



## **USSSA Men's Class "D" World Tournament**

***Congratulations*** on an outstanding season and welcome to the **2008 USSSA Men's Class "D" World Tournament**. The tournament will be played in Kissimmee, Florida hosted by *Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex* and the Osceola County Softball Complex, September 18-21, 2008.

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.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE – FOR TEAMS THAT QUALIFY IN MEN'S B-C OR MEN'S B NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND IN MEN'S C NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

Teams that qualified for the Men's D World Tournament in a Men's D or Men's C-D National Invitational Tournament or in a Men's D National Tournament will be entered into the World Tournament by their respective National Invitational or National Tournament Director, and their \$300 entry fee will be paid by the event where they qualified (**Exception:** teams that receive a passed down berth at a National Tournament must pay their \$300 entry fee at the National Tournament and enter through their respective National Tournament Director). See below for instructions to confirm your team's entry into the World Tournament.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE – FOR TEAMS THAT QUALIFY THROUGH AN AT-LARGE BERTH**

If your team qualified for the Men's D World Tournament through an at-large berth, you must enter through your respective State Director. Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for your team's \$300 entry fee to be received by your State Director (**Exception:** Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for teams that win a National At-Large berth Labor Day Weekend or later to pay their team's \$300 entry fee to their respective State Director). ***Only certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders will be accepted.*** Entry forms will be completed and mailed to the USSSA National Office by your State Director along with your team's entry fee. See below for instructions to confirm your team's entry into the World Tournament.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR STATE DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**

All entry forms (and entry fees, if applicable), must be received at USSSA Headquarters by Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Send to: USSSA National Office, Attn. Marsha Brewer, 611 Line Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34744. State Directors must also confirm the entries of all teams from their respective states into this World Tournament through the USSSA website with an electronic "Letter of Transmittal." State Directors must also be sure that each team's frozen and approved roster is entered online at usssa.com. **THIS IS MANDATORY!**

## **TOURNAMENT ENTRY CONFIRMATION**

Teams may confirm they have been entered into the tournament by checking the USSSA website at usssa.com. If your team is not on the website by Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM EST, **CALL YOUR STATE DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY.**

## **ROSTERS**

Each team's qualified frozen and approved roster must be posted on the USSSA website at [ussa.com](http://ussa.com). Changes may only be made in accordance with USSSA eligibility rules in Article III, Section 9 of the Official USSSA By-Laws. Contact your State Director for assistance.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR USSSA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REGARDING ROSTER CHANGES!!!**

*All players participating in USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11, A5 in the USSSA 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.*

**ALL PLAYERS and COACHES MUST SIGN the *Disney's Wide World of Sports® Waiver Form*. You can also find the waiver form at [ussa.com](http://ussa.com). Having the waivers filled out will streamline your team check-in time.**

**Tournament Headquarters:** *Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex Stadium* (home of the Atlanta Braves spring training site). All information concerning this World Tournament will be posted at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure all your papers are in order. ***Team check in will be Wednesday from 5 pm – 7 pm and Thursday 8 am – 4 pm.***

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. Beginning Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 you can go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to begin playing. ***All teams must be available to play Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

There will be a ***manager's meeting at 12 noon, Thursday*** at the *Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex*. All teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for teams playing will be distributed at that time.

### **Awards:**

- 1. Championship Team Award**
- 2. Runner up Team Award**
- 3. Third Place Team Award**
- 4. Fourth Place Team Award**
- 5. Individual Award to each member and manager of the First through Fourth Place Teams**
- 6. Outstanding Defensive Player**
- 7. Outstanding Offensive Player**
- 8. Most Valuable Player**
- 9. 15 All World Awards**
- 10. Manager of the Year**

### **Balls:**

Your World Tournament host will provide USSSA approved softballs for the entire championships.

### **Travel Money:**

**VERY IMPORTANT:** *If your team is eligible to receive Team Sponsor Travel Money from winning a National or a National Invitational Tournament, your team must book it's entire team at one of the hotels that appear on the [Hotel Information Sheet \(this can also be found at usssa.com\)](#). TO BE ELIGIBLE for sponsor travel money, your team must stay at one of our Host Hotels. **Travel money will be sent to the host hotel and credited to your rooms IF your team meets the criteria.***

### **Uniform Requirements:**

In accordance with the USSSA Slow Pitch By-Laws, all Men's Class "D" teams must wear similar uniforms. This includes the same color and style jerseys, with or without the team sponsor's name. Long pants and/or shorts may be worn. Leggings, when worn, must be similar on all team members. Caps are optional; however, when worn, they must be similar. **NEW STARTING IN 2006:** In all programs non-duplicating numbers will be required at World Tournaments. The numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches in size and clearly visible. See Article V, Sec. 8c. Uniform violations are not grounds for a protest.

### **Hotel Reservations:**

Refer to the [Hotel Information Sheet](#). Excellent room rates have been negotiated for the teams. Please identify yourself as a USSSA World Tournament team when you make reservations.

### **Tentative Itinerary:**

#### **September 17 – Wednesday**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Early Team Check In and Registration

#### **September 18 – Thursday**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm - Team Check In and Registration

12:00 pm - Manager's Meeting at *Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex*

2:00 pm – World Tournament Play begins

#### **September 19 – Friday**

8:00 am – World Tournament Play continues

TBA – Opening Ceremonies at *Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex Stadium*

#### **September 20 – Saturday**

8:00 am – World Tournament Continues

#### **September 21 – Sunday**

World Tournament Championship

**TRAVEL INFORMATION SHEET**

**NAME OF TOURNAMENT: MEN'S CLASS "D" WORLD TOURNAMENT**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA SHEET AND **FAX**  
**IMMEDIATELY TO:**

**USSA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**  
**321-697-3647**

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND *MUST* NOT BE OVERLOOKED – YOUR TEAM WILL *NOT* BE IN ENTERED INTO THE TOURNAMENT IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY USSA NATIONAL OFFICE**

NAME OF TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (STATE)

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

ESTIMATE TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE INDICATE AM OR PM)

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

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

**(SEE ENCLOSED HOTEL LIST AND BE SPECIFIC)**

ADDRESS OF HOTEL (MANDATORY): \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESERVATIONS UNDER – NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

***THIS INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH YOUR CHOICE HOST HOTEL.***

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

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

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

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**USSSA WORLD TOURNAMENT  
Entry Form Year 2008**

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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 Championship Won: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 Thursday.

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)