

2008 USSSA WORLD SERIES LAKE CHARLES, LA JULY 20TH THRU 27TH

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2008 USSSA Baseball World Series. Lake Charles will be hosting the [12AAA World Series](#). Your tournament host will be Louisiana USSSA Baseball and Lake Area USSSA 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 of play. Click here for your [USSSA State Director](#) . The tournament may be played on as many as three locations: The Lake Charles Power Center Complex, the Lake Street Complex and the O.D. Johnson Complex. Field assignments will be given out with the brackets. If you have any questions you should send them to me at www.medwards@lausssa.com.

[Click here for Hotel Information](#)

[This site will be updated throughout the year with changes and advisories for the tournament. Please stay tuned!](#)

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Your team's ENTRY FORM , and cashier's check or money order only, for the entry fee **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY JULY 9, 2008.** The State Director will then forward this material with your official roster and a letter of transmittal to the World Series Host. This will guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of \$495.00 should be made payable to: USSSA Baseball.

Please email me with any problems you might have with getting registered for the tournament I will assist in anyway I can.

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T-shirts, Souvenirs and Tournament Passes can be ordered off the web site and picked up at the Coaches Meeting and the Mom's Meeting. The web site is www.lakeareausssa.com.

All brackets will be posted and updated throughout the tournament on the same web site as above.

2008 WORLD SERIES GUIDELINES

The USSSA Baseball program will use the "Pool-Play" format in its World Series. 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 being approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee.

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

THE ROSTER WE RECEIVE MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR. THIS ROSTER MUST BE THE ONE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR STATE AND/OR AREA DIRECTOR WHEN YOUR TEAM QUALIFIED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN YOUR TEAM'S SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT! PLAYERS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED IN AT EACH TOURNAMENT WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

Please review the USSSA RULES OF CONDUCT.

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.

NOTES:

1. Bases and the pitching distance will be as prescribed in the USSSA Baseball Handbook.
2. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, sox, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
3. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaches' shorts).
4. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn.
5. Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Directors responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.
6. PITCHERS will not be allowed to wear Metal spikes on the mound. The complex does not allow them on there portable mounds.
7. A full -use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and the side of the face must be worn by every player while in the on deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
8. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
9. The catcher must wear protective gear: Mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catchers helmet and throat guard. Ages 7-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
10. All playing rules not specifically covered above shall be governed by the USSSA Baseball Handbook and the National League rules for Major League Baseball.
11. There will 2:00 Hour time limit used for Pool Play. No time limit for Bracket Play.

Tournament Facility - Lake Charles Power Center Complex, will be open on Sunday, July 20, 2008 until the conclusion of the tournament. For more information call: Mister Edwards at 337-217-9214 or 337-491-1552.

Brackets and schedules WILL NOT be mailed out in advance. Official Brackets will be given to the team manager during the manager's meeting. They will be posted on this site as soon as they are ready. (www.lakeareausssa.com)

Pre-Tournament Events There will be a manager's/coaches meeting at 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 20. 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. Any times given out before this meeting are tentative.

The Coaches Meeting will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles La. 70601. The Meeting will be held on the Third Floor in the Jean Lafitte Room.

There will not be a player check in, we will use the rosters that are online. Make sure you have all player information with you at the complex.

All players need to be at the park around 5:30pm in full uniform.

NOTE: Pin Trading has become a tradition at USSSA World Series events, players will have an opportunity to trade pins throughout the tournament. The most opportune time will be during the skills competition and prior to and after the opening ceremonies. Team pins are not mandatory but certainly adds to the fun of this special event. We encourage each team to bring pins to trade. We suggest that you contact your local Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureaus or other community businesses in your area about obtaining pins to trade.

Itinerary: As of 7-19-2008

Sunday July 20th - 12:00 NOON - Managers Meeting and Official Reception

Sunday July 20th - 1:30 pm - Moms Meeting (Max of two per Team)

Both Meetings will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center. 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles La. 70601. The Meetings will be held on the third floor in the Jean Lafitte Room.

Skills Competition, Team Photo, Team Social & Opening Ceremonies

- **Team Meal will be served between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 20th at the Lake Charles Power Center Complex.**
- **Skills Competition will be between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. July 20th**
- **Staging for the Opening Ceremonies and Team Parade will begin at 7:45 p.m. July 20th**

Skills Contests will include a 4 player timed base running event, a 5 player around the horn competition and a 3 player Accuracy Throw.

Forms for the skills contests will be given out at the managers meeting for each team to fill out and turn in at the designated field. Teams will be given a time to appear for each skills contest.

*** Water Coolers- Will not be provided in each dugout. Teams can bring their own coolers. The only coolers allowed will be the type with a spout and has only ice water or some type of mixed sports drink in it. Cups and Ice will be provided at the park for the team coolers. It will be each teams responsibility to prepare their cooler before each game. This is not negotiable, please do not make this an issue.**

Play Begins

- *Monday July 21 - 8:00am - World Series Pool Play begins**
- *Tuesday July 22 - 8:00am - World Series Pool Play continues**
- *Wednesday July 23 - 8:00am - World Series Bracket Play begins**
- *Thursday July 24 - 8:00am - World Series Bracket Play continues**
- *Friday July 25 - 8:00am - World Series Bracket Play continues**
- *Saturday July 26 - 8:00am - World Series Championships**
- *Sunday July 27 - 8:00am - World Series Championships (If Needed)**

Awards to be Presented:

- A. Team trophies to the first - fourth place teams
- B. Individual awards to the first - fourth place teams
- C. Outstanding offensive player award
- D. Outstanding defensive player award
- E. MVP award

Admission during the tournament will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$25.00 for a tournament pass. For children (6-12) the charge will be \$5.00 or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 player/coach passes will be issued.

Tournament passes can be paid for and picked up at the coaches and or moms meeting. Pre-order souvenirs will also be picked up at these meetings.

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