



2009 USSSA Baseball World Series
Divisions: 9AA, 10AA, 12AA, 14AA (60/90)
July 12-19, 2009

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2009 USSSA Baseball World Series. Your tournament host will be USSSA Baseball and Osceola County Stadium (Spring Training Home of the Houston Astros) and it will be our goal to create an experience that the players, coaches and families will remember for the rest of their lives. The World Series will be played at Osceola County Stadium Complex and other fields in Osceola County.

The USSSA Baseball program will use the "Pool-Play" format in this World Series. Teams will be placed in pools, then advance to either a double elimination championship bracket or a single elimination consolation bracket. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of pools, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines and be approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee. Teams are guaranteed five (5) games.

ENTRY: All entry information must be RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR and USSSA National Headquarters on or before SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 2009. Teams securing a USSSA World Series berth must play in the State Championship Tournament in their home state to validate their berth. Contact your USSSA Baseball State Director for information regarding State Championship Tournaments in your home state. [Click Here to Find Your State Director](#).

TEAMS ARE ASKED TO ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE AT www.ussa.com IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THEIR ENTRY. TEAMS THAT ENTER ONLINE DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM TO THEIR STATE DIRECTOR, HOWEVER, THESE TEAMS WILL STILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED FOR WORLD SERIES PLAY BY THEIR STATE DIRECTOR.

If you choose NOT to enter online, please send the following information to your STATE DIRECTOR: (DEADLINE - JUNE 28th)

1. ORIGINAL copy of the World Series Entry Form
2. ORIGINAL copy of the Roster
3. Cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$495 payable to: USSSA Baseball

ALL TEAMS must send the enclosed World Series Commitment Form to the USSSA National Office no later than June 28, 2009. This form can be either faxed or emailed per the instructions on the form.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 10th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 9 and Under National Tournament.
2. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 11th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 10 and Under National Tournament.
3. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 13th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 12 and Under National Tournament.
4. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 15th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 14 and Under National Tournament.
5. Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
6. Ball field dimensions will be in accordance with USSSA rules per each age division.
7. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
8. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn (in proper fashion).
9. Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.
10. Metal spikes are prohibited in age groups 9-12
11. A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and both sides of the face must be worn by every player while in the on deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
12. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
13. The catcher must wear protective gear: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard. Ages 9-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
14. The USSSA Baseball Handbook and the Official Baseball Rules, Sporting News Edition shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered above (<http://www.ussa.com/>).

ON-SITE CHECK-IN

All teams must officially check in on Sunday, July 12, 2009 between 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Check-in will be held at Osceola Stadium located in Osceola's Heritage Park, 631 Heritage Park Way, Kissimmee, FL 34744, www.ohpark.com.

A manager/coach or team representative must be present at check-in with all required materials. The manager/coach or team representative MUST have copies of all required forms including birth certificates and roster at check-in.

THE OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE AT www.ussa.com TO BE CONSIDERED VALID FOR THE WORLD SERIES. THIS ROSTER MUST BE THE ONE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR STATE AND/OR AREA DIRECTOR WHEN YOUR TEAM QUALIFIED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN YOUR TEAM SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT.

All players participating in USSSA Baseball tournament play shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager. Failure to have a copy of the birth certificate available upon demand will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths the team would have been awarded at the tournament.

MANAGER'S MEETING

There will be a Manager's/Officials Meeting at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Osceola County Stadium. The location will be made available to the team at check-in. Two (2) representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event. All teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule will be distributed at this time.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Players and their families should arrive at Osceola County Stadium at 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 12, 2009, to prepare to line up with your team for the parade of teams that will begin at 5:30 pm. Team banners and state flags are encouraged. Players and coaches should be in uniform. For safety reasons, candy/gum or other objects will not be allowed to be thrown into the crowd during the parade of teams. The opening ceremony will start immediately at the conclusion of the parade of teams.

SKILLS COMPETITION

Immediately following the opening ceremony there will be a skills competition. Exact locations for events will be announced at the Manager's Meeting. Skill contests will include "Road Runner" a 4-player timed base running event, a 5-player "Around the Horn" competition and a 3-player "Golden Arm" accuracy throw.

THEME PARK TICKETS

The USSSA National Office has discounted attraction tickets available for the Disney and Universal theme parks. You may contact Stephanie, Stephanie@ussa.com or 321-697-3630, for more information.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION

An Adult tournament pass (ages 12 and up) will be \$30 or daily admission will be \$10. A Child tournament pass (ages 4-11) will be \$15 or daily admission will be \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Passes will be available for pre-order by each team – NO INDIVIDUAL ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED. Pre-order passes will be available for pick-up at team check-in. Any tournament passes that are not pre-ordered will be required to be purchased on-site – CASH ONLY. The deadline to pre-order tournament passes is Monday, July 6, 2009.

SCHEDULES

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be given to the Team Manager during the Manager's meeting Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Brackets will also be posted at www.ussa.com and will be updated during the event.

COACHES

Each team is entitled to maximum of 3 bench personnel. Each team is responsible to provide a designated representative to assist in keeping the scorebook, pitching or scoreboard (if applicable). This must be an adult who will conduct themselves in a professional manner. This team representative will receive a pass for the duration of the tournament. There is a maximum of four (4) coach/scorekeeper passes per team.

COACHES ATTIRE

Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform (such as collared shirts and coaches shorts with athletic shoes).

PROTESTS

Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of \$100 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

TOURNAMENT HOUSING

Each team is responsible for their own reservations. Please see the list of USSSA host hotels, villas & condos on the sheet below. These properties make it possible for this tournament to be held. You can also check the Travel Center at www.ussa.com for additional information.

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, USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

- Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.
- 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.
- Managers, coaches, and players are not to fraternize with spectators while participating in an event. At no time will any participant be allowed to smoke while participating in any USSSA event.
- At no time will participants be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages nor have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while participating in any USSSA event.
- 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.
- Managers, coaches, players, sponsors, and teams may be suspended by the Tournament Director for violation of any of these rules. This could mean suspension for one or more tournament games, the duration of the tournament, or in the most extreme cases, a longer duration.

- 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.
- The hotels hosting tournament teams will report any occurrence of destruction of property or abuse of hotel property attributed to a team staying in the hotel. All reports from the hotels will be dealt with very sternly. Team managers please note that this is your only notice. Also, failure to pay hotel bills can result in team and its manager being disbarred from future USSSA play.
- Any teams submitting bad checks to USSSA will be subject to disbarment.

PIN TRADING

Pin Trading has become a tradition at USSSA World Series events. Players will have an opportunity to trade pins throughout the week. Team pins are not mandatory but certainly adds to the fun of this special event. We encourage each team to bring some small item to trade. We suggest that you contact your local Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau or other community businesses in your area about obtaining items to trade.

ADDITIONAL PARK RULES

No food or drinks are allowed to be brought into the parks. Each team will be given ONE cooler tag. This tag must be attached to the cooler and brought in with the team. The cooler may not exceed 32 quarts. This cooler may contain drinks and/or fruit. The contents are for team members only. The cooler can be taken out of the park and refilled as needed. In addition, each team is allowed one small cooler for rags/towels.

AWARDS

- Team trophies to the first through fourth place teams (based on 16 teams per division)
- Individual awards to the first through fourth place teams (based on 16 teams per division)
- Outstanding Offensive player award
- Outstanding Defensive player award
- MVP award

TOURNAMENT SOUVENIRS

Teams will have the opportunity to pre-order World Series T-shirts and World Series pins for their players and fans at a discounted price. To guarantee that your team will receive your merchandise, you must pre-order. Limited quantities will be available at the tournament site. All pre-orders must be prepaid and received by Sunday, July 28, 2009. All teams that have properly completed the tournament entry process by Sunday, June 28, 2009 will be listed on the World Series t-shirt.

WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (tentative)

Saturday, July 11, 2009	Teams are encouraged to check-in to their hotel
Sunday, July 12, 2009	
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Team check-in (Mandatory for Manager/Team Rep)-
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Manager's Meeting
5:00 pm	Teams line up for parade of teams
5:30 pm – until	Opening Ceremonies and Skills Competition
	▪ Parade of Teams
	▪ Official Welcome
	▪ National Anthem
	▪ Ceremonial First Pitch
	▪ Skills Competition (locations to be announced at Manager's Meeting)
Monday, July 13, 2009	Pool play begins
Tuesday, July 14, 2009	Pool play continues
Wednesday, July 15, 2009	Bracket play begins
Thursday, July 16, 2009	Bracket play continues
Friday, July 17, 2009	Bracket play continues
Saturday, July 18, 2009	Championship Play Completed

USSSA Pride – Women's Professional Fastpitch Team

**Will play home games in Osceola County July 15 – July 19
Check the website for additional information**

USSSA SlugFest at Disney's Wide World of Sports

**July 15 – July 17
More Information to Follow**

**USSSA Recommends These Accommodations
Please Mention your USSSA Affiliation to Receive
Specially Priced Rates**

Hotels

Best Western Lakeside	407-997-1106
Champions World Resort	800-638-7829
Clarion Hotel Maingate	407-396-4000
Hampton Inn & Suites	407-398-8700
Holiday Inn Maingate East	407-396-4222
Palms Hotel Maingate East by 3 Palms	407-738-4854
Seralago Hotel & Suites	407-997-4340

Condos, Suites & Villas

Heritage Key Villas	877-498-3237
Legacy Dunes Rentals	800-741-3014
Mystic Dunes Resort & Golf Club	877-747-4747
Palms Hotel & Villas	407-738-4854
Royale Parc Suites	407-396-8040
Saratoga Resort Villas	407-397-0555

You may also go to www.ussa.com Travel Center for Additional Information.



Tournament T-Shirt Order Form
USSSA World Series Kissimmee, FL
Divisions: 9AA, 10AA, 12AA, 14AA

Teams have the opportunity to pre-order tournament t-shirts for their players and fans. To guarantee that your team will receive tournament t-shirts, you must pre-order. Pre-orders must be prepaid and received by Sunday, June 28, 2009. Checks (one per team order) should be payable to: USSSA Inc.

Team: _____ Email: _____

Team Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Item	Quantity	Description/Size	Price Each	Total Amount
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Child Small	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Child Medium	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Child Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Adult Small	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Adult Medium	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Adult Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Adult X-Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - White		Adult XX-Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Child Small	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Child Medium	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Child Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Adult Small	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Adult Medium	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Adult Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Adult X-Large	10.00	
Tournament T-Shirt - Grey		Adult XX-Large	10.00	
World Series Pins		N/A	4.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				

Mail form and ONE check per team order – made payable to “USSSA Inc” to: USSSA, 611 Line Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34744

If paying by credit card, fax to 321-697-3647. Visa MasterCard Amex

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ CVV: _____

Billing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**ALL PRE-ORDER ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
 AT CHECK-IN ON SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009.**



Tournament Pass Order Form
USSSA World Series
Kissimmee, FL
Divisions: 9AA, 10AA, 12AA, 14AA

Teams have the opportunity to pre-order tournament passes for spectators and fans. Pre-orders must be prepaid and received by Monday, July 6, 2009.

Team: _____ Email: _____

Team Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Item	Quantity	Price Each	Total Amount
Adult Tournament Pass (Ages 12 and up)		30.00	
Child Tournament Pass (Ages 4-11)		15.00	
Adult Daily Pass (Ages 12 and up)		10.00	
Child Daily Pass (Ages 4-11)		5.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

Mail form and ONE check per team order – made payable to “USSSA Inc” to:
USSSA, Inc.
611 Line Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34744

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