



**HERONS
INTERNATIONAL
TOURNAMENT**

Softball U20

July 17-19, 2018

**Sportpark De Vork
Heerhugowaard (near Amsterdam)
The Netherlands**

To celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are organizing an international softball tournament for women.

Tournament

The tournament is open to teams of women born in 1998 and later. The maximum number of participants per team is 12/13.

The tournament system will be decided according to the number of the participating teams (we are aiming for 2 pools, single round-robin and play-offs). At least 5 games are guaranteed for each team. Each team will get a trophy and we will award the MVP, Best Pitcher and Best Hitter of the tournament.

The tournament starts on Tuesday and ends on Thursday afternoon. We are closing our tournament with a BBQ and dance party on Thursday evening.

The tournament fee is € 200 per team, which will include meals, game balls, umpire fee, trophies, BBQ, tournament T-shirt and a lifetime experience. The tournament fee will have to be paid by the end of April 2018.

Skills clinics

We will be organizing skills clinics on either Friday morning or Monday afternoon (to be decided yet). The clinics will be given by our national championship team and is included in the tournament fee.

Accommodation, meals and transportation

We would like our international competitors to experience the Dutch way of life and will be hosting the tournament players at host families. Transportation to and from the ballpark will be done by bicycle or shuttle service. The host families will provide the meals. On Tuesday evening we will organize a welcoming buffet (Dutch style) and on Thursday evening we will have the closing BBQ and party. The price of all meals during the tournament days is included in the tournament fee.

If you don't want to stay at a host family, you can stay in a hotel in or around Heerhugowaard, at the youth hostel (Stayokay) in Egmond (close to the beach and dunes, but a half hour drive) or at one of the campgrounds nearby. Just let us know and we will send the contact information. This will, however, be at your own expense.

Ball park

The ballpark is located at Sportpark De Vork, De Vork 3, 1704BX HEERHUGOWAARD, The Netherlands

Sightseeing

If you want to see more of Holland you can come the weekend before or stay the weekend after the tournament. A number of tourist attractions are close by, such as:

Amsterdam



Zaanse Schans

Alkmaar



And if you want to relax, the beach is a half hour drive from Heerhugowaard.



Schiphol Amsterdam Airport is situated 50 km from Heerhugowaard.

Contact

We will be more than happy to have you at our tournament. If you want to participate, send your registration (club, city and contact person details) to hit@herons.nl.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Gouverneur (tournament details) or Angélique Kramer (accommodation and board) at hit@herons.nl.

We look forward to seeing you this July at our ballpark.