



2009 USSSA MEN'S CLASS "D" WORLD TOURNAMENT

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2009 USSSA Men's Class "D" World Tournament. The tournament will be played at the beautiful Liberty Park of America Complex, September 24-27, 2009.

The USSSA Softball program will use the "Double Elimination" format in its World Championships.

ENTRY PROCEDURE – FOR TEAMS QUALIFYING THROUGH NATIONAL OR NIT TOURNAMENT

Teams that qualify for the Men's "D" World Tournament through a National or NIT Tournament will be entered into the World Tournament by their respective National or NIT Tournament Director, and the \$300 entry fee will be paid by the qualifying tournament. EXCEPTION: Teams that receive a passed down unpaid berth at a National or NIT Tournament must pay their \$300 entry fee at the National or NIT Tournament and enter through their respective National or NIT Tournament Director. See below for instructions to confirm your team's entry into the World Tournament.

ENTRY PROCEDURE – FOR TEAMS QUALIFYING THROUGH AN AT-LARGE BERTH

Teams that qualify for the Men's "D" World Tournament through an at-large berth must enter through their respective State Director. All entry forms and entry fees, if applicable, must be received by your USSSA State Director by Friday, September 11, 2009. EXCEPTION: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 is the deadline for teams that win a National At-Large berth during Labor Day Weekend or later to pay their team's \$300 entry fee to their respective State Director. Only certified check, cashier's checks and 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 Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Send to USSSA National Office, Attn: Wendi Brockwell, 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 www.USSSA.com. **THIS IS MANDATORY!**

TOURNAMENT ENTRY CONFIRMATION

Teams may confirm that they have been entered into the tournament by checking the USSSA website at www.USSSA.com. If your team is not on the website by Monday, September 21st 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 www.USSSA.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 adult 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.

Tournament Headquarters: Liberty Park, 33600 Mound Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48310. (586) 978-9070, will be open Wednesday, September 23rd, until the conclusion of the tournament. All information concerning this World Tournament will be posted at www.USSSA.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. For more information: call until 9:00 pm any day of the week at the above number. For information about field conditions call (586) 978-8311.

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. You may call Liberty Park at (586) 978-9070 beginning at 10:00am on Wednesday, September 23rd, to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to play. Brackets will be posted at www.ussssa.com and www.miusssa.com after 3:00 PM on September 23rd. **All teams must be available to play September 24th, Thursday by 8:30am. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Manager's Meeting: There will be a managers/official's reception and meeting at 8:00am on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at Liberty Park/Dugout. Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event. This meeting is not mandatory, but all teams should make every effort to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for team play will be distributed at that time.

Awards:

- A. Championship Team Award
- B. Runner-up Team Award
- C. Outstanding Defensive Player
- D. Outstanding Offensive Player
- E. Most Valuable Player
- F. 15 All World Awards
- G. Manager of the Year

Balls: Your World Tournament host will provide USSSA Approved softballs for the entire championship.

Uniform Requirements: All Men's Class "D" teams must wear similar uniforms. This includes same color and style jerseys, with or without the team sponsor's name. Long pants or shorts and leggings, when worn, must be similar on all team members. Caps are optional, however, when worn they must be alike. 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 protest.

Travel Award Money: The teams that have qualified through NIT's and National Tournaments will receive their team travel award money at the conclusion of their play in the World Tournament.

Hotel Reservations: Included in this packet is a list of area motels. Each team is responsible for its own individual reservation. For an update of available lodging, you may contact the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800)-94-METRO.

Gate Fees: Admission will be \$5.00 per person, per day, or \$12.00 for a tournament pass. Children under (12) are free of charge, and seniors are half price. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 manager/coach passes will be issued.

Tentative Itinerary

September 23	3:00pm	Team check in and registration @ LIBERTY PARK
September 24	8:00am	Manager Meeting @ LIBERTY PARK
September 24	8:30am	World Tournament Begins @ LIBERTY PARK
September 25	8:00am	World Tournament Continues @ LIBERTY PARK
September 26	8:00am	World Tournament Continues @ LIBERTY PARK
September 27	8:00am	World Tournament Continues @ LIBERTY PARK
September 27	6:00pm	World Tournament Championship @ LIBERTY PARK

Park Information: The eleven diamond complex of Liberty Park of America will host this year's event, with all games held at one location. Liberty Park offers 300 foot homerun fences, covered player dugouts, two concession stands, restrooms, a 350 seat air-conditioned restaurant/bar, two basketball courts and two sand volleyball courts. All diamonds are lighted, have red sports clay infields with electronic scoreboards. There are over 800 parking spaces to easily accommodate all events. You are prohibited from bringing food or beverages into the facility, excluding water. The staff at Liberty Park has over 20 years experience in hosting tournaments and has one of the finest maintenance and umpiring staffs in the country. Dedicated to safety and satisfaction, Liberty Park and the Michigan USSSA welcome you to Michigan.

NO CARRY-IN RULES will apply to all individuals entering the complex. State and local restrictions prohibit any person from bringing in alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, glass containers and/or coolers. Violators may be ejected and refused re-admission.

Travel Information Form: All teams are required to complete the attached Travel Information Data Form and return to:

LIBERTY PARK OF AMERICA
33600 MOUND RD.
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310
PH#: 586-978-9070 FAX#: 586-978-8064
EMAIL: sue@libertyparkofamerica.com or jennifer@libertyparkofamerica.com
Website: www.libertyparkofamerica.com

TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA

All teams are required to complete this sheet.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

Name of Tournament _____

Team Registration # _____

Team Name _____

From _____

City

State

Arrival Date & Time _____

Method of Travel _____

Name of Hotel/Motel _____

Number of Rooms _____

Team Manager _____

Contact Info _____

Home Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

Pager

Email

Please Fax, Email or Mail AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

LIBERTY PARK OF AMERICA

33600 MOUND RD.

STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310

PH#: 586-978-9070 FAX#: 586-978-8064

EMAIL: sue@libertyparkofamerica.com or jennifer@libertyparkofamerica.com

AREA HOTEL LISTING

PROPERTY NAME	CONTACT	RATE
Best Western Sterling Inn 34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights, MI 48312	Jacqui Hoffman 586-979-1167 Jacqui@sterlinginn.com	Indoor Water Park \$99.00
Comfort Inn/Warren 7001 Convention Blvd. Warren, MI 48092	Tonya Vasko 586-268-9020 Gm.mi289@choicehotels.com	\$84.00
Hampton Inn – Warren 7447 Convention Blvd. Warren, MI 48092	Mary Ann Robertson 586-977-7270 mary.robertson@hilton.com	\$89.00
Embassy Suites/Troy 850 Tower Dr. Troy, MI 48098	Terri Lauer 248-879-7500 Terri.lauer@hilton.com	\$130.00
Troy Courtyard 1525 Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48083	Charles Haberski 800-321-2211 Charles.haberski@marriott.com	\$89.00
Towne Place Suites/Sterling Hts. 14800 Lakeside Circle Sterling Heights, MI 48313	Karen Grace 586-566-0900 kgrace@csmcorp.net	\$89.00
Hampton Inn/Madison Heights 32420 Stephenson Hwy. Madison Heights, MI 48071	Tonya Lewis 248-585-8881 Tonya.lewis@ihrcu.com	\$96.00
Homewood Suites by Hilton/Troy 1495 Equity Dr. Troy, MI 48084	Robert McCullough 248-816-6500 Robert.mccullough@hilton.com	\$99.00
Holiday Inn/Troy 2537 Rochester Ct. Troy, MI 48083	Myra Van Doren 248-689-7500 myra.vandoren@transinns.com	\$85.00
Courtyard by Marriott/Warren 30190 Van Dyke Ave. Warren, MI 48093	Charles Haberski 800-321-2211 Charles.haberski@marriott.com	\$89.00

PLEASE INFORM HOTELS THAT YOU ARE WITH USSSA EVENT!