

Welcome to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Venue for the

2007 USSSA

**The Village at Manor Park
Senior Softball Men's
World Championships**

August 2-5, 2007

Wirth Park

2585 Pilgrim Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Entry Information

- Entry forms may be found on the www.ussa.com or www.tournamentsne.com websites.
- Print a copy of the form and send with entry fee of \$350 TO WISCONSIN USSA
- **Deadline: All entry forms and fees must be submitted and/or postmarked no later than July 20, 2007.**

Divisions of Play

There will be five age brackets: 50, 55, 60, 65 & 70 and over.

- 50, 55, 60 & 65 brackets will have three divisions: AAA, Majors and Super Majors.
- 70 and over bracket will have one division of play.
- Brackets may be merged that do not have a sufficient number of teams.

Tournament Format

The Tournament will be a 4GG as follows:

- 2 games – pool play with single umpire.
- 2 games – double elimination with 2 umpires (3 for semi's and finals)
- Brackets with game times will be posted at WIUSSA.COM. on July 31.

Award Information

The following awards will be given for each division of play that is played within each age bracket:

- 1st Place – Team award, individual awards, “best bat” award, “best glove” award, MVP
- 2nd Place – Team award, individual awards, “best bat” award, “best glove” award
- 3rd Place – Team award
- Additional awards – 16 All World Awards, Home Run Award.

Tournament Schedule

The tentative tournament schedule is as follows (team participation will affect schedule):

Thursday, August 2

- 9 a.m. Tournament Orientation Breakfast
 - - Attendees (two representatives from each team, USSA Officials, Tournament Director, Umpires and Dignitaries). Location TBA.
- • 10:30 a.m. Pool play begins (60, 65, 70)
- • 5:30 p.m. Pool play elimination

Friday, August 3

- 9 a.m. Tournament continues, Pool Play begins (50 & 55)

Saturday, August 4

- 9 a.m. Tournament continues

Code of Conduct

League and tournament play at Wirth Park operate under a code of conduct. All participants and spectators are expected to abide by all USSSA rules and Complex rules, and exhibit behavior respectful of umpires, tournament officials, and each other. Unsportsmanlike conduct, violence, threat of violence, and profanity will not be tolerated.

Umpires, tournament directors, and facility supervisors have the authority to enforce the code of conduct and may do so by ejecting a player, coach, or fan from the game, from the complex, and potentially from the park. Thank you for helping to make everyone's experience positive.

50, 55, 60, 65, 70 AAA, Major, and Super Major Rules

This is a sanctioned USSSA tournament and the USSSA rule book applies. For quick reference the rules have been highlighted below.

AGE – Players must reach the age of the bracket playing within the calendar year.

QUALIFYING – To qualify the participant in this World Championship, teams must participate in a USSSA-sanctioned league, Invitational or State Tournament, or NIT.

UNIFORMS – Jerseys, hats, pants, and/or shorts must be similar in color; jerseys must be numbered with minimum 3-inch numbers/letters, and no duplicate numbers.

COURTESY RUNNERS

- ■ A courtesy runner can be used at any time.
- ■ Runner will be the last recorded out.
- ■ In the first inning and no outs, runner can be any player in the last position of the batting order.
- ■ The same runner may not be used more than once per inning.
- ■ Runners caught running more than once per inning or running when it is his/her turn to bat will be declared out.

RUN RULE – A team shall be awarded a win by the run rule if they are ahead by 25 runs after three (3) innings, 20 runs after four (4) innings or 15 runs after five (5) more complete innings.

HOME RUN RULE

- ■ AAA Division will be allowed one (1) home run per team per game. Any home runs in excess will be ruled a dead ball out.
- ■ Major Division will be allowed three (3) home runs per team per game. Any home run in excess will be ruled a dead ball out.
- ■ Super Major Division will be allowed seven (7) home runs per team per game. Any home run in excess will be ruled a single.
- ■ 70-Age Bracket are allowed zero (0) home runs.

ROSTER RULES

- ■ AAA teams may only have players on the roster who live in the state the team is registered.
- ■ Major teams may one (1) player from a non-boarding state.
- ■ Super Major teams have no residency requirements/restrictions.
- ■ Teams with more than one player from an abutting state must play in the Super Major Division.
- ■ A team may start with nine (9) players; however, an out shall be declared when the tenth (10th) position in the lineup is scheduled to bat.
- ■ The tenth (10th) player can be added at any time prior to end of the game.
- ■ A team may start with 10, 11 or 12 players and drop to a minimum of nine (9) to finish the game.
- ■ All vacant spots in the lineup will be declared an out every time lineup position is due to bat.
- ■ Teams starting with 9 or 10 players will not be allowed to add the 11th or 12th player at a later time.

EJECTED PLAYER – If a player is ejected for any reason the team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected player or the team will forfeit the game.

PHOTO ID – All participants must provide a photo ID and proof of age, and are required to check in with Tournament Director prior to participation.

SCORING/SAFETY PLATE

- ■ A scoring plate will be used for all games.
- ■ The offensive team must always touch the scoring plate when scoring.
- ■ If a runner touches home plate, runner will automatically be out.
- ■ Defensive team must always touch home plate for an out.
- ■ If the defensive player attempts to tag a runner, the runner is automatically safe.

COMMITMENT LINE

- ■ A commitment line will be used in all games.
- ■ Once a runner touches the ground on or past the commitment line, a defensive player can put the runner out by touching home plate (not the runner) while holding the ball.

STRIKE ZONE MAT

- ■ A strike zone mat will be used for all games.
- ■ Any legal pitch that hits the plate or the mat shall be ruled a strike.

SLIDING/DIVING

- ■ Sliding or diving into first or home plate is not allowed. Runner will be ruled out.
- ■ Returning to first and approaching and/or returning to second or third is allowed.

PITCHING – The pitched ball must arc at least six feet from the ground but no more than 10 feet from the ground.