



2008 Girls Slow Pitch Meijer / USSSA Great Lakes National Championships



Where & When: Rotary Park, Beavercreek, Ohio
August 8 - 10, 2008: Social Friday Night 6:00 – 8:00 Aug 8
(Some teams may play Friday the 8th if their age groups have a large amount of entries)

Divisions of play: 8U (Coach pitch), 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 20U. Age cutoff is determined as of January 1, 2008. Copies of birth certificates must be made available for verification or team will risk forfeiture if they can not provide proof of age if protested.

ATTENTION 16U and 20U teams ONLY. The Ohio State championships will be held on Saturday August 9 and then the Nationals will be held Sunday August 10. This is due to the fact that State tournaments for these age groups did not go off as previously scheduled. It is hoped that this will draw more teams for these age groups. A discount will be provided for teams that play in both events. Please call Terry for clarification and questions. Separate awards will be provided.

Entry Fee & Procedure for Entry: **\$220** for all divisions of play.

Please read this section carefully...due to the extreme amount of planning effort that must go into an event of this magnitude, the following MUST be followed to assure proper entry into this prestigious event:

To enter, teams must complete the enclosed Tournament Entry form. Teams should forward completed entry forms, roster of players, and **cashier check or money orders made out to: "USSSA."**

Entry Deadline: To assure entry, payment and entry forms must be received by **Monday, August 4th.**

Please forward entries to: USSSA Girls National Softball Tournament
1452 Edenwood Dr.
Beavercreek, Ohio 45434

Late Fee: **There is a \$20 late fee for entries processed after the deadline date of Monday, August 4th. NO EXCEPTIONS.** There is, however, no guarantee that entries will be accepted after the deadline. Please don't get shut out and process early. There will be **NO refunds** issued after Monday, August 4 - 5:00 PM.

Tournament Director: Terry Folino, (937) 429-1046, e-mail: tfolino@woh.rr.com. Please call with any questions.

Format: To make traveling to Dayton, OH a worthwhile venture for your team, we will be providing a 3 game minimum format. (modified double elimination). This format clearly rewards teams that win, but also allows a team in the loser's bracket to come back through and "double dip" the winner's bracket winner for the National Championship.

There will be a 1 hour and 10 minute time limit during the tournament (no exceptions), until we reach the championship finals. This is necessary to maintain schedule due to the high number of entries expected. All coaches are encouraged to hustle their teams on and off the field to maximize playing time for their players. Teams are asked to be ready to play up to 30 minutes early in the chance that a game is completed ahead of schedule. Play on both days may start as early as 8:00 AM.

A silver division is being considered, which will be created after the after the first teams are eliminated from the main bracket. This will be determined as we begin to see final number of entries in each age group.

Awards: We will award first thru fourth place Sponsor Awards (with at least 8 teams in each main bracket. Individual awards will go to the First, Second, and Third place with at least 8 teams in each bracket.) With less than 8 teams, team awards will be based on 50% of total teams entered in each age group and individual awards to the top 2 teams.

For the individual awards, the tournament will award a Maximum of 13 individual awards. Additional awards may be purchased by the winning teams at tournament prices if desired.



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Game Times: Teams may call for game times starting at 9:00 pm, Thursday, August 7th. Call (937) 429-1046; Terry will be on the other end.

Tournament T-Shirts will also be available. A pre order form will be sent as the teams register. In addition to saving a few dollars per shirt, if a team pre orders, they will receive a **\$25 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods**.

Please provide your exact team name and city as soon as possible so that your team may be listed on the back of the tournament shirts. It is our expectation that artwork will be available for you to review prior to arrival.

Inclement Weather: Every attempt to deal with inclement weather will be made. However, the Tournament Director does reserve the right to modify format and even reduce games in order to successfully complete the event.

Social Event: A social event is planned for Friday night, August 8. A parade of teams will be held. Coaches should begin to prepare a list of accomplishments that can be announced. Contests will be held (by age group) for home run hitting, and faster runner. Meijer Frisbees will be distributed, music will be on-site. A gift exchange is available if you would like to participate. A light snack and drink will be provided (free of charge) to the team players and their coaches in uniform. A concession stand will be in service to provide for the fans.

Some game may also be played during Friday, depending on the number of teams entered into any specific age group.

Other Family Fun things to do: Wright Patterson Air Force Museum (the top Air Force Museum of its kind), with IMAX theatre is nearby. Kings Island Amusement park is accessible within 45 minutes, south of Dayton. And of course, the Fairfield Mall, with over 100 stores for air conditioned shopping is available in the nearby city of Beavercreek.

Contact Joni Williamson, Greene County Visitors Bureau, for special hotel rates for this event.
– 800 -733 – 9109. There are many choices.

Local Hotels (call for more options)

Holiday Inn, Beavercreek
Host Hotel for this event.
Contact Joni Williamson for
Special rates. 1-800-733-9109.
Mention USSSA youth softball.

Dayton Marriott
 1414 S Patterson Blvd
 Dayton, OH 45409
 (937) 223-1000

Drury Inn & Suites (Rebecca)
 6616 Miller Ln
 Dayton, OH 45414
 (937) 454-5200

Holiday Inn Dayton South
 2455 Dryden Road
 Dayton, OH
 (937) 294-1471

Fairfield Inn
 6960 Miller Ln
 Dayton, OH 45414
 (937) 898-1120



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R **Waiver and Release of Liability** **TEAM**

NAME: _____ **AGE GROUP:** _____

Please list your players' names on this sheet, have them sign it and submit with your check and entry.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the U.S.S.S.A. athletic/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE THE U.S.S.S.A., Terry Folino, Meijer Stores, Tanel 360, Patterson Park, Kettering Fields, USSSA, Spitz Seeds, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releases"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OR LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

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IMPORTANT PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES

All players participating in adult USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Sec. 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 expense money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT - THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS ROSTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ASSUMED NAMES AND THAT EACH PLAYER CONFORMS TO THE ELIGIBILITY RULES GOVERNING U.S.S.A. softball

TEAM MANAGER'S SIGNATURE AND Date:



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National Tournament Entry Form

**Please complete and mail this form + roster + certified check to:
USSSA Girls National Softball Tournament
1452 Edenwood Dr. Beavercreek, Ohio 45434**

**Remember: You can avoid a \$20 late fee by entering
before the deadline of August 4th.**

Team Name _____ From City/State _____

Manager Name _____

Phone Numbers H _____ Cell _____ W _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

HOTEL and Phone NUMBER _____

EMAIL Address: _____

Team Record for 2008 Season: Wins _____ Losses _____

USSSA Sanction Number _____

DATE MAILED _____ **(if after August 4 ADD \$20)**

Division (please circle one)

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(\$220)	(\$220)	(\$220)	(\$220)	(\$220)	(\$220)

*Please call Terry Folino, Tournament Director, at 937 – 429 –1046 or email at:
tfolino@woh.rr.com if you have any questions or concerns.*