

2010
MEN'S "D"
NORTHEAST
NATIONAL
AUGUST 28 & 29, 2010
CONNECTICUT
SPORTSPLEX
North Branford, CT

This National Championship Qualifies Your Team for the

Mens' "D" Worlds

Orlando, Florida

SEPTEMBER 23 - 26, 2010



Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2010 USSSA Mens Class "D" Northeast National Championship. Your USSSA Softball State Director must enter your team in this Championship event. The Tournament will be played at the Connecticut Sportsplex in North Branford, Connecticut.

- Times:** Game times could start at 8:00 AM sharp both days. Be early for your remaining games! Game time will be forfeit time with no exceptions!
- Entry:** Your teams National Championship Entry Form (Page 4) and \$325 Bank Check or Money Order made payable to: CT USSSA MUST BE RECEIVED BY **YOUR STATE DIRECTOR** BY MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2010
- Park Policy:** \$2 Admission for everybody.
Alcohol strickly prohibited in parking lots.
No food or drink can be brought into the facility.
No animals allowed in the facility.
- Format:** Double Elimination, seed based on points through the USSSA system.
- Awards:** 1st Place – Team Trophy & Individual Awards, 2nd & 3rd Place - Team Trophies
The top 2 teams that don't have paid bids to the Worlds will get the paid bids.
- Bumps:** 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.
- National Berth:** Any D or E team is eligible for this tournament. But the berth to this tournament **must** be given by/through your state director.
- World Berths:** **The following are ways a team can qualify for a World Tournament Bid:**

Winning or being the highest finishing team without a bid in NIT –
Team receives paid \$300 World entry.

Highest finishing D team in the Northeast Shootout - \$300 entry fee will be paid for the World Tournament.

State-at-Large Berth - State Tournament Champion - Teams receiving their berth through the State berth system will not receive travel money and must provide \$300 entry fee into the World Tournament. The berth may drop to the next highest finishing team in the state championship if the team meets all of the above criteria.

State-at-Large Berth – State Highest Ranked Team - Teams receiving their birth through the State berth system will not receive travel money and must provide \$300 entry fee into the World Tournament. The berth may drop to the next highest finishing team in the state championship if the team meets all of the above criteria.

National At-Large Berth – 1,000 or More Points – World Tournament berths will be awarded to any team that accumulates 1,000 or more points prior to the first Monday after labor Day provided that you have met the above criteria. Team must provide \$300 entry fee into World Tournament.

"D" Northeast National Berth - The 2 highest finishing teams without paid bids will be awarded the 2 paid bids from the National tournament.

- Travel Monies:** The tournament champion advancing to the Men's Class D World Tournament will receive \$600 travel money at the conclusion of their play in the World Tournament. Tournament champion will also receive DOUBLE POINTS, giving them a total of 600 points.
- Run Rule:** 25 after 3, 20 after 4 and 15 after five. Flip Flop Rule in affect.
- Home Runs:** The USSSA class "D" home run limit of 0 per game will be enforced. Any untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory will be counted as an out.
- Meeting:** No formal meeting. Any paperwork can be picked up before your first game.
- Protests:** All protests must be filed when they occur. Tournament director will rule immediately and decision will be final. Protest fee is \$100 cash.
- Scorekeeper:** Home team is the official book. Verify scores thru umpire every half inning.
- Official Roster:** Your official roster must be online **and approved** by your state director before your first game. Your roster will be frozen prior to the tournament, the tournament director must be made aware of any adds that you didn't put online if you plan on using the player for the National. Keep in mind you only get 4 pick ups once your roster is frozen and one add must be used prior to July 1st. You can have a maximum of 20 players on your roster.
- Player ID:** All players must produce valid ID to tournament director if there is question of identity. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11, A5 in the USSSA Rulebook 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. Player protests will be charged a \$100 per player protested.
- Bats:** USSSA approved bats only. Approved bat list can be found at <http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/LegalBats.asp>
**** Just as important, you are all responsible for reading the altered bats procedure policy within USSSA. <http://www.ussa.com/sports/AlteredBats.htm>
- Players 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 team has been eliminated
- Balls:** Your National Tournament host will provide USSSA approved softballs for the entire Championship.
- Uniforms:** All 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 clearly visible.
- Conditions:** The Tournament Director reserves the right to change playing fields, dates or other adjustments necessary to conclude the tournament. This includes single elimination or one pitch if deemed necessary.

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
(ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 23, 2010)

TEAM INFORMATION:



TEAM NAME: _____

FROM: _____

USSSA ID#: _____

MANAGER INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

TOWN: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: ____ - ____

HOME PHONE: () - CELL PHONE: () -

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____(MANDATORY)

State Director - VERIFY THIS FORM IS FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND ENCLOSE \$325
BANK CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO CT USSSA AND MAIL TO:
JON BRANDT --- P.O. BOX 2095 --- MANCHESTER, CT 06045-2095

Tournament Host Hotel



Holiday Inn - North Haven
201 Washington Ave
North Haven, CT 06473
Phone: 203.654.4192



Contact:: Jennifer Cretella - Director of Sales
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Rooms are reserved for \$99
Rooms must be booked by Friday August 20th !!!
Mention: USSSA Softball to get the Tournament Rate!!!