



2023 USSSA AA Baseball World Series

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

June 29 – July 2, 2023

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2023 USSSA Baseball World Series. Your tournament host will be East Tennessee USSSA and East Tennessee Youth Sports and it will be our goal to create an experience that the players, coaches and families will remember for the rest of their lives. The World Series will be played at Domtar Sports Complex and Brickyard Sportsplex in Kingsport, TN.

The USSSA Baseball program will use the "Pool-Play" format in this World Series. Teams will be placed in pools, then advance to either a double elimination championship bracket or a single elimination consolation bracket. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of pools, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines and be approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee. Teams are guaranteed five (5) games.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- 7U Division Players who turn 8 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 1st grade. Also, any player turning 9 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 7u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 8U Division Players who turn 9 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 2nd grade. Also, any player turning 10 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 8u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 9U Division Players who turn 10 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 3rd grade. Also, any player turning 11 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 9u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 10U Division Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 11U Division Players who turn 12 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 5th grade. Also, any player turning 13 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 11u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 12U Division Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

- 13U Division Players who turn 14 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 7th grade. Also, any player turning 15 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 13u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.
- 14U Division Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to May 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u are eligible for this division regardless of grade
- Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
- Ball field dimensions will be in accordance with USSSA rules per each age division.
- All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
- While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn (in proper fashion).
- Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.
- Metal spikes are prohibited in age groups 7-12
- A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and both sides of the face must be worn by every player while in the on deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
- All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
- The catcher must wear protective gear: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup and catcher's helmet. Ages 7-14: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
- The USSSA Baseball Handbook and the Official Baseball Rules, ([USSSA Rule Book](#)).

ON-SITE CHECK-IN

All teams must officially check in on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 between 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm. Check-in will be held at Meadowview Conference Center

Manager/Coach or team representative must be present at check-in with all required materials. The manager/coach or team representative MUST have copies of all required forms including birth certificates and roster at check-in.

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 team would have been awarded at the tournament.

MANAGER'S MEETING

There will be a Manager's/Officials Meeting at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at Meadowview Conference Center. Two (2) representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this event. All teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule will be distributed at this time.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Players and their families should arrive at Hunter Wright Stadium at 801 Granby Road, Kingsport, TN 37660 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 28th, to prepare to line up with your team for the parade of teams that will begin at 5:30 pm. Team banners and state flags are encouraged. Players and coaches should be in uniform. For safety reasons, candy/gum or other objects will not be allowed to be thrown into the crowd during the parade of teams. The opening ceremony will start immediately at the conclusion of the parade of teams.

SKILLS COMPETITION

All skills competitions will be done on Friday night June 30th beginning at 6:00pm. More information about this will be given out at Managers meeting.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION

An Adult tournament pass (ages 13 and up) will be \$35 or daily admission will be \$12. Children tournament pass (ages 10 – 12) will be \$25 or daily admission will be \$10, and under 10 are free. Passes will be available for pre-order by each team – NO INDIVIDUAL ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED. Pre-order passes will be available for pick-up at team check-in. Any tournament passes that are not pre-ordered will be required to be purchased on-site. The deadline to pre-order tournament passes is Monday, June 26th.

SCHEDULES

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be given to the Team Manager during the Manager's meeting Wednesday, June 28 at 3:00 pm. Brackets will also be posted at www.ussa.com and will be updated during the event.

COACHES

Each team is entitled to maximum of 4 bench personnel. Each team is responsible to provide a designated representative to assist in keeping the scorebook, pitching or scoreboard (if applicable). This must be an adult who will conduct themselves in a professional manner. There is a maximum of three (3) coach passes per team.

COACHES ATTIRE

Coaches do not need to be in full uniform, but should be in appropriate matching athletic attire, consistent with the team uniform (such as collared shirts and coaches shorts with athletic shoes).

PROTESTS

Protests must be made verbally with the umpire by the offended team at the time of the play and before the next pitch. A fee of \$100 cash (refunded if upheld) must accompany the protest. All decisions of the protest committee shall be final. Only decisions involving

misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule may be protested. No protest shall be allowed in matters involving solely the officials' judgment.

TOURNAMENT HOUSING

Here is our official World Series Host Hotel Link: [link](#)

RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of the United States Specialty Sports Association to conduct the best possible tournaments from all aspects. To achieve this objective, USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules: Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.

- In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult the game officials. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.
- Managers, coaches, and players are not to fraternize with spectators while participating in an event. At no time will any participant be allowed to smoke while participating in any USSSA event.
- At no time will participants be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages nor have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while participating in any USSSA event.
- Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the Tournament Director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation developing that would be harmful to the tournament.
- Managers, coaches, players, sponsors, and teams may be suspended by the Tournament Director for violation of any of these rules. This could mean suspension for one or more tournament games, the duration of the tournament, or in the most extreme cases, a longer duration.
- 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 the United States Specialty Sports Association and tournament play.
- The hotels hosting tournament teams will report any occurrence of destruction of property or abuse of hotel property attributed to a team staying in the hotel. All reports from the hotels will be dealt with very sternly. Team managers please note that this is your only notice. Also, failure to pay hotel bills can result in team and its manager being disbarred from future USSSA play.
- Any teams submitting bad checks to USSSA will be subject to disbarment.

PIN TRADING

Pin Trading has become a tradition at USSSA World Series events. Players will have an opportunity to trade pins throughout the week. Team pins are not mandatory but certainly adds to the fun of this special event. We encourage each team to bring some small item to trade. We suggest that you contact your local Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau or other community businesses in your area about obtaining items to trade.

AWARDS

- Team trophies to the first and second place teams
- Individual awards to the first and second place teams