importantly, the best staff to run these events. Employees from our sports, parks, and maintenance divisions work together to pull off these national events. No one group could do it alone; this is truly a team event for PRCS. We have a long history of hosting high-quality, national sports events, which can generate millions of dollars in economic impact and benefit local businesses," stated Dave Carver, Sports Division Manager for PRCS.

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