



"The game CHAMPIONS play!"

**ATLANTIC COAST USSSA MEN'S CLASS 'E'
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 Men's Class 'E' National Tournament. The tournament will be played at the Jamie Moyer Complex in Salem, Virginia on September 6-7, 2008.

Tournament Directors: Rich Carlyle: 804-526-8900 or
Milton Stuart: 540-651-3162

Berths: Winning team, or next team in order that does not have a World Berth, receives a berth to the Men's Class 'E' World, in Orlando, Florida. Team will receive their entry fee paid (\$300.00) plus \$300.00 travel expense money to be paid at the World Tournament

Tournament Format: Double Elimination. Tournament director has the authority to change the tournament format as needed in case of inclement weather. Examples: Do away with loser's bracket, play one pitch, etc.

Playing Rules: All USSSA playing rules can be found in the 2008 USSSA Official Rule Book or at www.ussa.com

Entry: Your team's entry form and cashier's check or money order for the entry fee (\$300.00) **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2008** to guarantee your teams spot in the tournament.
NOTE: Teams **MUST** go through their State Directors and may **NOT** directly enter this tournament. State Directors must have all entries and transmittal forms to Virginia USSSA no later than September 3, 2008.

Rosters: Your State Director must sign the roster we receive. Make sure all add-on's have been handled by your State Director. Team managers **MUST** review team roster and sign roster prior to first game.

NOTE: All players participating in USSSA tournament play shall have a photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11, A5 in the USSSA Rule Book 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.

Brackets: Schedules will not be mailed out or faxed in advance. Call Rich Carlyle @ 804-526-8900 after 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. Schedules will also be posted on the Virginia website at www.vaussa.com. **NOTE:** Managers must call to verify you have your start time. Bracket will be posted at www.ussa.com on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

Friday Night Play: We plan to start the tournament on Saturday morning. Friday night play should not be necessary. All Teams must be prepared to play at 8 a.m. on Saturday September 6, 2008.

Softballs: Softballs must be USSSA stamped, Distance, Elite or Major. Teams will be hitting their softballs in this tournament. Virginia USSSA will be supplying each team with two (2) Worth softballs at the manager's meeting. If teams need to purchase softballs, Virginia USSSA will have the Worth softballs on sale at the complex for this tournament.

Uniforms: All teams must wear alike colored jerseys. Remember Uniforms are not a protestable item.

AWARDS:

1st Team Trophy, 15 individual awards, MVP

2nd Team Trophy, 15 individual awards

3rd Team Trophy

4th Team Trophy

15 All Tournament awards/1 Manager Award

Outstanding Offense and Outstanding Defense awards

Gate: A gate fee of \$4.00 will be charged per day or \$7.00 per weekend pass. Team Managers will receive 15 passes for team and managers for admittance at the manager's meeting. Players and managers must show passes to enter the complex.

NOTE: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed inside the complex or in the parking lot. (There are usually undercover police working the parking lot) NO pets!!!! No Coolers, other than Water Coolers. NO skates, roller blades, scooters, bikes, etc allowed in the Complex.

STATE DIRECTORS: (Atlantic Coast Division)

Georgia:

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4137 Tanner Slip Circle
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VIRGINIA USSSA TRAVEL & GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

NAME OF TEAM _____
CITY & STATE _____
MANAGER'S NAME _____
ADDRESS & ZIP _____
PHONE _____
Date of Arrival _____
Time of Arrival _____
Place of Arrival _____
Lodging Place _____
Lodging Phone # _____

TRAVELING VIA (circle)

Rental Vehicle Auto Commercial Bus Chartered Bus Train Airplane

GENERAL INFORMATION

Team Uniform Colors _____
Highlights of Season _____
(Tournaments won, MVP, Honors etc...) _____

Season Record -

Please return this sheet as soon as possible to: Virginia USSSA
4137 Tanner Slip Circle
Chester, VA 23831



**UNITED STATES SPECIALTY
SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

USSSA RULES OF CONDUCT

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

We are 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. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with 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 spectators while on the playing field. At no time will participants be allowed to smoke on the field or in the coaching boxes.
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 unsportsmanlike or derogatory acts by players or spectator to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation developing that would be harmful to the tournament
6. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors and teams are liable for suspension by not adhering to the tournament rule 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 and tournament play.
8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no action occurs that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or region. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon your team and the game of softball.
9. Any report by hotel or motel management, where any team competing in USSSA championship 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 team disbarment from future USSSA play.
10. Any teams submitting bad checks to the USSSA will be subject to disbarment.

PLAYER PICTURE ID/ROSTER CHECK: There will be 100% Player Picture ID/Roster Check. Pictured IDs must be checked prior to first game. Players must have pictured ID with them at all times.

BAT CHECK: There will be a 100% Bat Check. All bats must be checked prior to first game. Bats will be labeled if the bat passed the check. Bats that do not pass the check will be confiscated for the tournament. Bats used in a game that was not labeled could result in a player/team ejection from tournament.

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION: Go the Virginia USSSA website at www.vaussa.com and click on Hotel/Motel Information. Click on the Slow Pitch Event link. Find the Men's E Atlantic Coast National Tournament on September 6-7 and click on Book a Room. Enter the dates (check in date and check out date) and click GO. Once you get a listing of hotels or motels in the Salem area, select the hotel or motel and make your reservations.

If you do not want to make your reservations online, call 1-800-419-1545. For the lowest rated guaranteed refer to membership reference number 8992.

DIRECTIONS TO MOYER COMPLEX

Moyer Sports Complex
1000 Union St
Salem, VA 24153
540-375-4021

FROM NORTH AND SOUTH: I-81 North or South, take exit 140. Turn south on U.S. Route 311 (Thompson Memorial Drive). Follow Route 311, down to East Main Street. Turn right at the stoplight onto Main Street. Go through 4 stoplights, at the 4th stoplight turn left onto Union Street. Follow Union Street through 1 stoplight, then go about 1/16 of a mile and the complex will be on your left.