

REVISIONS WILL BE IN GREEN

AA WORLD SERIES

AGES 9U, 11U AND 13U

JULY 16th - 20th
Columbus Indiana

2008
INFORMATION PACKET

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Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA AA NATIONAL WORLD SERIES. Your USSSA Baseball State Director will enter teams in the appropriate age and appropriate division of play, AA. The tournament will be played at Lincoln Park, [Dunn](#) Stadium and Clifty Park in Columbus Indiana July 16th - 20th, 2008.

The USSSA Baseball program will use the “ **POOL PLAY** ” format in this world series. Teams will be placed in pools (seeded by geography and points) where they will play games within their pool. A single elimination format will be used after the pool is completed and teams are seeded. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of pools, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines. Remember, using this format, teams may play more than two games per day.

Your team’s application and cashier’s check or money order for the entry fee **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY JULY 7th, 2008** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your state director will then forward your packet to us. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$495.00, should be made payable to: **USSSA Indiana Baseball**. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. go to www.ussabaseball.org and click on USSSA Baseball State Directors. Teams must go through their state directors. If a team does not have a state director, please contact us for entry requirements.

CHECK IN – WILL OCCUR AT THE DONNER CENTER 7/16/08 FROM 9:00am – 10:45am.

MANAGERS MUST SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A) A COMPLETED ROSTER/WAIVER FORM SIGNED BY YOUR STATE OR AREA DIRECTOR AND PRINTED FROM THE USSSA NATIONAL WEB SITE. THIS ROSTER MUST BE THE ONE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR STATE AND/OR AREA DIRECTOR WHEN YOUR TEAM QUALIFIED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.
- B) LEGIBLE COPIES OF PLAYER BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND OR ID CARDS. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ROSTER ONLINE MATCH THE PLAYER’S NAMES ON THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE
All players participating in USSSA Baseball 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.
- C) PROOF OF TEAM INSURANCE

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN YOUR TEAM’S SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT!

AA IMPORTANT ITEMS/RULES

1. This tournament will strictly follow the rules listed in the USSSA BASEBALL BY-LAW MANUAL. A copy can be obtained by visiting www.ussa.com or www.ussainbaseball.info
2. Any player who before May 1st, reaches an older age than the age level they are participating will not be eligible to play in the AA National World Series. Please see the USSSA BASEBALL BY-LAWS for complete information.
3. Any player can play in a higher age classification, but cannot play in a lower age group.
4. Teams cannot have players that participated in AAA or Majors unless approved by your state director.
5. Bases and pitching distance are listed in the USSSA BASEBALL BY-LAWS.
6. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
7. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaching shorts).
8. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn.
9. Protest of uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.
10. A full-coverage batting helmet must be worn by every player while on-deck, when at bat and on the bases.
11. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
12. The catcher must wear protective gear: Mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard. Ages 9-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
13. Pitching Limitations – Make sure you know the rules – do not penalize your kids. Pitching will be tracked.
14. Rain or Acts of God – We will make every effort to complete the tournament. If weather or other acts of god cause long delays, the first plan is to complete pool play and then go to a single elimination championship round. The format of the tournament can completely change if deemed necessary.
15. Additional Hitter may be used. See USSSA BASEBALL BY-LAWS for details.
16. Innings: 9u and 11u = 6 innings, 13u = 7 innings
17. NO INFIELD PRACTICE before games. Managers should seek out practice fields prior to arriving. Please check with surrounding High Schools for fields.
18. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS: Issues will only be discussed with the listed manager of the team. We will not discuss matters with any parent, player or coach.
19. Facilities: Portable Mounds will be used for all games. We will try to provide temporary fencing for the fields for the 9u and 11u age groups. Every effort will be made to make sure the facilities are clean and groomed. Please do not complain about the facilities, if you have a concern during your stay, please discuss with the Park manager on duty.
20. Facilities will have admissions and will not allow any type of coolers or food to be brought in.
21. Any playing rules not specifically covered above shall be governed by the USSSA Baseball Handbook and the National League Rules for Major League Baseball.

AA GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS AND INFORMATION

Tournament Headquarters is Lincoln Park and will be open on Wednesday, July 16th and until the conclusion of the tournament. Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure that all of your papers are in order.

BRACKETS AND GAME TIMES

Brackets and schedules **WILL NOT** be mailed out in advance and we will not make any concession for teams. Brackets will be determined by geography and points. There will be no time limits unless acts of god. Games usually begin at 8:00 am and can continue into the night. **Schedules will be handed out at the coaches meeting.** During the tournament, brackets with updated results will be located at all parks.

TEAM REGISTRATION / CHECK IN

Check in will be from 9:00am – 10:45am on Wednesday, July 16th at the **Donner Center**.

MANAGERS MEETING

There will be a manager's/official's meeting from 11:00pm – 1:00pm on Wednesday, July 16th at the **Donner Center**. Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for when teams play will be distributed at that time.

TEAM MOM'S MEETING

There will be a manager's/official's meeting from 11:00pm – 1:00pm on Wednesday, July 16th at the **Donner Center**. Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for when teams play will be distributed at that time

OPENING CEREMONIES/SOCIAL/PIN TRADING NIGHT

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AWARDS

* THE AWARD PACKAGE IS PROVIDED AND CHOSEN BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS *

ADMISSION

Admission during the tournament will be \$6.00 per person per day or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. Pre-Orders can be sent in prior to the event – (check pre-order form) This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. 12 Under – Free Admission. **A maximum of three-(3) coach's passes per team will be issued – no exceptions and we will not discuss at time of check in.**