

# **2008**

## **Mens Over 35**

## **Masters**

## **World Tournament**

## **Major & Major Plus**

## **October 4 - 5**

**@**

## **Connecticut**

## **Sportsplex**

## **N. Branford, CT**

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**Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA Men's Over 35 Major and Major Plus Masters World Tournaments. The tournaments will be played at the Connecticut Sportsplex - 150 Foxon Rd – North Branford, CT the weekend of October 4th thru the 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**The tournament will use the "Double Elimination" format and will commence early morning Saturday October 4, 2007. There will be no Friday night games this year!**

**THE ROSTER WE RECEIVE MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR OR POSTED AT [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com), AND APPROVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR. 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 YOUR TEAM'S SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT! ADDITIONAL RULES AND INFORMATION FOR THE MASTERS PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND ON USSA.COM.**

**Your team's World Tournament Entry Form, Travel Data Form, Code of Understanding along with a cashier's check or money order for \$300 MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 and then forwarded to tournament headquarters by October 1, 2008 to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your check or money order in the amount of \$300.00 should be payable to: "USSA" or "USSA 35 World"s. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) Teams must go through their state director and may not directly enter either of these World Tournaments.**

**Connecticut USSA – P.O. Box 2095 – Manchester, CT 06045-2095.  
(860)647-1233 Office, (860)647-1233 Fax, (860)888-8959 Cell Phone,  
[connusssa@aol.com](mailto:connusssa@aol.com) E-mail Address**

**All players participating in Masters 35 Major and Major Plus USSA World Tournament shall have a photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11-5 in the USSA Rule Book to be applied. The offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings and forfeits all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.**

**Bracket schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance. You may check the website at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) on October 2<sup>nd</sup> after 6PM to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to play on October 4, 2008.**



## **TOURNAMENT AWARDS – BOTH DIVISIONS**



- A. Championship Team Award**
- B. Runner-up Team Award**
- C. Third Place Team Award**
- D. Fourth Place Team Award**
- E. Individual Awards to each first place team**
- G. Outstanding Defensive Player**
- H. Outstanding Offensive Player**
- I. Most Valuable Player**
- J. 15 All World Awards**
- K. Outstanding Manager of the Tournament**

### **BALLS**



**Your World Tournament host will provide USSSA approved Dudley softballs for the entire championship.**

### **PARK ADMISSION**

**Admission for non-players will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$12.00 for a tournament pass. Players and team coaches must pay the standard \$2.00 Complex admission fee. USSSA Directors in possession of their Directors cards will incur no admission fee.**

### **TOURNAMENT SPONSORS**

**Prizes for the Mens Over 35 Major and Major Plus World Tournaments will be sponsored by Mizuno. Balls will be provided by Dudley Sports. Also the Greater NewHaven Visitors & Convention Bureau is a major sponsor of this event. We thank them all for their generous support which has helped to make this event what it is.**



# 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 “off” 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.

# **MASTERS PROGRAM - RULES**

## **Eligibility & Valid Proof**

**Age Requirements Men's 35+ Masters Division – player must turn 35 years old by 12/31/2008. All participants in a Men's Over 35 World Tournaments must be able to produce proper ID at any time if requested by the Tournament Director.**

## **Uniform Rule**

**Non-duplicating numbers are required on all Teams' uniform jerseys at the Masters 35 World Tournament. The numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches in size and clearly visible. Jerseys and pants and/or shorts must be similar in color. If hats are worn they must be similar.**

## **Courtesy Runners**

**In the Men's Over 35 only one courtesy Runner per inning may be used. The courtesy Runner will be the last recorded out. If it is the first inning and there are no outs, the courtesy Runner will be the Player in the last position of the batting order.**

## **Divisions of Play and Home Run Rule**

**The Men's Masters 35 and over programs will have two Divisions of play, Major and Major Plus. The Major Plus will be allowed seven (7) Home Runs and the Major Division will have three (3) Home Run limit. Any Home Run in excess of the limit allowed will be ruled a dead ball out.**

**Starting A Game & Substitutions: The Game may start with 9 Players; however, an out shall be declared when the tenth position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A tenth Player may be added in the tenth position anytime before the end of the Game. A Team that starts with 10 or 11 players may drop to a minimum of 9 Players to finish a Game. All vacant spot(s) in the lineup will be declared an out every time that lineup position is due to bat. If a Player is ejected from the Game for any reason the Team must have a substitute available to replace the ejected Player or the Team will forfeit the Game. If a Team starts with 9 or 10 Players they are not allowed to add the eleventh at a later time.**

## **Run Rule & Flip Flop Rule:**

**A team shall be awarded a win, by the Run Rule, if they are ahead by 25 runs after three innings, 20 runs after four innings or 15 runs after five or more complete innings. The Flip Flop rule will be in effect for the entire tournament.**

## **HOME RUNS**

**Major Plus - Seven home runs per team per game**

**Major - Three home runs per team per game**

# **Tournament Host Hotels**



**Holiday Inn – North Haven**  
**201 Washington Ave**  
**North Haven, CT 06473**  
**Phone: 203.654.4192**



**Jennifer Cretella – Director of Sales**

**Rooms are reserved for \$99**  
**Rooms must be booked by Friday September 26th!!**

**Mention: USSSA Softball to get the special Tournament Rate!!!**



**Quality Inn East Haven**  
**30 Frontage Rd**  
**East Haven, CT 06512**  
**Phone: 203.469.5321**  
**Fax: 203.782.7755**



**Tom Falco – Sales Manager**  
**Email: [tfalco@lotushospitality.net](mailto:tfalco@lotushospitality.net)**

**Rooms are reserved for \$99**  
**Rooms must be booked by Friday September 26th!!**

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**Best Western Executive Hotel**  
**490 Saw Mill Rd**  
**West Haven, CT 06516**  
**Phone: 203.933.0344 Ext 115**  
**(Toll Free) 866.530.1684 Ext 115**  
**Fax: 203.937.1678**



**Nidia Felix - Sales Manager**  
**Email: [sm4902003@yahoo.com](mailto:sm4902003@yahoo.com)**

**Rooms are reserved for \$109**  
**Rooms must be booked by Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Mention: USSSA Softball to get the Tournament Rate!!!**

# USSSA Slow Pitch Softball Masters Program Entry Form - 2008

(Please Check Appropriate World Tournament Division)

## Men's Masters 35 & Over World Tournament

\_\_\_\_\_ Major Plus Division (7 Home Runs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Major Division (3 Home Runs)



### TEAM INFORMATION SECTION

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

From (CityandState): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Championships Won: \_\_\_\_\_

### MANAGERS INFORMATION SECTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# USSSA

## CODE OF UNDERSTANDING

**1. This entry form, along with the entry fee, must be submitted to your state director. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry forms directly to the World Tournament Director. In the event a State does not have a state director, then this form must be submitted to your Division Vice-President. Entry Forms will be returned, as unaccepted, to teams that fail to follow this procedure. 2. The World Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that arrived after the bracket is drawn. 3. Jerseys and pants or shorts must be similar in color. 4. Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment. 5. Any teams destroying property or involved in theft of motel property will be subject to disbarment. 6. My team stands ready to play on Friday Night if so scheduled. I agree with above code of understanding. Release I, the undersigned, manager of the team shown on this entry form hereby state that the team represented by its roster, is a voluntary participant in this tournament which is sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby release and forever discharge USSSA of and from all liabilities, claims, actions and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue to us or to our heirs from every and any loss and injury including death that may be sustained by our person or property while, in about, or route into and away from said tournament. AND WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our undertaking as it relates to loss of life and/or limb; therefore, it is agreed as follows: That in consideration of being allowed to participate in said tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for on an account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, its sponsors or otherwise.**

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND CODE OF UNDERSTANDING.**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Team Manager)**



**I would like to thank the Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau for being a major sponsor of this event. For a listing of events and attractions in the Greater New Haven area please visit their website at: [www.visitnewhaven.com](http://www.visitnewhaven.com)**

**UNITED STATES SPECIALTY SPORTS ASSOCIATION**



**2008 USSSA TOURNAMENT  
TRAVEL DATA SHEET**



**Masters 35 Major & Major Plus**

NAME OF TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM REGISTRATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

DATE OF ARRIVAL : \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_ PM / AM (Circle One)

WE WILL BE TRAVELING BY: CAR\_\_\_ BUS\_\_\_ AIRPLANE\_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION INFO**

NAME OF HOTEL: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF HOTEL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ROOMS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF NIGHTS: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMS REGISTERED  
IN THE NAME OF: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND  
ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY FORM**

