



# USSSA FAST PITCH

## 18 & OVER WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA Fast Pitch 18 & Over World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Plano, Texas. Games will be played at the Heritage Yards Complex and other nearby parks as needed, on August 8- 10 , 2008 The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 4-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 18, 2008.** For a listing of state directors and their contact information, go to [www.usssa.com](http://www.usssa.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 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, sponsor's travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

**NOTES:**

- 1) **Any player that is 18 or who reaches their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday or who graduates from High School in the calendar year of the current World Series, shall be eligible to participate in the 18 & Over 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](http://www.ussa.com) will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

## **World Series Tournament Directors**

J.D. Bancroft – [jdbancroft@usssafastpitch.net](mailto:jdbancroft@usssafastpitch.net)

Jenine Kuss – [jenine@usssatx.com](mailto:jenine@usssatx.com)

## **Website**

The tournament website is - [www.usssaworldseries.net](http://www.usssaworldseries.net) . Check it frequently for updates.

## **Tournament Headquarters**

Heritage Yards of Plano

## **Tournament Sponsors**

Worth Sporting Goods

## **Park(s)**

The primary complex will be the Heritage Yards Complex,. Additional parks in the area will be used if needed. For driving directions and more information on the fields, go to [www.usssaworldseries.net](http://www.usssaworldseries.net) .

## **Practice Fields**

Teams will have access to practice fields. Information to reserve fields will be given during coaches meeting.

## **Food Policy**

All parks will have full service concession areas with a wide variety of items. No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought into the park the only exception to this policy will be team ice chests and/or water jugs.

## **Good Luck Program Ads**

Family, friends and team supporters can use the form included in this packet or on the World Series website [www.usssaworldseries.net](http://www.usssaworldseries.net) to submit a Good Luck Ad to be included in the tournament program book. Ads are \$10 for a 15-word mention, \$15 for a 1/8 page ad with 20 words and \$25 for a 1/4 page ad with either 15 words and a picture/logo or 30 words with no picture/logo. All submissions must be received by the printing Deadline which is July 22, 2008. If your ad does not make it into the program you will be refunded your money.

## **Tournament Program Book**

We are planning a very extensive tournament program with information, including directions and maps to parks and other important facilities, valuable coupons for local businesses, good luck ads and team rosters and pictures. Coaches you must have your on-line team picture and roster completed before July 18.

## **World Series Merchandise**

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs, such as t-shirts, miniature bats, World Series patches, date bars, pins and program books will be sold at the Opening Ceremonies and at each park throughout the tournament and pre-orders will be taken on the World Series website at [www.ussaworldseries.net](http://www.ussaworldseries.net) .

## **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. To participate in the team gift exchange please fill out the participation form located at [www.ussaworldseries.net](http://www.ussaworldseries.net) .

## **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 coach 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 as well as on-line on the World Series website [www.ussaworldseries.net](http://www.ussaworldseries.net) . The form and fee must be received by July 18, 2008.

## **Softball & Bats**

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

## **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)

## **\*\*\*\*\*Tentative Itinerary\*\*\*\*\***

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**All times are subject to change, please verify itinerary when checking in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check Main bracket board for any CHANGES in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions**

**Aug 7 Thu 10am – 9pm Managers check-in. (Heritage Yards)**

**Aug 8 Fri 9am – Noon Managers check-in.**

**Aug 8 Fri 10am - Managers Meeting**

**Aug 8 Fri 3pm – World Series Pool Play begins.**

**Aug 9 Sat 8am – Pool Play finishes start brackets..**

**Aug 10 Sun 8am – World Series Bracket Play continues.**

**Aug 10 Sun 4pm – World Series Championship Game.**

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 will be distributed at the team check-in.

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# USSSA™

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Specialty Sports Association

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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  
2008 ENTRY APPLICATION  
18 & Over - Plano , Texas**



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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Managers Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Managers Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Managers E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Current Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

Did you book your teams room through our housing service on the World Series website  
[www.usssaworldseries.net](http://www.usssaworldseries.net) ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If no what is the name of the hotel and city you have your team booked at and the number of rooms you have reserved?

\_\_\_\_\_ # of rooms \_\_\_\_\_  
(if staying in different hotels please separate # of rooms for each location)

Team Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ via car: \_\_\_\_\_ bus: \_\_\_\_\_ airline: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Airlines or Bus Co used: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please enclose Certified Funds in the amount of \$450.00 to cover team entry fee (Payable to USSSA).**

**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. Youth (6-16) tournament passes are \$20.00. Children 5 and under are free. The daily charge is Adults \$10.00 and Youth (6-16) \$5.00. A maximum of three coach's passes will be given to each team.

Make checks payable to: USSSA

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON ORDERING \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT PASS  
\$40.00 EACH ADULT - \$20.00 EACH YOUTH (6-16)

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

AMOUNT DUE

# of Adult Passes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth Passes \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount Due = \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum of 5 passes per order 1 check per order.

**Must receive payment before July 18, 2008.**

Passes will be given to coach at the coaches meeting.  
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# **USSSA 18 OVER FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES - 2008**

## **HOUSING INFORMATION**

**Will be available at :**

**[www.usssaworldseries.net](http://www.usssaworldseries.net)**

**KEY TO AMENITIES: P-Pool, IP-Indoor Pool, L-Lounge, R-Restaurant On-site, E-Exercise area,  
CB-Continental Breakfast, FB-Full Breakfast, PPV-Pay-per-view movies, I-Internet, S-Shopping  
nearby, SA Suites.**