

# 2011 USSSA World Series



**"C" World Series - 8U-18U**

**Kansas City, Missouri July 13-16**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2011 USSSA Fast Pitch C World Series Tournament. The C World Series will be held for ages 8U-18U. The World Series Tournament will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. Games will be played at Tiffany Hills Sports Complex and Tiffany Springs Sports Complex in Kansas City, Missouri.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 4-game guarantee format in its World Series Tournament. Teams will be seeded into pools based on current USSSA ranking points and play a round robin. All teams will be seeded into a double elimination championship bracket following pool play. Seeding will be based on pool finish. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of games, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the tournament director following USSSA Fast Pitch guidelines as approved by the USSSA Fast Pitch National Committee.

To guarantee your spot in the tournament, your team will need to complete the online entry process. All entries must be made through the [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) website. You will be required to submit your entry and payment online. At this point it will be subject to approval by your state director. Once approved, your entry will be considered complete for this World Series Event. Official entry and payment process must be completed no later than July 8, 2011. The entry fee for 2011 will be \$365.

All team rosters must be on the USSSA website. Failure to comply with this rule will result in your team's removal from the tournament.

All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch youth tournament play shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date. Failure to produce a copy of such document upon demand by and deemed non-fraudulent by a tournament official will result in the offending team losing the game, being eliminated from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards, sponsor's travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

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## NOTES:

All playing rules shall be governed by the official USSSA Fastpitch softball rulebook and national by-laws. Note that the rulebook online at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

For this event, we will be playing by amended "C" Rules. Please see page 5 for those rules addendums.

## Tournament Directors

Midwest Sports Productions

11215 Strangline Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215 913-956-7152

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## Tournament Hosts

Platte County CVB

Jennifer Goering [jgoering@co.platte.mo.us](mailto:jgoering@co.platte.mo.us) 816-270-3978

## Website

The tournament website is: <http://playmsp.com/USSSAWorldSeries/CWorldSeries.aspx>.

## Tournament Headquarters

### Parks

- Tiffany Hills Sports Complex 8400 Tiffany Springs Rd., Kansas City, MO 64153
- Tiffany Springs Sports Complex 9000 NW Hampton Rd, KC, MO 64153

### Awards

*Awards Package sizes will be based on the number of teams in the tournament.*

1. Team trophies
2. Individual awards
3. Team Sportsmanship award
4. Outstanding Pitcher award
5. Outstanding Offensive Player award
6. Outstanding Defensive Player award
7. MVP award

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## Hotels

For a full list of lodging available for this event, please go to the following link:

<http://playmsp.com/USSSAWorldSeries/CWorldSeries/LodgingInformation.aspx>

## Gift Exchange

There will be a non-mandatory team gift exchange during one of your pool play games. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is not important. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange.

## Admission

Spectator Admission is as follows: \$10 per adult per day or \$25 per adult for a tournament pass. For children ages 6-12 it is \$5 per day or \$12 for a tournament pass. Children 5 and under are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 coach passes and 20 player passes will be issued. Player passes will only be issued to those listed on the submitted roster, and only players in uniform will be allowed to enter on a player pass.

## Tentative Schedule

Wed July 13	TBA	Check-in at ...
Wed July 13	TBA	Managers Meeting at...
Wed July 13	TBA	Teams Line-up for Opening Ceremonies at..
Wed July 13	TBA	Opening Ceremonies at...
Thu July 14	TBA	World Series Pool Play Begins
Fri July 15	TBA	World Series Pool Play Continues/Bracket Play Begins
Sat July 16		World Series Bracket Play concludes (weather permitting)
Sun July 17		World Series Rain Date

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. The pool play and double elimination brackets will be given to coaches during the team check-in. Player, coach and other pre-tournament items will also be distributed at the team check-in.

Note that all times are subject to change. Please verify itinerary during team check-in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check the main bracket board for any changes in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions.

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## **Tournament Program Book**

We are planning a very extensive tournament program with lots of information, including all the brackets, directions and maps to parks and other important facilities, valuable coupons for local businesses, and team rosters and pictures. USSSA has created a new format for us to get this data. On your USSSA.com Official Roster, you will select a feature called "Advanced Roster." This feature will allow you to put all of the information onto the ISTS that will be used for Tournament Program, including name, number, batting hand, throwing hand, and positions played.

## **Good Luck Program Ads**

Family, friends and team supporters can submit a Good Luck Ad to be included in the tournament program book. Ads are \$20 for a 15-word mention, \$30 for a 1/8 page ad with 20 words and \$60 for a 1/4 page ad with either 15 words and a picture/logo (JPEG format or similar) or 30 words with no picture/logo. Deadline for submission of Good Luck Ads is July 3, 2011. Email [bj@playmsp.com](mailto:bj@playmsp.com) for submission and information.

## **World Series Merchandise**

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs, such as t-shirts, World Series patches, pins and program books will be sold at the Opening Ceremonies and at each park throughout the tournament.

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1. Home team will be the official scorekeeper in all tournament games.
2. Each team will need to supply a USSSA game ball per game. (Each team will receive 2 game balls upon check-in. After that teams can purchase a game ball at tournament headquarters for \$5.00 per ball.)
3. Pre-game conference and coin flip between managers and umpires will take place 5 minutes prior to the start of the game.
4. No organized infield practice before the games. Teams may warm up beyond the baselines or in foul territory while infield is being prepared. No live batting practice is allowed on the field or in the complex at any time. Batting nets are allowed.
5. Time limit for all games is 1 hour and 10 minutes. Time begins after the 1st warm-up pitch. Time limit could change in case of tournament interruptions. All teams should be prepared to start their game up to 10 minutes early in case we are ahead of schedule. (This will help the tournament keep on time)
6. Once time has expired, the game will end if the losing team is trailing by the number of allowed runs per half inning +1.
7. Regulation games will be defined by the type of game that it is. There will be three types of games played in the different formats that MSP will be using:
  - a. **Pool play:** Games will be 7 innings or time limit. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, only 1 international tiebreaker inning will be played.
  - b. **Warm up games:** Games will be 7 inning or time limit. Games that are tied at the end of regulation will end in a tie.
  - c. **Bracket Play:** Games will be 7 inning or time limit. Games that are tied at the end of regulation will use the ITB rule until a winner is declared.
8. Run rules: 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.
9. Team manager may consult with the umpires; players, sponsors and other coaches are to keep out of discussions.
10. No smoking or tobacco use on the field or in the dugouts.
11. Roster Batting will be **REQUIRED** during the entire tournament. Due to MSP requiring roster batting, there are some additional rules that need to be clarified:
  - . **Injury:**
    - i. **Batter:** If a batter cannot fulfill her time at bat due to injury or illness, that player will be eliminated from that entire game. Her spot will be skipped in the batting order. Teams will not be required to take an automatic out UNTIL they drop below 9 players.
    - ii. **Runner:** If a runner cannot continue her time on the bases, that player will be substituted with the last batter not on base. She will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the game. The line-up will compress when her spot comes to bat.
      - a. **Ejections:** A player ejection while roster batting will result in the team losing that player for the entire game. Her spot in the batting order WILL be an automatic out.
12. Courtesy runner will be allowed for pitcher and catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be designated as the last batter not on base.
13. Teams can score a maximum of 5 runs per half inning for all ages.
14. If an Illegal Pitch is called, the penalty will be ball awarded to the batter, with NO advancement of runners on base.

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15. Games will end at time limit if a team is down by more than 5 runs or what they are allotted left to score in that half inning.
16. Teams may begin a game with 8 players. Teams may add any and all players to the end of the line-up. These players must be listed on the line-up card submitted prior to the game. If the players are not present for their time at bat, their spot will be skipped until they arrive with no automatic out being charged (unless below 9 players).
17. The following procedure will be used to determine the seedings after pool play:
  - i. If three or more teams are tied with the same record in a division, head-to-head may or may not be used to break ties.
  - ii. Once a level of tie-breaker is used, we DO NOT revert back to any steps of the tie-breaking procedure. We will continue on down the list until all ties are broken.
- Highest Winning Percentage (number of wins divided by number of games with a result (ties eliminated from formula))
  - i. Most Wins
  - ii. Head-to-Head Games
  - iii. Runs allowed per game
  - iv. Runs differential (+/- of 8 runs per game)
  - v. Coin Flip
18. If a team is playing an extra pool game, the runs allowed and the Win/Loss in that game will not count towards your total. However, the result of the game (win/loss) will be used in head-to-head consideration if a tie in pool play occurs.
19. In case of a rain-shortened tournament, pool play games can be deemed official after 2 ½ innings of play (with home team winning) or 45 minutes of elapsed game time. This policy will only be used through pool play.

## Special 10 & Under Rules Section

1. On defense, 4 outfielders may be employed.
2. There will be an expanded strike zone in place for 10U.
3. For 10U, players may only advance one base per pitch.
4. Batters may not advance on a dropped 3rd strike.
5. No Infield Fly Rule.
6. THERE IS NO STEALING HOME. There are only 3 ways to score:
  - a. Bases loaded walk.
  - b. Bases loaded HBP.
  - c. Batted ball in play.

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## TOURNAMENT PASS ORDER FORM

Teams will have the opportunity to pre-order tournament passes (minimum order of 5 passes.) Adult tournament passes are \$25.00. Child (6-12) tournament passes are \$12.00. Children 5 and under are free. The daily charge is Adults \$10.00 and Child (5-12) \$5.00. A maximum of three coach's passes will be given to each team.

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Make checks payable to: **Midwest Sports Productions**

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM AGE/DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON ORDERING \_\_\_\_\_

Description	# Ordered	Pass per Total
Adult Pass - \$25.00		
Child Pass - \$12.00		
	Total Fee	

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Information: Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Must receive payment before July 13th.

Passes will be given to coach at the coaches meeting Monday, July 18th.

Please send payment to:

Mail: Midwest Sports Productions, 11215 Strang Line Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215

Fax: 913-956-7154