



"The game CHAMPIONS play!"

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

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2009 Atlantic Coast USSSA Men's Class 'E' National Tournament. The tournament will be played at the Jamie Moyer Complex and surrounding fields in Salem, Virginia on September 12-13, 2009.

Tournament Director: Rich Carlyle: 804-526-8900 or 804-731-3854

Berths: Top two teams that do not have a World Berth, receives a berth to the Men's Class 'E' World, in Orlando, Florida. Teams will receive their entry fee paid (\$300.00). World berths can be passed down. The tournament champion will receive \$300.00 travel award money to be paid at the World Tournament, if they have a **PAID** World berth prior to this National Tournament. Travel award cannot be passed down.

Tournament Format: Double Elimination. Tournament director has the authority to change the tournament format, fields and game times 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 2009 USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws at www.ussa.com.

Men's E Home Run Rule: **0 home runs.** In the Men's Class E program, any batter who hits an untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory will be declared out. Each subsequent time that position in the lineup is due to bat, the batter shall automatically be declared out. The player shall remain in the game for defensive purposes only. This applies to any substitute in that batting position. **NOTE:** The defensive team may walk the preceding batter or multiple batters to get to the position or positions in the lineup that is an out due to hitting a home run. There are no base appeals allow when this results in the third out of the inning.

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 5, 2009** 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 9, 2009.

ROSTERS: Your State Director must sign the roster we receive. Make sure all add-on's have been handled by your State Director prior to September 9, 2009. Team managers MUST review team

roster and sign roster prior to first game.

PLAYER PICTURE ID/ROSTER CHECK: There will be 100% Player Picture ID/Roster Check. Pictured IDs and Rosters must be checked/verified prior to team's first game. Players must have pictured ID with them at all times. **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 2009 USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws 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.

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.

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 9, 2009. Schedules will also be posted on the Virginia USSSA website at www.vaussa.com. Managers must call to verify you have your start time. Bracket will be posted at www.ussa.com on Thursday, September 10, 2009.

Manager's Meeting: There will be a mandatory manager's meeting at the Moyer Complex on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 8:00pm. Two representatives from each team are invited to the manager's meeting. Tournament packets and player passes will be handed out at the manager's meeting.

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 12, 2009.

Softballs: Softballs must be USSSA blue stitch stamped, Classic M. Teams will be hitting their softballs in this tournament. If teams need to purchase softballs, Virginia USSSA will have the Worth softballs on sale at the complex for this tournament.

Protest Procedure & Fee: The protest fee is \$100 cash. In case of an eligibility protest, the protest fee will be \$100 cash per player. The fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld.

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

Awards:

- 1st Team Trophy, 15 individual awards, MVP and Outstanding Defensive award
- 2nd Team Trophy, 15 individual awards and Outstanding Offensive award.
- 3rd Team Trophy
- 4th Team Trophy
- 15 All Tournament awards

National Move Up Rule: The winner of all Men's and Women's Nationals or World Tournament with 25 or more teams will automatically be required to compete the following year in the next highest classification. See Article V-National, National Invitational, or World Tournaments, Section 13a in the 2009 USSSA Official Slow Pitch Playing Rules & By-Laws.

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.

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 Moyer Complex.

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HOST HOTEL INFORMATION: Go the Virginia USSSA website at www.vaussa.com and click on Hotel Reservation link. Click on the Slow Pitch Event link. Find the Men's E Atlantic Coast National Tournament on September 12-13 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 **1-800-509-9042**. For the lowest rated guaranteed refer to membership reference number **8992**.

DIRECTIONS TO JAMIE MOYER COMPLEX

1000 Union Street
Salem, VA 24153
540-375-4021

FROM I-81 NORTH AND SOUTH: From I-81 North or South, take exit 140 and merge right onto VA-311 (Thompson Memorial Drive) towards Salem. Go 1.7 miles and turn right onto US-460 (E Main Street). Go 0.4 miles and turn left onto Union Street. Go 0.8 miles on Union Street. At second railroad crossing, bear slight left and continue straight ahead to the Moyer Complex.

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 # _____

Number of Rooms _____

Number of Nights _____

MODE OF TRAVEL (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 United State Specialty Sports Association 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 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 while participating in any USSSA event.
4. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverages while participating in any USSSA event.
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 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 and tournament play.
8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no action occurs that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or division. 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.