

USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES

12 & UNDER B WEST



July 20 – JULY 27, 2008
Peoria, Phoenix, & Glendale,
Arizona

USSSA FAST PITCH 12 & Under “B” WEST WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT

Congratulations on an outstanding season and we look forward to your team’s participation in the 2008 USSSA Fast Pitch 12 & Under “B” West World Series Tournament. Your USSSA Fast Pitch State Director will enter teams in the appropriate division of play. The USSSA World Series Tournament will be held in Peoria, Arizona. Games will be played at the Rio Vista Community Park on July 20th – 27th, 2008.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 5-game guarantee format in the 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 entry form and cashiers’ check or money order for the entry fee **BY JULY 14, 2008** to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$450.00, should 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 the World Series Tournament.

THE TEAM ROSTER MUST BE ENTERED IN THE USSSA SYSTEM PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT. Your State Director Must Review, Approve, and Freeze the Roster. This roster must be the one that was submitted to your State and/or Area Director when your team qualified for this tournament. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the suspension of your team from participation in this tournament! All rosters must be online at ussa.com

All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch youth tournament play shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date. Failure to produce a copy of such document upon demand by and deemed non-fraudulent by a tournament official will result in the offending team losing the game, being eliminated 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.

Please remember that players with ANY College playing experience at ANY level are ONLY allowed to participate in the 18 & Under Major division.

NOTE:

1. Any player who on or before December 31st, 2007 reaches their 13th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 12-U 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. 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 Director's 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. Any non-adult warming up a pitcher within the confines of the playing field shall wear an approved protective mask with throat protector.
9. 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 person's team. All subsequent violations of the rule shall result in an out.
10. The official USSSA Fast Pitch softball rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all playing rules or policies not specifically covered above.

Tournament Headquarters: Rio Vista Community Park 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd. will be open on Monday, July 21st at 10:00 AM until the conclusion of the tournament. Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure all papers are in order. Bracket schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance and the OFFICIAL bracket will be distributed at the manager's meeting.

There will be a manager's meeting at 3:00pm on Monday, July 21st at Rio Vista Community Center. 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.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:00 PM July 21st at Rio Vista Community Park. Teams are required to report at 5:15 PM. All teams will participate and should be in full uniform. Tournament play will begin on July 22th @ 7:00 am. *Teams MUST refrain from throwing items (candy, beads, etc) during the parade of teams! This is a safety and facility issue!*

A team gift exchange is traditional but not mandatory. If your team would like to participate in this event, please bring a minimum of 15 "gifts". The value is not important but more so that they are representative of your home area. The gift exchange will take place prior to your first game. Please make sure to sign in for the gift exchange at team check in.

Awards to be presented:

- A. Team trophies to the top six teams. 1st – 5th place[2]
- B. Individual awards to the top six teams. 1st - 5th place[2]
- 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 National Player awards (minimum 15)

IMPORTANT:

**** Each team is responsible for their own HOTEL reservations.**

Southwest Host Services – Linda Hitchins 480-945-2359

Southwesthost@worldnet.att.net www.southwesthost.com

Southwest Host Services is your official hotel contact for the World Series. Linda Hitchins will provide local hotel options to meet your team needs/budget. Please contact Linda to insure that your team is located appropriately near the playing facilities, local attractions, and in comfortable surroundings.

**** Admission will be \$10.00 per person per day or \$40.00 for a tournament pass. For children (6-12) and seniors 55+ the charge will be \$5.00 or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. Rostered players and a maximum of 3 coaches per team will receive gate passes for the week.**

**** Tournament specific souvenirs will be sold at the park.**

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Please note that this is a tentative guideline for the schedule of events. Updates will be made as activity plans are finalized. The Arizona USSSA website <http://www.azusssa.com> will have updated information on tournament activities.

Monday, July 21

10 am – 4 pm Team Check-In Rio Vista Community Park
(At the Batting Cage/Starbucks Building)

3 pm – 4 pm Manager’s Meeting Rio Vista Community Center

4 pm – 5:30 pm Team Pictures Rio Vista Community Park

5 pm – 5:30 pm Team Mom Meeting Rio Vista Community Park
(Large Ramada/BBQ Pavilion)

5:30 pm Team Line-up for Ceremonies Rio Vista Community Park

6 pm – 6:45 pm Opening Ceremonies Rio Vista Community Park

6:45 pm – 8:30 pm Team Meal/Social/Skills Rio Vista Community Park

Tuesday, July 22

7:00 am World Series Pool Play begins.

6:40 pm Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB) Game option – details below

Wednesday, July 23

7:00 am World Series Pool Play concludes.

Thursday, July 24

9:00 am World Series Double Elimination Bracket Play begins.

Friday, July 25

7:00 am World Series Double Elimination Bracket Play continues.

Saturday, July 26

7:00 am World Series Double Elimination Bracket Play concludes weather permitting.

Sunday, July 27

7:00 am World Series Double Elimination Bracket Play if needed.



**USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES
2007 ENTRY APPLICATION
12 & Under B West
Peoria/Glendale, Arizona**

Team Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Team's Home City: _____ State: _____

Manager's Name: _____

Managers Phone Number (include area code): Home _____ Cell _____

Managers E-Mail: _____

Coaches: _____

Team Sponsor: _____

Current Season Record: Win _____ Loss _____

Current Season Championships/Accomplishments/Highlights: _____

This information will be used along with the on-line roster for the tournament program.

NOTE: Please enclose Certified Funds in the amount of \$450.00 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 of 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.
6. **Team roster must be online at www.ussa.com to enter tournament.**

I agree with the above code of understanding.

USSSA Night at the Arizona Diamondbacks!

On Tuesday July 22, the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the Chicago White Sox at Chase Field. Game time is 6:40 pm.

The Diamondbacks would like to invite you and your team for a little fun at the park. All team members will participate in the pre-game parade on the warning track and have other opportunities throughout the night to be part of the excitement of MLB. Players must be in uniform to take the field.

This is an optional event and ticket prices are as follows:

Lower Level Bleachers TBA

Lower Level Bullpen TBA

Lower Level Baseline Reserve TBA

Managers will receive an order form at team check in and a table will be set up at Rio Vista Community Park starting at 10 am on Monday, July 21. Teams and spectators can purchase tickets up until 9:00 am Tuesday morning at this special group price.