



USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT 14 Under A&B



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Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2007 USSSA Fast Pitch 14 & U A&B 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 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, Orlando, Florida. **Games will be played at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex and Osceola County Softball Complex July 22 – 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. All teams must be classified by their State director for entry into tournament. The Tournament Director may reclassify teams based on National Rankings.

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 12, 2007** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$400.00 must be made payable to: USSSA Fast Pitch. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail and phone numbers, please 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.

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST SIGN THE ROSTER WE RECEIVE AND ALL TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE ENTERED ON THE USSSA WEB SITE TO ENTER THE 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!

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 may be returned after tournament.** If you want the birth certificates mailed back to manager, there will be a \$10.00 service fee.

NOTE:

1. Any player who on or before December 31, 2006 reaches their 15th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 14 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 wearing long pants or shorts, 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 and **NOCSAE** approved Face Guards, 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.

Awards to be presented:

- A. Team trophies to the top five teams[2-5th place]
- B. Individual awards to the top five teams[2-5th place]
- 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), The team roster must be on-line in order for players to be placed on All World Series Team.

Tournament Headquarters: Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex will be open on Sunday, July 22nd until the conclusion of the tournament. Bracket schedules **WILL NOT** be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be given out to the team Manager only at team check-in. The exact time and specific location at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex for Team check-in on Sunday, July 22nd will be updated in this packet at a later date.

There will be a managers meeting on Sunday, July 22nd · The Time and place of this meeting will be updated in this packet at a later date. **Only two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. No players please. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official playing schedule for all teams will be distributed at that time.**

Tournament play will begin on Monday, July 23rd at 8:00AM; all teams must be prepared to play at that time

Opening ceremonies information will be updated in this packet at a later date. This is a festive family affair. All teams will participate and should be in full uniform and bring team banners.

Weather Conditions: Decisions regarding rain and lightning conditions, such as having teams leave the fields or complex at World Series Tournaments are made by the management of the complex and not USSSA.

IMPORTANT:

Spectator Admission:

Adults	\$11.25 daily	\$37.00 Length of Event Pass
Child (Ages 3-9)	\$8.50 daily	\$27.00 Length of Event Pass
Under Age of 3	Free	

Length of Event passes are good at both complexes. A maximum of 3 coaches passes and 20 player passes will be issued per team. Player passes will only be issued to players on submitted roster. Teams purchasing passes at Osceola Softball Complex must take them to the Disney Box office to get credit to enter the Disney Complex.

ALL PLAYERS and COACHES MUST SIGN the Disney's Wide World of Sports Waiver Form. You can find the waiver form at usssa.com. Please bring the completed waiver forms to team check in and registration. Having the waivers filled out in advance will streamline your team's check-in time.

*******Tentative Itinerary:** All times and functions are subject to change. Once the tournament begins, managers must check Main bracket board regularly for any CHANGES in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions. The bracket board is considered the official manner in which to communicate to all teams.

Sunday - July 22

Team check in and registration 1-3 PM Coaches & Managers ONLY. Disney's Wide World of Sports All-Star Cafe.

Sunday – July 22

Managers meeting, 5PM at Disney's Wide World of Sports (Follow Directional Signs).

Monday - July 23

8:00AM World Series play begins

Tuesday – July 24

Opening Ceremonies - 8AM Stage at Town Green - 9AM March in Stadium

Tuesday – July 24

TBA– World Series play continues

Wednesday – July 25

8:00 AM - World Series play continues

Thursday – July 26

8:00 AM - World Series play continues

Friday – July 27

8:00 AM – World Series play continues

Saturday – July 28

8:00 AM – World Series play continues

Sunday – July 29

3:00 PM – Championship game



Hotel Reservations:

Please refer to the enclosed Hotel Information Sheet or go to usssa.com. Excellent room rates have been negotiated for the teams. Please identify yourself as a USSSA World Series team when you make reservations.



Gift Exchange



It is traditional but not mandatory that there is a player gift exchange at each teams first game. 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 your first opponent will. If you are placed in a pool with an odd number of teams and your first opponent has already played a game please contact the tournament staff for special instructions

****TEAMS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF TEAM INSURANCE AT CHECK-IN****



USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES/NATIONAL 2007 ENTRY APPLICATION 14U - A & B (Please Circle One)



Team Name: _____

Team Registration Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Manager: _____

Managers Mailing Address: _____

Managers Phone Number Home _____ 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

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 “of” 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.

Disney's Wide World of Sports

A 220-acre, state-of-the-art facility where amateurs to professionals, kids to seniors, and serious athletes to recreational sports enthusiasts will have an opportunity to experience the exhilarating fun of sports competition.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION PRICES: All spectators are required to purchase admission into Disney's Wide World of Sports complex by either an individual daily admission or length-of-event (LOE) pass that is valid for all days of the team's stay. LOE and general admission tickets are non-refundable/non-exchangeable, regardless of number of days your team competes.

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SEATING/SHADE: Each of the Diamonds had permanent bench style seats. Teams may bring in their own tents & chairs, provided that they do not interfere with the field of play or stake into the ground.

PARKING: Parking is complimentary at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex. Guests must walk from the parking lot to the entrance of the complex. There are no trams.

POLICIES:

- o **FLUIDS:** Water stations will be located in each team dugout area.
- o **COOLERS:** Individual 1 gallon coolers and a team 5 gallon cooler are permitted. However, alcoholic beverages and glass containers are NOT permitted. (Please be aware that these rules may be different at the various off-site facilities.)
- o **LOCKER/STORAGE:** There is no storage for team equipment at the venues. All teams should keep their equipment with them at all times.
- o **EQUIPMENT DROP OFF:** Teams may drop off their equipment at the designated equipment area near the bus drop-off zone and load onto an equipment pargo. One team member will escort the equipment to the "drop off area" at your designated field location. The service is a courtesy to our guests, but does not have to be utilized. First come, first serve as the pargos run continuously throughout competition hours.
- o **CONCESSION STANDS:** Teams & spectators will find concession stands conveniently located throughout our property.



Osceola County Softball Complex

On behalf of the Osceola County Softball Complex, we would like to thank you for visiting our complex. We hope that not only do you enjoy your time at our facility, but also enjoy your visit to Osceola County.

In order to keep our complex nice; we need help from you with the following:

POLICIES:

- No hitting or pitching from any grass areas.
- No hitting into the fences.
- No glass containers, alcohol, food, candy or beverages can be brought into the complex.
- Teams are allowed to bring in drinks in bulk form (5 gallons or bigger) and/or fruit for teams only. Each team will be given ONE cooler tag. This tag must be attached to the cooler and brought in with the team. This cooler may not exceed 32 quarts. The contents are for team members only. Tournaments Only.
- No pets allowed inside the park.
- No standing on park benches or other foreign objects such as tables, step ladders, chairs or other items that can pose harm to themselves or those around them.
- No smoking on the fields, in the buildings or in the dugouts.

