



2007 BOYS & GIRLS SLO- PITCH WORLD SERIES

July 19 – July 22, 2007

Sweetwater Park Thomson, Georgia

USSSA BOYS & GIRLS World Series

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2007 USSSA Boys & Girls Slo-pitch World Series. The age divisions for this event are: 6&U, 8&U, 10&U, 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 19&U. Your USSSA State Director will enter teams. The Tournament will be held in Thomson, Georgia July 19 – July 22, 2007. Games will be played at Sweetwater Park.

The USSSA will use a 4-game guarantee format in this tournament. Teams will be placed in pools where they play a round robin within their pool. All teams will be seeded into a double elimination Championship bracket following pool play. 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 guidelines.

YOUR STATE DIRECTOR MUST RECEIVE your team's Tournament entry form and cashier's 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 \$250.00 should be made payable to: Thomson-McDuffie Recreation Department. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. go to www.ussasports.com and click on find a director. Teams must go through their state directors and may not directly enter a World Series. If you have a problem contacting your state director, please contact, Bob Howard @706-595-2152 or bobhoward @ Thomson-McDuffie.net.

All players participating in USSSA Youth 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. NOTE: ALL ROSTERS MUST BE ON LINE AT WWW.USSSA.COM

NOTE:

1. The age control date will be January 1st of the current season.
2. All youth girls' teams must wear similar 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. All boys' teams must wear alike colored jerseys that are similar with numbers.
3. Players in the game are prohibited from wearing jewelry. All exposed jewelry or items that are judged as hazardous or potentially hazardous by the umpire may not be worn during the game. 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.
4. NOCSAE approved batting helmets with extended earflaps, which cover both ears, are mandatory for batters, on deck batters, base runners, non-adult bat and ball shaggers and any offensive player in live ball territory, even if the ball is dead.
5. The catcher shall wear a NOCSAE approved head protector and an approved mask with throat protector. (optional in boys 19&U)
6. The official USSSA rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all playing rules or policies not specifically covered above.

7. EACH TEAMS OFFICIAL ROSTER SHOULD BE ENTERED ON LINE AT WWW.USSSA.COM

Bracket schedules **will not** be mailed out in advance. You may call 706-595-2152 between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on July 17th or view at www.ussa.com to find out

when your team is **unofficially** scheduled to play. Official playing times will be distributed at the managers meeting.

Tournament Headquarters: Sweetwater Park, 180 Sweetwater Park Dr SE, Thomson, Georgia 30824, will be open on Wednesday, July 19th from 7:00 a.m. until the conclusion of the tournament. Team check in on Thursday, will be conducted at Sweetwater Park from 7am-9am. All teams are required to have a representative present during the check in period to provide birth certificates, pick up tournament information and verify credentials.

There will be a Manager's meeting at 7:30am on Thursday July 19th at the Sweetwater Park Gymnasium. Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event. All teams are **required** to have a representative in attendance. The official tournament schedule will be distributed at that time.

Opening ceremonies will begin Thursday, July 19th, 10am at Sweetwater Park. All teams will participate and are requested to be at the park in full uniform no later than 9am. At that time, teams will line up for the Parade of Champions. Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies, the Team pin exchange will take place. Tournament play will begin on July 19th at 1pm.

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED IN EACH AGE DIVISION

- A) Team trophies to the first four teams.
- B) Individual awards to the first Four teams
- C) Certificates to all players
- D) Outstanding Offensive Player Award
- E) Outstanding Defensive Player Award
- F) Most Valuable Player Award
- G) Individual awards (minimum 15) to All National Team

IMPORTANT:

Included in this packet is a list of area hotels. Each team is responsible for its' own reservation. Please refer to the attached map and the Hotel/Motel accommodation sheet. To assure room availability, reservations should be made as early as possible. Make sure you request the special USSSA rate available at each of the hotels listed.

Admission will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. For children (6-12) the charge will be \$5.00 or \$15.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 coach's passes will be issued.

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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 conducted 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 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 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.

(Do Not Order Passes for up to Three Coaches – Each Team Will Be Issued a Maximum of Three Coaches Passes at Check-in)

| Description | Qty. Ordered | Amount Due | Total Amount Due & Submitted With This Order |
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| Adult Passes @ \$20.00 each | # | \$ | |
| Child Passes @ \$15.00 each | # | \$ | \$ |

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CAMPING

Thomson-McDuffie County

· Big Hart Campground (8 miles from Sweetwater Park) 24 sites. Electricity and water hook-up

1-20 Exit 172 to US 78 North (706) 595-8613

· Raysville (14 miles from Sweetwater Park) 55 sites. Electricity and water hook-up

I-20 Exit 172 to US 78 North/GA 43 (706) 595-6759

Other Area Hotels-Motels

HOST MOTEL- BEST WESTERN/ WHITE COLUMNS- 706-595-8000

4 miles to park/I-20 exit 172

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS- 706-595-6500

4 miles to park/I-20 exit 172

Augusta Area Hotel/Motel Contact:

Augusta Towers - Debbie Poston - 1-706-855-8100 ext. 2008