



## **USSSA Black American World Tournament**

**Congratulations** on an outstanding season and welcome to the **2008 USSSA Black American World Tournament**. The tournament will be played in Birmingham, Alabama, September 12-14, 2008. **The 2008 Black American World Tournament will only accept the first 184 teams entered into this double elimination tournament.** All divisions will be participating in these facilities-Green Springs (Host), Library Park, Jasper, Spain Park, Central City, Ensley, and Alabaster. Teams will have to participate in at least three USSSA Black American qualifying tournaments to be eligible for the USSSA Black American World Tournament (**Qualifying tournaments are tournament that offer paid berths to the Black American World tournament**) if there are no qualifying tournaments in your area a team must play in at least three USSSA open tournaments. Any exceptions will have to be approved by the Black American National Director (Gene Williams).

The USSSA softball program will use the “double elimination” format in its World Championships. **Please follow these procedures to complete your entry into the tournament.**

Your team’s entry form, \$325.00 entry fee and a copy of your online roster must be sent to your Regional Director, Black American State Director, Open State Director or the Black American World Tournament Director (**256-852-8458**) by August 30, 2008 (**Payable to Green Springs Softball, P.O Box 19505, Birmingham, AL 35219**). No team will be entered into the tournament until the stated officials forward the entry fee to the tournament headquarter. Personal checks will not be accepted. Your entry fee must be by money order, certified check or cashiers check. **ALL PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE RETURNED AND TEAMS WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE TOURNAMENT.**

It is mandatory that your team’s roster be posted online at usssa.com. Roster changes can be made up to 72 hours prior to the start of the tournament and can only be made by contacting your regional director or a Black American committee member.

All players participating in USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available in accordance with the USSSA Rule Book. However, if origin is in question a **proof** of origin must be provided (**It is the player’s responsibility to prove origin**). If the player cannot provided proof the player is ruled **ILLEGAL** and 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.

**Tournament Headquarters:** Green Springs Park. Information concerning the World Tournament will be posted at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are there, where you are staying, and make sure all your papers are in order. Check in will be held Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00- 8:00pm and Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 08:00am-12:00pm at the Sheraton Birmingham, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N., Birmingham, Alabama. **Your team cannot play until your team has checked in and registered.**

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. You must go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to begin play, Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. **All** teams must be available to play Friday morning, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 08:00 am. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

There will be a manager's meeting at 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Birmingham, Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. All teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for teams playing will be distributed at that time. **THERE WILL BE A HOME RUN HITTING CONTEST FOR MEN AND WOMEN AFTER THE MANAGER'S MEETING AT GREEN SPRINGS PARK WITH GREAT PRIZES.**

Tournament parking passes can be purchased for \$8.00 for the weekend or \$5.00 per day.

Each team is allowed one (1) cooler for water, drinks and fruit for the team dugout.

Each team will be given Six (6) balls to start the tournament. Additional ball can be purchase for \$5.00 each.





**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**NAME OF TOURNAMENT** BLACK AMERICAN WORLD TOURNAMENT

Please fill out the travel information Data Sheet and

**FAX IMMEDIATELY TO: DEWITT'S FAX # 256-852-7847**

**USSSA BLACK AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS**

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED**

**NAME OF**

**TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:**

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **,STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF ARRIVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATE TIME OF ARRIVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF TRAVEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF HOTEL WHERE STAYING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF HOTEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF ROOMS BOOKED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF NIGHTS** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS UNDER-NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MANGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBERS:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**HOME BUSINESS**

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**PAGER CELL**



**USSSA SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL  
WORLD TOURNAMENT  
ENTRY FORM ENTRY FORM YEAR 2008**

Black American World Tournament Men's Major \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Comp \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Rec \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Comp \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Rec \_\_\_\_\_

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

From (City and State): \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Manager's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Team sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Season's Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Season's Championships Won: \_\_\_\_\_

Past National or World Titles Won: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note Please attach any publicity data concerning individual or team performances such as newspaper clippings, pictures, etc. enclosed is a money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover our entry fee.**

**CODE OF UNDERSTANDING**

- 1 This entry form, along with the entry fee, must be submitted to your regional or black American state director. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry forms directly to the World Tournament Director.
- 2 The World Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that arrived after the bracket is drawn.
- 3 All teams must be completely uniformed alike when competing in a World Tournament.
- 4 Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
- 5 Any team destroying property or involved in theft of property will be subject to disbarment.
- 6 My team stands ready to play on Friday Morning if so scheduled.

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 State Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby 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 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** \_\_\_\_\_

# **HOTELS**

## **“HOST HOTEL”**

**Sheraton**  
**2101 Richard Arrington**  
**Jr. Blvd. North**  
**Birmingham, AL 35203**  
**(205) 324-5000**  
**Sheraton.com/Birmingham**  
**Code USSSA (Must Use)**  
**(\$108.00 per night)**

Medical Center Inn  
800 11<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Birmingham, AL 35205  
1-866-933-1901  
205-933-1900  
Contact: Larry Fikes  
Code 54 (Must Use)  
(\$75.00 per night)

Alta Vista Hotel  
260 Goodwin Crest Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
1-888-290-8099  
205-290-8000  
Code USSSA (Must Use)  
(\$72.99 per night)

Econo Lodge  
195 Oxmoor Road  
Homewood, AL 35209  
205-941-0990  
(\$68.00 per night)

Howard Johnson  
275 Oxmoor Road  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
1-800-446-4656  
205-942-0919  
Code USGP (Must Use)  
(\$60.00 per night)

**Closest to Liberty Park**  
Comfort Inn & Suites  
4400 Colonnade Parkway  
Birmingham, Alabama 35243  
(205)968-3700  
Code: USSSA Black American World  
(\$92.00 per night)

**BLACK AMERICAN NATIONAL**  
**COMMITTEE** Gene Williams Jerome Coleman Dewitt  
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**TONY ROBINSON – NORTH EAST**

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