



**USSSA FAST PITCH
13 Open "East"
WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2007 USSSA Fast Pitch 13 Under Open World Series Tournament. Your USSSA Fast Pitch State Director will enter teams in the appropriate division of play. The World Series Tournament will be held in Columbus, Indiana. Games will be played at the Lincoln Park on July 23 - July 29, 2007.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program 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 following pool play. Seeding will be based on pool finish. 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 Fast Pitch guidelines as approved by the USSSA Fast Pitch National Committee.

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST RECEIVE your team's World Series Tournament entry form and cashiers' check or money order for the entry fee **BY JULY 9, 2007** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$400.00 should be made payable to: USSSA Fast Pitch. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, 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 Director must have entry form and money to Tournament director no later than **July 13, 2007**.

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST SIGN THE ROSTER WE RECEIVE; ALL TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE ON THE USSSA WEB PAGE to enter tournament. 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. Coaches are responsible for picking up birth certificates after tournament. If coaches wish to have their birth certificates mailed after tournament please send address along with \$10 to the tournament director.

NOTE:

- 1. Any player who on or before December 31, 2006 reaches their 14th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 13 Under World Series Tournament.**
- 2. Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.**
- 3. Bases will be 60 feet and the pitching distance will be 40 feet.**
- 4. The 12-inch optic yellow ball will be used.**
- 5. All players must wear identical uniforms. This includes jerseys, long pants or shorts and leggings. Whether long pants or shorts are worn all team members must be uniformed alike. Caps are optional, however when worn, they must all be alike and worn with the bill forward. Non-duplicating numbers will be required and must be a minimum of three inches in size and clearly visible. 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.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. 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.**
- 8. 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.**
- 9. Any non-adult warming up a pitcher within the confines of the playing field shall wear an approved protective mask with throat protector.**
- 10. 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 persons team. All subsequent violations of the rule shall result in an out.**
- 11. The official USSSA Fast Pitch softball rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all playing rules or policies not specifically covered above.**

Tournament Headquarters: Lincoln Park Columbus, In. 47202 (812) 379-4872
www.columbus.in.us or will be open on Monday, July 23th until the conclusion of the tournament. For more information call any day of the week 765-759-5262.

Bracket schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be given to coaches during the manager's check in.

There will be a managers/umpire's reception and meeting at 11:00 AM on Monday July 23th at the Donner Center 22nd and Sycamore Streets. Columbus, In. 47202.

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.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 4:00 PM July 23th location TBA. Teams are required to report at 3:30 PM. All teams will participate and should be in full uniform. ***There will be a team gift exchange during opening ceremonies. Teams will be matched up according to how many gifts each team brings. It is recommended that you bring a minimum of 16 gifts per team.

Tournament play will begin on July 24th.

Awards to be presented:

- A. Team trophies, to the top five teams. (2- 5th place teams)
- B. Individual awards, to the top five teams. (2- 5th place teams)
- C. Team Sportsmanship award
- D. Outstanding Pitcher Award
- E. Outstanding Offensive Player award
- F. Outstanding Defensive Player award
- G. MVP award
- H. Manager of the Year award
- I. All World Player awards (minimum 15)

IMPORTANT: Included in this packet is a list of area hotels. Each team is responsible for their own reservation.

Admission will be \$8.00 per person per day or \$30.00 for a tournament pass. For children under 12 the charge will be \$4.00 or \$16.00 for a tournament pass.

Children under 5 are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A minimum of 3 player/coach passes will be issued. Souvenirs such as miniature bats, World Series patches, date bars and programs will be sold inside facility.

******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**

Monday - July 23 - Manager's check in - between 9:00AM & 11:00AM -Donner Park

Monday - July 23 - 11:00 AM - Managers (2) & Officials reception - Donner Park

Monday – July 23- 9:30 - Meeting for Mom only 2 moms from each team – Donner

Monday - July 23 4:00 PM - Opening Ceremonies & Player Social - Lincoln Park

6:00 PM - Base Running, Home Run Contest, Around the Horn

6:00- 10:00 PM - Music, Dancing, Games, Fireworks

Tuesday - July 24 - 8:00 AM - World Series play begins

Wednesday - July 25 - 8:00 AM - World Series play continues

Thursday - July 26 - 8:00 AM - World Series play continues

Friday - July 27 - 9:00 AM - World Series play continues

Saturday - July 28 - 8:00 AM - World Series play continues

Sunday – July 29 - 2:00 PM - Championship game

GIFT EXCHANGE

It is traditional but not mandatory that there is a player gift exchange during opening ceremonies.

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



Teams will exchange gifts before opening ceremonies begin Monday.

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Best Western - I-65 & US 31	IP, CB, SA	812-526-9883	
Charwood Corporate Lodging - EXT. 68	IP, E, PPV, I, SA	812-378-4840	
Comfort INN - I-65 & US 31	P, CB, S	812-526-9747	
Courtyard by Marriott SR 46 8 mi. West of Columbus	Rent the entire chalet nestled on 3 acres of hillside. Architectural delight.	812-342-8888	
Days Inn SR 46 & I65	P, L,	812-376-9951	
Holiday Inn-Conference Center - SR 46 & I-65	Holidome with indoor pool, saunas, whirlpool, putting green. Dining, bakery, game room, salon, pub.	812-372-1541	
Holiday Inn-Express I-65 & US 31	IP, E, SA, CB	812-526-9899	
Ramada Inn Plaza Hotel SR 46 & I- 65	IP, P, E, L, R, SA. Fishing Lake, Jacuzzi, tennis courts, game room.	812-376-3051	
Sleep Inn & Suites - Lakeside SR 46 & I-65	IP, E, FB, SA, L. whirlpool suites, sauna, relaxing patio overlooking 10-acre lake.	812-372-7200	
Twin Creeks Cabin	Completely furnished 5 bedroom	812-988-6429	

KEY TO AMENITIES: P-Pool, IP-Indoor Pool, L-Lounge, R-Restaurant On-site, E-Exercise area, CB-Continental Breakfast, FB-Full Breakfast, PPV-Pay-per-view movies, I-Internet, S-Shopping nearby, SA Suites.

For more information please see web site www.columbus.in.us

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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.



**USSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES / NATIONAL
2007 ENTRY APPLICATION
13 Open**



1 _____

Team Registration Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Manager: _____

Managers Mailing Address: _____

Managers Phone Number Cell _____

Managers E-Mail : _____

Team Sponsor: _____

Current Season Record: Won___ Lost___

Current Season Championships

NOTE: Please enclose Certified Funds in the amount of \$400.00 to cover team entry fee.

CODE OF UNDERSTANDING

1. This entry form must be submitted to your State Director. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry forms directly to Tournament Director. In the event State does not have a State Director, then this form must be submitted to the Assistant Executive Director or Vice President Fast Pitch.
2. The Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept any entry that arrives after entry deadline. Teams will play as classified by State director.
3. Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
4. Any team destroying property or involved in theft of motel property will be subject to disbarment.
5. My team WILL be ready to play on opening day if so scheduled.

I agree with the above code of understanding.

Signed _____

Team Manager

USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT PASS ORDER FORM

Teams will have the opportunity to pre-order tournament passes (minimum order of 5 passes.) Adult tournament passes are \$30.00. Child (6-12) tournament passes are \$16.00. Children 5 and under are free. The daily charge is Adults \$8.00 and Child (5-12) \$4.00. A maximum of three coach's passes will be given to each team.

Make checks payable to: Indiana USSSA

TEAM: _____

MANAGER: _____

PHONE:(_____) _____

PERSON ORDERING _____

TOURNAMENT PASS
\$30.00 EACH ADULT - \$16.00 EACH CHILD (5-12)

Description	# Ordered
Adult Pass - \$30.00	
Child Pass - \$16.00	
TOTAL ORDERED	

AMOUNT DUE

of Adult Passes _____ x \$30.00 = _____

of Child Passes _____ x \$16.00 = _____

Total amount Due = _____

Must receive payment before July 12.

Passes will be given to coach at the coaches meeting Monday, July 23th
INDIANA USSSA * 12101 S. CR. 600W * MIDDLETOWN, IN 47356 (765) 759-5262

