



**2008 USSSA MIXED "E" WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 17-19, 2008
GARLAND, TEXAS**

Congratulations! Your team has qualified to enter the 2008 USSSA Mixed "E" World Championship to be held in Garland, Texas on October 17 – 19, 2008. The Garland Softball Association, along with the Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau, have formed a partnership that will provide the participants and their families with professional administration, facilities, maintenance, and access to quality hotels, restaurants and area entertainment. The tournament will be played at M. G. "Jerry" Carter, Sr. Softball Complex in Garland on Friday, October 17, 2008 through Sunday, October 19, 2008.

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

The Garland Softball Association, along with the Garland Convention and Visitors Bureau, will sponsor the tournament. The City of Garland Parks and Recreation Department will assist the effort.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, October 10, 2008 is the deadline for receiving entries. All entries must be in the possession of the Tournament Director by that date. **NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS ENTRY FEE IS INCLUDED.**

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY FORM

All teams must abide by their local and USSSA World, Region, NIT, and Division Tournament Qualification Rules as administered by their respective Area and State Directors in qualifying for a berth in this event. Please make sure that the attached entry form is completed and returned to your State Director.

Enclose with the entry form the following:

1. Cashiers check or money order in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to **NORTH TEXAS USSSA. (NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE CORRECT TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE INCLUDED).**
2. Your team's roster, approved by your State Director, **MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE** using the ISTS system on the USSSA website. This roster must be the one that was submitted to your state and/or area director when your team qualified for this championship. Failure to comply with this rule will result in your team's suspension from participation in this tournament!
3. Completed 2008 Mixed "E" World Championship entry form.

The complete entry package should be sent to your State Director who will then forward the material along with a letter of transmittal to:

**North Texas USSSA
2713 Winterberry Drive
Rowlett TX 75089**

BRACKET SCHEDULING

Tournament brackets will not be mailed or faxed in advance. Managers may call the Garland Softball Association @ (972) 613-7729 on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 between the hours of 5:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to find out your game time. Brackets will be posted at www.usssa.com after 3:00 p.m. on that date. **ALL TEAMS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY, October 17, 2008.**

CONDITIONS

The tournament will be scheduled utilizing a double elimination format. Teams will be seeded according to the USSSA National Point Standings as of Wednesday, October 15, 2008. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the format (i.e., location of the fields, game times and dropping of losers' bracket due to inclement weather or conditions). The conversion to single elimination or format changes would only occur at which point it would be mathematically impossible to complete the tournament on Sunday, October 19th on a double elimination basis. Upon entry into this tournament, all players, coaches, representatives and spectators accept full responsibility to themselves for any injury which may result from competing or any other accidents at the tournament. Tournament sponsors, USSSA officials and representatives will not be liable for any accidents or injuries, which may occur. Entry into the tournament constitutes an agreement to the above conditions.

All players participating in adult USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11, A(5) 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.

MANAGERS MEETING/LUNCHEON

There will be a managers meeting/luncheon at 12:00pm on Friday, October 17, 2008 at the Radisson Dallas East. Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for teams' play will be distributed at that time. Depending upon the size of the tournament, this event could be changed to a manager's breakfast.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Friday, October 17, 2008

M. G. "Jerry" Carter, Sr. Softball Complex @ Garland 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
(Depending upon the size of the tournament, this 'event' could be cancelled)

UNIFORMS

Teams must wear alike colored jerseys with numbers. The numbers must be a minimum of three inch in size and clearly visible. Protests on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the tournament director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.

AWARDS

1ST – 4TH PLACE TEAM TROPHIES
1st & 2nd PLACE INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES
1 – MVP
1 – OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PLAYER
1 – OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER
15 – ALL WORLD TEAM AWARDS

GAME BALLS

Game balls will be provided by the tournament.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Hotel
Radisson Dallas East
11350 LBJ Freeway @ Jupiter Exit
Dallas, TX 75238
(214) 341-5400

\$79 Room Rate
\$7 Breakfast Buffet

TOURNAMENT PLAYING SITE

M. G. "Jerry" Carter, Sr. Softball Complex – 550 W. Oates, Garland, TX 75043

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION FEE

A tournament admission fee will be charged to all spectators as follows:

Tournament Pass
\$7.00 - Adult
\$5.00 Youth (12 & Under)

Daily Pass
\$5.00 – Adult
\$3.00 Youth (12 & Under)

DIRECTIONS, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For directions or additional information regarding the USSSA Mixed "E" World Championship contact:

Garland Softball Association - Danny Malone (214) 335-4218

North Texas USSSA – Arnie Burke @ (972) 978-2290

USSSA Rules of Conduct Excelling in Multi-Sports Programs

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 conducted 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 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 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 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 or 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 this 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.

TRAVEL DATA/EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

This form must be completed and turned in at check-in or the managers meeting. This information will allow us to contact you in case of an emergency. Also, the data is used for economic impact studies. Your cooperation is appreciated.

TEAM NAME: _____

MANAGER: _____

CELL PHONE _____

HOTEL: _____ **ROOM #:** _____

HOTEL PHONE #: _____ **NUMBER OF ROOMS BOOKED:** _____

IF YOU ARE COMMUTING, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

MANAGER: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ **EVENING PHONE:** _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE _____

**2008 MIXED "E" WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY FORM**

TEAM NAME: _____

SEASON RECORD: WON_____ **LOST**_____

MANAGERS NAME:_____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAY PHONE: _____ **EVENING PHONE:** _____

NIT OR STATE HONORS YOUR TEAM HAS RECEIVED THIS SEASON:

THIS FORM SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO YOUR ROSTER WITH ENTRY FEE AND SENT TO YOUR STATE DIRECTOR!!!!!!

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 Executive 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. Mixed "D" teams must wear alike colored jerseys with numbers.
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 the 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 and the attached rules of conduct.

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 the 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 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 is 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 or on 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, CODE OF UNDERSTANDING AND RULES OF CONDUCT.

SIGNATURE _____

TEAM MANAGER