



# USSSA FAST PITCH 9 Under OPEN WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT

**\*\*\*\*Please check website often for current updates**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2007 USSSA Fast Pitch 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 Love Hatbox Sports Complex at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Games will be played at Love Hatbox Sports Complex on June 28 – July 1, 2007.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 4-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. 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 June 15 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, phone numbers, go to [www.usssa.com](http://www.usssa.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; 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!**

*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. 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 10<sup>th</sup> birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 9 Under National 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 35 feet.
4. The 11-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 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.

**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.**

**Tournament Headquarters: TBA. Bracket schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be given out to Manager only at team check-in. Team check-in will be June 28, 2007 from 3 PM to 5 PM at Azalea Inn 800 So 32<sup>nd</sup> St**

**There will be a managers meeting on June 28 4 PM , at Azalea Inn, Umpires meeting 7 PM Love Hatbox Sports Complex. 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 will be distributed at that time.**

**Tournament play will begin on June 29, 2007 all teams must be prepared to play at that time**

Opening ceremonies will begin June 29, 2007 at 6 PM at the Sports Complex. Teams are required to report to Sports Complex at 5:30. This is a festive family affair. All teams will participate and should be in full uniform and bring team banners. After team pictures, the parade of teams then the players will go across to the water park for an evening of fun. Tournament play will begin on Friday morning June 29, 2007; all teams must be prepared to play at that time

Awards to be presented:

- A. Team trophies to the top five teams[2-5<sup>th</sup> place]
- B. Individual awards to the top five teams[2-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**IMPORTANT:**

Admission will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$15.00 for a tournament pass. For children 6U free, Students the charge will be \$5.00 per day or \$10.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 coach passes and 20 player passes will be issued, player passes will only be issued to players on submitted roster.

\*\*\*\*\****Tentative Itinerary:*** All times and functions are subject to change. 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.

June 28 Team check in and registration Azalea Inn 800 S 32<sup>nd</sup> St Muskogee, Ok

June 28 -Managers meeting 4 PM at Azalea Inn, Umpires meeting Sports Complex 7 PM .

Friday-June 29-World Series play begins

6 PM- Opening Ceremonies – Teams to assemble at 5:30 PM

Saturday– June 30– World Series play continues

Sunday – July 1 –TBA PM – Championship game



**USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES/NATIONAL  
2007 ENTRY APPLICATION  
Important Must Circle One  
9 & Under  
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

# 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



# 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.