

2008 USSSA

CHURCH MEN'S CLASS "A"

and

WOMEN'S WORLD TOURNAMENT

Thomson, Georgia
August 22-24

Congratulations to your team on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA Church Men's Class "A" and Women's World Tournament. Your USSSA Softball State Director must enter your team into this tournament. The tournament will be played at Sweetwater Park in Thomson Georgia. Please refer to the information in this packet to answer your questions.

To qualify for a berth in the USSSA Church Men's Class "A" and Women's World Tournament, all teams must be properly registered with the USSSA for this current year and must abide by all local, divisional, regional and world USSSA tournament qualifications rules as administered by their respective USSSA Area and State Directors.

Tournament Facility: The Sweetwater Park Recreation Complex, located in Thomson Georgia, 4 miles south on Hwy 17 off of Interstate 20 Exit 172.

Entry Fees: \$250 per team. Payments must be made with either Cashier's Check or Money Order, payable to USSSA.

All entries must be forwarded on the USSSA Official Letter of Transmittal Form, filled out and signed by the State Director or Division Vice President. Team managers are responsible for making sure that their entry is recorded on the official USSSA Letter Transmittal.

Entry Forms: The attached entry form and the Travel Information Sheet are to be filled out completely. These two forms, the team's roster and the entry fee must be returned by the entry deadline date of Friday, August 28.

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Rosters: The attached roster form must be filled out completely and properly signed by your USSSA State Director. A maximum of twenty (20) players is allowed. Unsigned

rosters **WILL NOT** be accepted! State Directors or State Church Directors may contact the church pastor or church official who signs the roster to certify that the roster is in compliance with Rule 22, Section 1A prior to advancing teams to State, National or World Tournaments.

Tournament Format: The format for the tournament is double-elimination..

Bat Inspection: Teams must have their bats inspected and approved for play prior to their first tournament game. Bats will be inspected prior to your first game.

Balls: USSSA-approved, blue-stitched softballs will be provided for Tournament play.

Uniforms: The USSSA uniform code will be enforced. Teams must wear similar uniforms. Whether long pants or shorts are worn, all team members must be uniformed alike. Caps are optional; however, when worn, they must be alike and worn properly. Protests on uniforms will not be allowed, but will be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.

Awards: Team Trophies - Places 1 through 4
Individual Awards - Places 1 through 3
Most Valuable Player Award
Outstanding Offensive Player Award
Outstanding Defensive Player Award
Sixteen (16) All-Tournament Awards

Starting Times: Team Managers ONLY may call for their starting times on Wednesday, August 20, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (706) 595-2152

Tournament Admission:

Daily Admission \$5 per person
Tournament Pass \$8 per person
Children (Under 12) Free

Conditions: Upon entry into this tournament, all players, coaches, fans, team representatives and spectators accept full responsibility upon themselves for any injuries which may result from competing, observing, or participating in activities relating to the tournament. Tournament Officials, Sponsors, USSSA Officials, Umpires and City of Thomson/McDuffie County will not be liable for any Accidents or injuries which may occur. Entry into the tournament constitutes an Agreement to the above stated conditions.

Tournament Sponsors: We would like to thank the McDuffie County Tourism, Thomson-McDuffie Recreation, Best Western/White Columns & Holiday Inn Express for their help in hosting this event.

We would like to offer a very special "thank you" to all teams playing USSSA Softball and for visiting McDuffie County. The tournament sponsors wish each team "good luck" and hope that your stay in Thomson is an enjoyable one.

USSSA SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL NATIONAL / WORLD TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Entry Form Year 2008

Check Appropriate Tournament:

_____ Men's Class "A" Church World

_____ Women's World

Name of

Team: _____

From (City and State): _____

Manager's Name: _____

Manager's Telephone Number: _____

Manager's Complete Mailing

Address: _____

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 check or money order in the amount of \$250 to cover our entry fee.

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. 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 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)

REGISTRATION NUMBER

