



2010 USSSA MEN'S CLASS "D" GREAT LAKES NATIONAL

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2010 USSSA Men's Class "D" National Championship. Your USSSA Softball State Director must enter your team in this championship. The tournament will be played at the beautiful Liberty Park complex, August 28-29, 2010.

The USSSA Softball program will use the "Double Elimination" format in its National Championships. This can be changed at the site of the tournament by the Tournament Director after the tournament has begun; and it is determined that it would not be feasible to attempt to continue on the double-loss play due to weather conditions or other acts of God. A substitute plan will be decided at that time keeping in mind what would be best for our out of town teams.

If the total number of teams is 25 or higher for this event, the winning team will be required to compete the following year at the next highest classification.

Your team's National Championship entry form, cashier's check or money order for the entry fee **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY AUGUST 23, 2010 to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$300.00 should be made payable to: **USSSA SOFTBALL**. For a listing of state directors, their addresses, e-mail, phone numbers, etc., go to www.ussssa.com and click on USSSA Softball. Teams must go through their state directors and may not directly enter a National Championship.**

The roster we receive must be signed by your state director or be posted on-line at www.ussssa.com. 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!

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. **EXCEPTION: If the loss occurred by the offending team was it's first loss of the tournament and if the player(s) in question can subsequently furnish a valid photo ID prior to the next game, the offending team may remain in the tournament. All protests will be charged a \$100 protest fee.**

Tournament Headquarters – Liberty Park, 33600 Mound Rd., Sterling Hgts. MI 48310 (586) 978-9070, will be open Friday, August 28, until the conclusion of the tournament. All information concerning this National Tournament will be posted at www.miusssa.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 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 to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to play beginning at 1:00pm on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Brackets will also be posted on www.miusssa.com and www.usssa.com.

THERE WILL BE NO MANAGER'S MEETING FOR THIS EVENT!

AWARDS:

- A. Team trophies to the first four teams
 - B. Individual awards to the top two teams
 - C. Individual awards (minimum of 15) to All Tournament Team
 - D. Outstanding offensive player award
 - D. Outstanding defensive player award
 - E. MVP award
- (Awards are based on 25 teams.)

HOME RUN LIMIT:

The USSSA class "D" home-run limit of 0 per game will be enforced, each untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory that exceeds the limit will be counted as an out.

BALLS:

Your National Tournament host will provide USSSA Approved softballs for the entire championship.

BATS:

Player's bats will be checked prior to every game, bats that are determined to be un-playable, will be pulled from the tournament and returned after the completion of the tournament or when the player's team has been eliminated from the tournament.

BERTHS:

The highest finishing team (previously unqualified) will receive a paid berth from this National Championship, and will advance to the Men's Class "D" World Series to be played the weekend of September 23-26, 2010 in Disney, Florida. The teams must accept the berths immediately upon the conclusion of the tournament, or they will be passed down.

TRAVEL MONEY:

The tournament champion advancing to the Men's Class "D" World Tournament will receive \$600 travel at the conclusion of their play in the World Tournament. The tournament champion will also receive **DOUBLE POINTS**, giving the team a total of 600 points and will receive a first round **BYE** in the World Tournament.

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 and/or shorts may be worn. Caps are optional, however, when worn they must be alike. Non-duplicating numbers will be required the numbers must be a minimum of 4 inches in size and be clearly visible.

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

Admission will be \$3.00 per person, per day, Children under (12) are free of charge, and seniors are \$1.00. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 manager/coach passes will be issued.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

August 28 - 9:00 am...Check-in & Opening games @ LIBERTY PARK

August 29 - 9:00 am...National Championship continues

August 29 - 4:00 pm...Championship...National Championship concludes

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.

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED TRAVEL INFORMATION TO:

**MICHIGAN USSSA
TONY DEDONATIS
33600 MOUND RD.
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310
Ph# 586-977-8380
Fax# 586-977-2078
E-mail: dtony3063@aol.com
Web site: www.miusssa.com**

HOTEL LIST AND TRAVEL FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES!

TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA

PLEASE FILL OUT THE TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA SHEET, AND
FAX OR MAIL IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

MICHIGAN USSSA
33600 MOUND ROAD
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310
(586) 977-8380
(586) 977-2078 - fax

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

Name Of Tournament: _____

Team Registration #: _____

Team Name: _____

From: _____
City State

Date of Arrival: _____

Estimate Time of Arrival: _____

Method of Travel: _____

Name of Hotel/Motel: _____

Number of Rooms: _____

Team Manager: _____

Phone#: () _____ () _____
HOME WORK

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CELL EMAIL

Best Western Sterling Inn 34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights, MI 48312	Jacqui Hoffman 586-722-0217 Jacqui@sterlinginn.com	Indoor Water Park \$99.00
Embassy Suites/Troy 850 Tower Dr. Troy, MI 48098	Terri Lauer 248-879-7500 Terri.lauer@hilton.com	\$130.00
Hampton Inn – Warren 7447 Convention Blvd. Warren, MI 48092	Mary Ann Robertson 586-977-7270 mary.robertson@hilton.com	\$89.00
Comfort Inn/Warren 7001 Convention Blvd. Warren, MI 48092	Tonya Vaskouskaya 586-268-9020 Gm.mi289@choicehotels.com	\$79.00
Hawthorn Suites 30180 N. Civic Center Blvd. Warren, MI 48093	Tonya Vaskouskaya 586-558-2870 hawthorn4825@yahoo.com	\$89.00
Residence Inn/Madison Heights 32650 Stephenson Hwy. Madison Heights, MI 48071	Korbyn May 561-215-0876 kmay@ih-corp.com	\$89.00
Fairfield Inn/Warren 7454 Convention Blvd. Warren, MI 48092	Tammy Dominquez 586-939-1700 tammy.dominquez@marriott.com	\$69.00
Fairfield Inn/Madison Heights 32800 Stephenson Hwy. Madison Heights, MI 48084	Tammy Dominquez 248-588-3388 tammy.dominquez@marriott.com	\$69.00

PLEASE INFORM HOTELS THAT YOU ARE WITH USSSA EVENT!