



**USSSA FAST PITCH
11 & Under
WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA Fast Pitch 11 & Under World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Longview, Texas. Games will be played at The Softball Fields at Lear Park and other nearby parks, as needed, on July 21 - July 27, 2008.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 5-game guarantee format in its 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.

To guarantee your spot in the tournament, the World Series tournament entry form contained in this packet and a \$450 check (made payable to USSSA) must be mailed to and received by your state director no later than JULY 11, 2008. For a listing of state directors and their contact information, go to www.ussa.com and click on Fast Pitch State Directors. Teams must go through their state director and may not directly enter a World Series Tournament.

All team rosters must be on the USSSA website and must be the one that was submitted to your state/area director when your team qualified for this tournament. Your state director must sign the roster we receive. Failure to comply with this rule will result in your team's removal from the tournament.

All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch youth tournament play shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. A government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date must verify proof of age. 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, sponsor's travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

NOTES:

- 1) Any player who reached their 12th birthday on or before December 31, 2007 shall not be eligible to play in the 11 & Under World Series Tournament.
- 2) Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
- 3) All players must wear identical 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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 any offensive player in live territory, even if the ball is dead.
- 6) The catcher shall wear a NOCSAE approved head protector, an approved mask with throat protector, body chest protector and shin guards. All protective equipment must conform to industry standards.
- 7) Any non-adult warming up a pitcher within the confines of the playing field shall wear an approved protective mask with throat protector.
- 8) 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.
- 9) The official USSSA Fast Pitch softball rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all playing rules or policies not specifically covered above. Note that the rulebook printed online at www.ussa.com will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

Tournament Director

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Website

The tournament website is: www.cityoflongview.com, **Sports Tourism**. Check it frequently for updates.

Tournament Headquarters

Tournament Sponsors

Park(s)

The primary complex will be The Softball Fields at Lear Park, 100 HG Mosley Parkway. Additional parks in the area will be used if needed. For driving directions and more information on the fields, go to map quest and enter 1333 East Harrison Road.

Awards

- A. Team trophies to the top six teams
- B. Individual awards to the top six teams
- 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 World Player awards (minimum 15)

Hotels

A list of tournament-approved hotels are listed on the City of Longview Website, Teams should make their own housing arrangements with these facilities.

Schedule

Team Check-In – Monday, July 21, The Exhibit Building at The Gregg County Fair Grounds, 3:00 PM

Umpires' Meeting – Monday, July 21, Gregg County Fair Grounds, 4:00 PM

Managers' Meeting & Lunch – Monday, July 21, Location, Time (TBA), (max of 2 coaches per team)

Mom's Meeting – Day, date, location, time (TBA)

Opening Ceremonies – Monday, July 21, The Exhibit Building at The Gregg County Fair Grounds, 6:00 PM – Teams should report by 5:30 PM. Ceremonies begin at 6:00 PM.

Pool Play – Tuesday, July 22 and Wednesday, July 23. Games begin at 8:00 AM.

Player's Social – Monday at The Gregg County Exhibit Building after The Opening Ceremonies.

Double Elimination – Thursday, July 24 through Sunday, July 27

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. The pool play and double elimination brackets will be given to coaches during the team check-in. Player, coach and pre-ordered tournament passes and other pre-tournament items will also be distributed at the team check-in.

Note that all times are subject to change. Please verify itinerary during team check-in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check the main bracket board for any changes in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions.

Gift Exchange

There will be a non-mandatory team gift exchange during opening ceremonies. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is not important. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange.

Admission

Admission will be \$10.00 per person per day or \$40.00 for a tournament pass. For children 6-12 the charge will be \$5.00 per day or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. Children 5 and under are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. **A maximum of 3 coaches passes and 20 player passes will be issued.** Player passes will only be issued to those listed on the submitted roster, and only players in uniform will be allowed to enter on a player pass. A form to pre-order tournament passes is included in this packet. The form and fee must be received by July 18, 2008.

Food Policy

Softball & Bats

The tournament ball will be the Worth Red Dot, yellow leather cover, blue stitched, .47 cor. All bats must be on the most recent USSSA approved list (listed on www.ussa.com), must have a manufacturer's stamp of 1.20 BPF and must bear the USSSA logo.

Tournament Program Book

World Series Merchandise

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs will be available throughout the tournament. Please check the City of Longview website at: www.CityofLongviewtx.com to pre-order your official tournament t-shirt.

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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 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.



**USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES / NATIONAL
2008 ENTRY APPLICATION
11 & Under Longview, Texas**



Team Name: _____

Team Registration Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Manager: _____

Managers Mailing Address: _____

Managers Phone Number Cell _____

Managers E-Mail : _____

Team Sponsor: _____

Current Season Record: Won ___ Lost ___

Current Season Championships

NOTE: Please enclose Certified Funds in the amount of \$450.00 made payable to USSSA Fast Pitch 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 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.

I agree with the above code of understanding.

Signed _____

Team Manager

USSSA FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT PASS ORDER FORM

Teams will have the opportunity to pre-order tournament passes (minimum order of 5 passes.) Adult tournament passes are \$40.00. Child (6-12) tournament passes are \$20.00. Children 5 and under are free. The daily charge is Adults \$10.00 and Child (5-12) \$5.00. A maximum of three coach's passes will be given to each team.

TEAM: _____

MANAGER: _____

PHONE:(_____)_____

PERSON ORDERING _____

TOURNAMENT PASS
\$40.00 EACH ADULT - \$20.00 EACH CHILD (5-12)

Description	# Ordered
Adult Pass - \$40.00	
Child Pass - \$20.00	
TOTAL ORDERED	

AMOUNT DUE

of Adult Passes _____ x \$40.00 = _____

of Child Passes _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Total amount Due = _____

Must receive payment by July 18.

Passes will be given to coach at the coaches meeting Monday, July 21st.
The Gregg County Exhibit Building.