

2012 USSSA World Series

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16U/18U World Series

Kissimmee, Florida July 21-28, 2012

USSSA World Series Quick Facts

Tournament Director

Bill Dowell

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Tournament Website

www.ussaroadtoorlando.com

Tournament Hosts

Osceola County

ESPN Wide World of Sports

Tourn. Headquarters

ESPN Wide World of Sports

700 Victory Way

Kissimmee, FL

Tournament Locations

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<http://disneyworldsports.disney.go.com>

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Fortune Road Softball Comp.

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Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2012 USSSA Fast Pitch World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Kissimmee, Florida. Games will be played at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Osceola Softball Complex and Fortune Road Softball Complex, July 21-28, 2012. This tournament will offer the following ages: 16 & Under A, 16 & Under B, 18 & Under A, and 18 & Under B.

The USSSA Fast Pitch program will use a 5-game guarantee format in its World Series Tournament. Teams will be seeded into pools based on current USSSA ranking points and play a round robin. All teams will be seeded into a double elimination championship bracket following pool play. Seeding will be based on pool finish. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of games, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the tournament director following USSSA Fast Pitch guidelines as approved by the USSSA Fast Pitch National Committee.

To guarantee your spot in the tournament, your team will need to complete the online entry process. All entries must be made through the www.ussa.com website. You will be required to submit your entry and payment online. At this point it will be subject to approval by your state director. Once approved, your entry will be considered complete for this World Series Event. Official entry and payment process must be completed no later than July 6, 2012. The entry fee for 2012 will be \$495. Any entries that are completed and paid by February 29th will be \$395.

All team rosters must be on the USSSA website and must be the one that was in effect when your state/area director approved your World Series entry. All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch youth tournament play shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date.

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Official Playing Rules:

All playing rules shall be governed by the official USSSA Fastpitch softball rulebook and national by-laws. Note that the rulebook online at www.usssa.com will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

Hotels

For 2012, USSSA has negotiated an unbelievable opportunity for your teams. We have contracted with hotels that will offer your team a great deal. With the purchase of 7 rooms (for a minimum of 6 nights), your team will receive 5 rooms free PER NIGHT!!! On a property that has a rate of \$79 per night (and your teams uses 12 rooms for the 6 nights) you will save \$2300+ for your trip to Orlando.

For a full list of lodging available for this event, please go to the following link or find a lodging information page later in the packet:

<http://usssaroadtoorlando.com/team-travel/lodging/>

For hotel information and questions, contact Stephanie Taylor at the USSSA National Office.

800-741-3014 / 321-697-3627 / stephanie.taylor@usssa.com

Awards

Awards Package sizes will be based on the number of teams in the tournament.

1. Team trophies
2. Individual awards
3. Team Sportsmanship award
4. Outstanding Pitcher award
5. Outstanding Offensive Player award
6. Outstanding Defensive Player award
7. MVP award

Gift Exchange

There will be a non-mandatory team gift exchange during one of your pool play games. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is not important. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange.

Admission

Spectator Admission is as follows: \$15.50 per adult per day or \$77.50 per adult for a tournament pass. For children ages 3-9 it is \$10.50 per day or \$52.50 for a tournament pass. Children under 3 are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 coach passes and 20 player passes will be issued. Player passes will only be issued to those listed on the submitted roster, and only players in uniform will be allowed to enter on a player pass.

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World Series Merchandise

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs, will be sold at the Opening Ceremonies and throughout the tournament.

Check-In Materials

All teams will be required to check-in prior to the event. At this check-in, there are two mandatory pieces of information that must be turned in:

1. ESPN Wide World of Sport Waiver Form. ALL PLAYERS & COACHES MUST SIGN the ESPN Wide World of Sports Waiver Form. These completed forms need to be brought to the check-in. Completed Waiver Forms are required to obtain the pass that allows players and coaches access to ESPN Wide World of Sports.
2. Proof of Team Insurance. Each team will be required to show a valid certificate of insurance at check-in.

Tentative Schedule

Sat July 21	TBA	MANDATORY CHECK-IN at ESPN Wide World of Sports Coaches only, NO PLAYERS
Sat July 21	TBA	MANDATORY MANAGER'S MEETING @ ESPN Wide World of Sports
Sat July 21	TBA	Teams Line-up for Opening Ceremonies at ESPN WWOS Field 17
Sat July 21	TBA	Opening Ceremonies at Champion(R) Stadium
Sat July 21	TBA	USSSA Pride Game - Coaches & Players attend FREE
Sun July 22		World Series Pool Play Begins
Mon July 23		World Series Pool Play Continues
Tue July 24		World Series Pool Play Concludes
Wed July 25		World Series Bracket Play Begins
Thu July 26		World Series Bracket Play Continues
Fri July 27		World Series Bracket Play Continues
Sat July 28		World Series Bracket Play concludes

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. The pool play and double elimination brackets will be given to coaches during the team check-in. Player, coach and other pre-tournament items will also be distributed at the team check-in.

Note that all times are subject to change. Please verify itinerary during team check-in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check the main bracket board for any changes in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions.

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