

2009USSSA AA BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2009 USSSA Baseball AA World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Lubbock, Texas. Games will be played at the Lubbock Youth Sports Complex, Berl Huffman Athletic Complex and others if necessary on July 1 – July 5, 2009.

The USSSA Baseball World Series will use a 5-game guarantee format in its World Series Tournament. Teams will be seeded into pools based on current USSSA ranking points and play a round robin. All teams will be seeded into a double elimination championship bracket or single elimination consolation bracket following pool play. Bracket and Seeding will be based on pool play. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of games, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines as approved by the USSSA Baseball National Director.

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST RECEIVE your team's World Series Tournament entry form and cashiers' check or money order for the entry fee **BY JUNE 26, 2009** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$49500.00 should be made payable to: **LUBBOCK USSSA**. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers, go to www.ussa.com and click on State Directors. Teams must go through their state director and may not directly enter a World Series Tournament. State Directors must have entry form and money to World Series Tournament director no later than June 26, 2009

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST SIGN THE ROSTER WE RECEIVE; ALL TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE ENTERED ON THE USSSA WEB PAGE. THIS ROSTER MUST BE THE ONE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR STATE AND/OR AREA DIRECTOR WHEN YOU'RE TEAM, QUALIFIED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN YOUR TEAMS SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT! PLAYERS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED IN AT THE TOURNAMENT WITH PROPER BIRTH CERTIFICATES IN HAND.

All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch tournament play shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager. Failure to have a copy of the birth certificate available upon demand will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament. All birth certificates must be turned in at registration, and will be returned after tournament.

NOTE:

- 1. All players must wear identical uniforms. This includes jerseys, long pants or shorts and leggings. Protests on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the World Series Tournament Directors responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rules will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.**
- 2. Players in the game are prohibited from wearing jewelry. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry. If worn they must be taped to the body, so as to remain visible. If jewelry is not removed, that player will not be able to play until the jewelry is removed.**
- 3. NOCSAE approved batting helmets with extended earflaps, which cover both ears, and temples are mandatory for batters, on deck batters, base runners, non-adult bat and ball shaggers and offensive player in live territory, even if the ball is dead.**
- 4. The catcher shall wear a NOCSAE approved head protector, an approved mask with throat protector, body chest protector and shin guards. All protective equipment must conform to industry standards.**
- 5. Any non-adult warming up a pitcher within the confines of the playing field shall wear an approved protective mask with throat protector.**
- 6. HELMETS – When an umpire observes anyone required to wear a batting helmet deliberately removing the batting helmet while the ball is alive, and that person is in live ball territory, the umpire shall issue a warning to the coach of the involved person’s team. All subsequent violations of the rule shall result in an out.**
- 7. The official USSSA Baseball rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all playing rules or policies not specifically covered above.**
- 8. Any team that forfeits a pool play game by virtue of not having enough players shall not be eligible for championship play regardless of record.**

Tournament Headquarters: Radisson Inn 501 Ave Q until Wednesday, July 1st at 1:00 PM Central and then move to Lubbock Youth Sports Complex FM1585 and Milwaukee Ave at the conclusion of the manager’s meeting. Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure all papers are in order. For more information, call until 9:00 PM Central any weekday at 806-792-7111.

Bracket schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance. You may check on line at www.ussa.com for your unofficial game time.

Managers/Umpire’s meeting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday July 1st at the Radisson Inn. Only two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event, no players please. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official playing schedule for all teams and your teams official game times will be distributed at that time.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 7:00 PM July 1st at the Lubbock Youth Sports Complex. Teams are required to report at 6:15 PM. All teams will participate and should be in full uniform. Tournament play will begin on July 1st at 3:00 PM.

*****There will be a team gift exchange after opening ceremonies. Teams will be matched up according to how many gifts each team brought. It is recommended that you bring a minimum of 16 gifts per team.**

Awards to be presented as stipulated by USSSA Baseball World Series contract and National Director.

Hotel Information included in this packet is a list of area hotels. Each team is responsible for their own reservation.

Tournament Admission will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$30.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 player/coach passes will be issued. Souvenirs such as miniature bats, T-Shirts, World Series patches, date bars and programs will be sold at the tournament.

******Tentative Itinerary:** All times are subject to change, please verify itinerary when checking in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check Main bracket board for any CHANGES in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions

Tuesday – June 30 – Team check in and registration at 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Radisson Hotel

Wednesday – July 1 – Team check in and registration 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Radisson Hotel

Wednesday - July 1– 1:00 PM – Manager and Officials Meeting – Radisson Hotel

Wednesday - July 1 – 3:00 PM – Pool Play Begins

Wednesday - July 1 – 7:00 PM – Opening Ceremonies – Lubbock Youth Sports Complex

Wednesday – July 1 – 7:30 PM Player Events Start – Pin Trading, Player Contests, Social

Thursday – July 2 – 8:00 AM – World Series Play Continues

Friday – July 3 - 8:00 AM – World Series Play Continues

Saturday – July 4– 8:00 AM – World Series Play Continues

Sunday – July 5 – 8 AM – Tournament Continues and Concludes with Championship Games

Gift Exchange

It is traditional but not mandatory that there is a player gift exchange at the tournament

If you wish to participate please bring something that is representative of your home area, the value is not important.

Please understand that even though your team brings gifts there is no guarantee that every team will.



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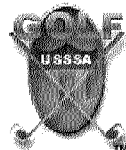
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RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of the United States Specialty Sports Association to conduct the best possible Tournaments from all aspects. To achieve this objective the USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

We are guests in the city that the tournament is conducting and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city, or the United States Specialty Sports Association. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:



1. Team managers must have full control of their respective players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field, course, or court.
2. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult with the game officials. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.
3. Managers, coaches and players are not to fraternize with spectators while participating in an event. At no time will any participants be allowed to smoke while participating in any USSSA event.
4. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while participating in any USSSA event.
5. Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation developing that would be harmful to the tournament.
6. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors and teams are liable for suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games, tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.
7. A player, coach, manager or sponsor may be suspended for fighting, abusive tactics or unbecoming acts that are detrimental and not in the best interest of the United States Specialty Sports Association and tournament play.
8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no action occurs that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or division. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon your entire team and the various sporting programs.
9. Any report by the hotel or motel management, where any team competing in USSSA championship play is staying, of destruction of property or abuse of hotel or motel property will be dealt with very sternly. Team managers and sponsors will not be warned other than through the notice. Failure to pay hotel or motel bills can result in team disbarment from future USSSA play.
10. Any team submitting bad checks to the USSSA will be subject to disbarment.



**USSSA BASEBALL
WORLD SERIES/NATIONALS ENTRY FORM
Entry Form Year 2009**

Lubbock, Texas AA WORLD SERIES

_____ 8 & Under Machine Pitch
 _____ 9 & Under
 _____ 10 & Under
 _____ 11 & Under
 _____ 12 & Under
 _____ 13 & Under
 _____ 14 & Under

Name of Team: _____

From (City and State): _____

Manager's Name: _____ Manager's Telephone Number: _____

Manager's Complete Mailing Address: _____
 _____ Zip: _____

Team Sponsored by: _____ Current Season's Record: Won _____ Lost _____

Current Season's Championship Won: _____

Past National or World Titles Won: _____

**Note: Please attach any publicity data concerning individual or team performances such as newspaper clippings, pictures, etc.
 Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ to cover our entry fee.**

Code of Understanding

1. This entry form, along with the entry fee, must be submitted to your state director. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry forms directly to the World Tournament Director. In the event a State does not have a state director, then this form must be submitted to your Division Vice-President. Entry Forms will be returned, as unaccepted, to teams that fail to follow this procedure.
2. The World Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that arrived after the bracket is drawn.
3. All teams must be completely uniformed alike when competing in a World Tournament.
4. Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
5. Any teams destroying property or involved in theft of motel property will be subject to disbarment.
6. My team stands ready to play on Friday Night if so scheduled.

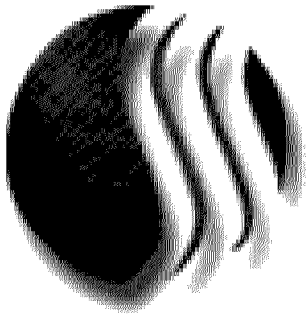
I agree with above code of understanding.

Release

I, the undersigned, manager of the team shown on this entry form hereby state that the team represented by its roster, is a voluntary participant in this tournament which is sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby release and forever discharge USSSA of and from all liabilities, claims, actions and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue to us or to our heirs from every and any loss and injury including death that may be sustained by our person or property while, in about, or route into and away from said tournament. AND WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our undertaking as it relates to loss of life and/or limb; therefore, it is agreed as follows: That in consideration of being allowed to participate in said tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for on an account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, its sponsors or otherwise.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND CODE OF UNDERSTANDING.

SIGNATURE _____ (Team Manager)



T-SHIRT PRE ORDER SHEET

Pre orders will be available at the first tournament game.
Pre Orders S-XL will be \$13 each.
Shirts at the tournament site will be \$16 each
All fees must accompany orders

SMALL	_____	@	\$13 each	\$ _____
MEDIUM	_____	@	\$13 each	\$ _____
LARGE	_____	@	\$13 each	\$ _____
XL	_____	@	\$13 each	\$ _____
XXL	_____	@	\$15 each	\$ _____
XXXL	_____	@	\$17 each	\$ _____
4XL	_____	@	\$19 each	\$ _____
TOTAL				\$ _____

TOURNAMENT PIN TRADING TOWEL PRE ORDER SHEET

Pre orders will be available at the first tournament game.
Pre Orders will be \$7 each.
Towels at the tournament site will be \$10 each
All fees must accompany orders

QUANTITY _____	@	\$7 each	\$ _____
TOTAL _____			\$ _____

TOURNAMENT PASS PRE ORDER SHEET

Tournament Pass pre orders will be available at the team registration
Pre-order tournaments passes will be \$27.50
All fees must accompany orders

Tournament Passes _____ @ \$27.50 _____ Total

Team Name _____

Age Group _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Number _____

*Mail Tournament Pre Orders to:
Lubbock USSSA
4435-76th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79424*

Pre Orders must be received by June 26, 2009 to get pre order prices