



USSSA BASEBALL MISSISSIPPI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

12 YEAR OLD AA / AAA / Major

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2010 USSSA **12 year old AA / AAA / Major** State Championship. Your tournament host will be **Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department** and it will be our goal to create an experience that the players, coaches and families will remember for the rest of their lives. Your USSSA State Director will enter teams in the appropriate age and appropriate division of play. The tournament will be played at the **Sportsplex Baseball Complex**. The tournament dates will be **June 24-27, 2010**.

Initial Seeding will be based upon USSSA points. The exact format of the tournament will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines and being approved by the USSSA Baseball State Director.

Your team's application and cashier's check or money order for the entry fee **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY June 18, 2010**. State Championship entry forms can be found at www.midsouthusssa.com. The State Director will then forward this material with your official roster, entry form and entry fee to State Championship Site. To guarantee your spot in the tournament your entry fee must be received by the deadline above. The entry fee amount of **\$315.00** may be paid online at www.USSSA.com or could be mailed to the Mississippi USSSA state office at: PO Box 428, Southaven, MS 38671. Checks should be made payable to USSSA Baseball.

Your teams Official Roster must be entered on-line at www.usssa.com and have your State Directors Approval.

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 would have been awarded at the tournament.

For further information regarding the event email the tournament host at sgaines@ci.tupelo.ms.us

PLAYING RULES:

All playing rules shall be governed by the [USSSA Baseball Handbook](#) and the National League rules for Major League Baseball.

In the event of inclement weather; all games would resume at the next possible time after a delay regardless of Tournament Dates. Any team that could not be there for that game would forfeit that game and any other games. No refunds would be allowed for teams choosing not to complete the tournament at the reschedule game time.

In order to be able to provide the brackets prior to the State Tournament start date, points earned from the events played the weekend prior to the State Tournament will not be used toward the seeding for the State Tournament. State Tournament brackets will be seeded by the USSSA points. USSSA point totals will be tabulated on the Friday prior to the start of the State Tournament in order to accurately seed the teams and release the State Championship brackets prior to the start of the event.

NOTE: (Pre-Tournament Meetings & Activities)

There will be a manager's/coaches meeting at approximately **June 23, 2009 at 7:00pm** at the BancorpSouth Arena.(375 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804) **Two** representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for when teams play will be distributed at that time.

Team credential check in will commence after this meeting. Team Rosters and player birth certificates will be verified at this time. *Players are **NOT** required to be present.*

Brackets:

Every Effort will be made to release the Brackets by Tuesday June 22, 2010.

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AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED:

- A. Team trophies to the first and second place teams
 - B. Individual awards to the first and second place teams
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Lodging Info: Contact Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1-800-533-0611

ADMISSION: During the tournament there will be a gate charge of \$5.00 per person per day, and \$15.00 for a tournament pass. For children (6 & 12) the charge will be \$2.00 daily and \$6.00 for a tournament pass. FREE ADMISSION for kids under 6 years old. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. **PLAYERS AND COACHES MUST BE IN UNIFORM TO ENTER FREE.**

Tentative Itinerary:

Wednesday – June 23 - 7:00 P.M. Team Manager Meeting and Official Reception and Team Credentials Check

Thursday – June 24 - 9:00 A.M. State Championship Play Begins

Friday – June 25 – 9:00 A.M. State Championship Play continues

Saturday – June 26 – 9:00 A.M. State Championship Play continues

Sunday – June 27 – (TBA) State Championship Play ends

Monday- June 28 – until - (TBA) State Championship Play ends / Rain Date

USSSA RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of USSSA Baseball to conduct the best possible Tournament from all aspects. To achieve this objective USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

We are the guest in the city that the tournament is conducted and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city or USSSA Baseball. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

- 1. Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.**

2. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult the game official. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.
3. Managers, coaches and players are not to fraternize with the spectators while on the playing field. At no time will participants be allowed to smoke on the field or in the coaching box.
4. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while in the dugout, coaching bases or on the playing field during the course of the game.
5. Managers are to report any un-sportsmanship like conduct or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation from developing that would be harmful to the tournament.
6. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors and teams are liable for the suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.
7. 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 USSSA baseball and tournament play.
8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no actions occur that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or region. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon you team and the game of baseball.
9. Any report by hotel or motel management, where any team competing in USSSA play is staying, of destruction of property or abuse of hotel or motel property will be dealt with sternly. Team managers and sponsors will not be warned other than through this notice. Failure to pay hotel or motel bills can result in the team disbarment from future USSSA play.
10. Any teams submitting bad checks to the USSSA will be subject to disbarment.