



2026 USSSA AA/AAA Baseball World Series

Divisions:

7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U (60/90), 14U (60/90)

Dates:

June 26 – June 28, 2026

Official World Series Website: [link](#)

Welcome

Congratulations on an outstanding season, and welcome to the **2026 USSSA Baseball World Series!** Your tournament host will be **East Tennessee USSSA**, and our goal is to create an experience that players, coaches, and families will remember for a lifetime.

Games will be played at the following venues:

- **Domtar Sports Complex** – Kingsport, TN
- **Brickyard Park** – Kingsport, TN
- **Ridgeview School Complex** – Gray, TN
- **Whitetop Creek Park** – Bristol, TN

Tournament Format

The USSSA Baseball program will utilize a **Pool Play format** for this World Series.

- Each team will play **two (2) pool play games**
- Teams will then advance to a **double-elimination championship bracket**
- **Pool Play Seeding:** USSSA Points + USSSA Power Rating
- **Bracket Play Seeding:** Pool play standings
- **Minimum Games Guaranteed:** Four (4)

Skills Competition

- **Thursday, June 25, 2026**
- **Location:** Domtar Park

Online Rosters

- Online rosters must be **completed by Monday, June 22, 2026**.
- **No players may be added after June 22, 2026.**
- All participating players must have a **photocopy of their original birth certificate** in the possession of the team manager.

Failure to provide documentation upon request may result in:

- Game forfeiture
- Ejection from the tournament
- Placement last in the standings
- Forfeiture of all awards

Prior to the team's first pool game, the **Head Coach** must sign a verification form confirming:

- All rostered players are of correct playing age
- Copies of birth certificates and approved grade exemptions (if applicable) are in their possession

Player & Equipment Rules

- Players may compete in a higher age division but **may not play down**.
- Field dimensions will follow **USSSA rules for each age division**.
- All players must be fully uniformed, including:
 - Pants, Socks, Cap
 - Team jersey with **non-duplicating numbers**, minimum **3 inches in height**
- **Uniform protests not permitted.** Uniform legality is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- **Metal spikes are prohibited** in age groups **7U–12U**.
- **Metal spikes are prohibited on portable mounds** for **13U & 14U**
(*Portable mounds used at Brickyard Park and Ridgeview School Complex*).
- A **full-use batting helmet** covering the top, back, and both sides of the head must be worn:
 - At bat
 - On deck
 - While on the bases
- Catchers must wear full protective gear:
 - Mask
 - Chest protector
 - Shin guards
 - Protective cup
 - Catcher's helmet**Ages 7U–14U:** Catcher helmets must fully cover the ears.

Opening Ceremonies

- **Thursday, June 25, 2026**
- **Arrival Time:** 5:00 PM
- **Location:** Hunter Wright Stadium
801 Granby Road, Kingsport, TN 37660

Teams should arrive on time to line up for the **Parade of Teams**.

- Team banners and/or state flags are encouraged
- Players and coaches should be in uniform
(*Jerseys and shorts are acceptable*)

Tournament Admission

Daily Pass: \$15 (per person)

Ages (9–12): \$10 (per person)

Schedules

- **Official brackets will be posted:** Wednesday, June 25, 2026 @ 10:00 PM

Coaches & Bench Personnel

- **7U–8U:** Maximum of **4 bench personnel** (head coach and 3 personnel)
- **9U–14U:** Maximum of **3 bench personnel** (head coach and 2 personnel)
- Coach passes:
 - **7U–8U:** Four (4)
 - **9U–14U:** Three (3)

Protests

- Protests must be made **verbally to the umpire** at the time of the play and **before the next pitch**
- A **\$100 cash protest fee** is required (*refunded if upheld*)
- Only protests involving **misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule** will be considered
- Judgment calls **may not be protested**
- All protest committee decisions are **final**

Tournament Housing

The World Series is not a stay to play event. When booking rooms mention you are playing in the USSSA World Series and ask if any discounts exist

Rules of Conduct

The United States Specialty Sports Association is committed to conducting first-class tournaments and requires cooperation from all participants.

- Head Coaches are responsible for player and parent conduct **on and off the field**
- Only the **Head Coach** may address game officials regarding disputed calls
- Unsportsmanlike behavior should be reported to the Tournament Director immediately
- Players, coaches, or spectators may be suspended for fighting, abusive behavior, or actions detrimental to the tournament

Pin Trading / Player Card Trading

Pin trading is a long-standing USSSA World Series tradition.

- Team pins are optional but encouraged
- Players may trade pins or throughout the event, the best opportunity will be at the Team Parade
- New to 2026, Players will have the opportunity to trade personal player cards

Awards

- Team trophies awarded to **1st and 2nd Place**
- Individual awards for players on **1st and 2nd Place** teams