



USSSA World Series

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Coach,

On behalf of USSSA Baseball and the City of Columbus, Indiana, welcome to the 2011 USSSA World Series. We thank you for your support in USSSA and look forward to a fantastic week of baseball.

The USSSA World Series will take place from July 13th – 17th, in Columbus, Indiana. The main facility will be beautiful Lincoln Park (located at the intersection of 25th St and Hawcreek Ave, Columbus, IN 47201).

We are currently in the time period in which teams are registering for the event. The number of teams is on pace to exceed last year's numbers. The format of the event will depend on the number of teams in the tournament, so we will have a better idea of the exact format as we approach the start date.

Please read through and familiarize yourself with the event information. Enclosed is the following:

- Schedule of Events
- World Series Rules
- Directions to Facilities
- Hotels/Accommodations
- World Series facility Rules and General Information
- City of Columbus: Things to do!!

If you have any questions about the USSSA World Series please contact Mike Cuzzone at 708.675.1500 or email mcuzzone@abwcompanies.com

This is our office's third year running this event and we are very excited about the improvements being made for 2011. Thanks for your participation and good luck throughout the entire event.

Best Regards,

Mike Cuzzone
USSSA Indiana Baseball



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Schedule of Events

The USSSA World Series is a five day event, starting on Wednesday, July 13th, and concluding on Sunday, July 17th. Below is a tentative schedule for the entire event.

Wednesday, July 13th

Coach's Check-In and Lunch: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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All teams must be represented at the Coach's Check-In. Check-In will be located at the Donner Center (739 22nd Street, Columbus, IN 47202).

Coaches will be required to show the following items:

- USSSA Roster w/parents signatures
- Proof of Insurance
- Birth Certificates

**Please note that all information above must be submitted to the tournament directors or teams will not be eligible to start play on Thursday morning.*

At this time coaches will receive a packet of information that will include: official schedule, field locations, contact lists, and all other pertinent information.

(9:30am-10:30am): Parents Meeting – go over park rules and pass out welcome bags.

11:00am – 11:30am

Guest Speakers:

- Columbus Parks and Recreation
- County Commissioners
- Fund Raising Committee
- Columbus Area Visitors Center
- USSSA Tournament Director



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11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch: USSSA Staff discuss rules and other tournament information.

Opening Ceremonies: 3:30pm – 9:00pm

Lincoln Park
25th Street and Hawcreek Avenue
Columbus, Indiana 47201

3:30pm – 6:00pm (*Parade of Teams*)

Key community members will address teams and parents.

At 3:30, teams should report to the batting cages at Lincoln Park. There will be signs and volunteers to help you find exactly where to go. Before the parade starts, there will be time for Pin Exchange. Following the pin exchange, each team will be introduced to the crowd. Teams will have the opportunity to have special notes announced along with their team (ex: State Champions) as they walk with a local ambassador.

6:00pm – 9:00pm (*Skills competitions, Food, Drink, DJ*)

Skills Competitions:

- Twice Around the Horn: 5-10 players from each team will participate in throwing the ball around the bases twice. Top three teams per age group will receive trophies.
- Home Run Hitting Contest: 2 players per team. Each player will get five pitches. Top three players from each age group will advance to the finals. Each player will again get five pitches. There will be individual awards for first, second, and third place.
- Additional competitions will be added. All players will be able to participate!!

Food, Drink, DJ:

- Q-Mix (Tournament Sponsor) will play music as players, coaches, and parents enjoy a fun, relaxing night of entertainment. This is a great time for players to trade pins!



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Thursday, July 14th

Pool Play Games

The USSSA World Series will officially begin on the morning of Thursday, July 14th. Teams will most likely play one or two games.

Friday, July 15th

Pool Play Games

The USSSA World Series will continue with teams wrapping up pool play with playing one or two games.

Saturday, July 16th

Bracket Play

**Most USSSA World Series events conclude with a double-elimination bracket. With only four days of game play, this event will not follow that format.*

All teams will advance to bracket play. The bracket will more than likely be a single-elimination tournament. However, teams that lose the first game will play a consolation game in order to get in their five games.

Sunday, July 17th

Bracket Play Concludes

The USSSA World Series will come to an end with the following awards given out.

- 1st Place Individual and Team Trophies
- 2nd Place Individual and Team Trophies
- 3rd Place Individual and Team Trophies
- 4th Place Individual and Team Trophies
- Additional Individual Trophies



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USSSA World Series Rules

The following summary of rules and guidelines were developed in order to make coaches aware of key points of the tournament. USSSA Baseball Rules will be followed and USSSA Baseball reserves the right to amend these tournament rules prior to the start of the tournament. Any such rule changes will be made clear to all coaches at the mandatory scheduled coaches meeting.

Location & Date

Columbus, Indiana

Lincoln Park (25th St and Hawcreek Ave, Columbus, IN 47201)

July 13-17, 2010

Coaches Responsibilities

- All coaches must attend the mandatory scheduled coaches meeting.
- All coaches must read these rules and the USSSA Baseball rules and make team aware of them.
- All coaches are responsible for the actions and behavior of their parents, players, and staff.

Credentials & Age Requirements

- It is mandatory to use www.ussa.com online roster form.
- Roster must be online one week prior to the event start. No team will be allowed to start the tournament without a completed online roster.
- All rosters are completely frozen one week prior to the event start. Any changes after final freeze date must be approved by the Program Director.
- Each team must submit a valid certificate of insurance in order to participate in the event.
- Age Requirements: USSSA uses the April 30th cut-off date.
- Coaches will be required to submit birth certificate of each player at the coach's check-in.

Tournament Format

5 Game Guarantee (either one of the two options below)

- 3 pool play games with a single-elimination bracket (consolation game for teams losing first bracket play game)
- 4 pool play games with a single-elimination bracket



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Tie Breakers & Seeding

USSSA tie breaking procedures will be followed (Rule 7.12). After winning percentage:

1. Head to Head (if all teams tied have played each other)
2. Runs Allowed
3. Run Differential (maximum +/- 8 runs per game)
4. USSSA Point System
5. Coin Flip

**In the case of a tiebreaker involving a team that won due to a forfeit, that team's average runs allowed and run differential will be used.*

Tournament General Rules of Play

Please make yourself aware of the rules that apply to this tournament. It is your responsibility as the coach to have a complete understanding. *The tournament will follow USSSA rules.*

-Scorecards: The home team will keep an official scorecard as well as keep track of pitchers used and the number of innings they have pitched. Per USSSA rules pitching innings are based on the number of outs recorded. This is calculated as 1/3 inning per out. Coaches should turn in their line-up to the umpire and the opposing coach including the player number and first and last name of all players in their proper position in the batting order. Scorecard must be approved & signed by both coaches at end of game and this becomes the official score. Be sure you are signing a correct scorecard with the correct score and pitching innings.

-Home Team: Determined by coin flip in pool play game. The home team will be the higher seed in bracket play. (8.02.A)

-Pitching Limitations:

AGE DIVISION	ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY	ONE DAY MAXIMUM	THREE DAY MAXIMUM
7U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8
15U – 18U	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED

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-Batting Order: Teams have the option to bat their 9 position players, 9 position players and have an Extra Hitter, or bat their entire team.

-Courtesy Runners: Can run for the Pitcher & Catcher only, at any time throughout the game. The runner must be anyone that has not officially entered the game. A pinch runner may only run once in an inning. If all players have entered the game then only those players that are ineligible to re-enter can pinch run. If all players are eligible to re-enter the game then any one of those eligible players may pinch run.

-Substitutions: Starter may re-enter once at their original position in the batting order. (8.02.D.1(a))

-Slide Rule: If a tag play, runner must slide or seek to avoid contact (at all bases). (8.04.C)

-Game length: All 9u and 11u games will be 6 innings long. Time limit is 1 hr and 40 minutes. All 13u games will be 7 innings. Time limit is 1 hour 50 minutes. No time limit for Championship Game. An inning can be finished, but a new inning cannot be started after the time limit. When the last out is completed determines time limit. Time limits may be changed by Tournament Director in order to get the Tournament concluded.

-Extra innings: in the first extra inning and every ½ inning thereafter, each team will start with a runner on second base, 1 out and a 2 -1 count on the batter. Each batter thereafter will start with a 2-1 count. The runner on second will be the last official hitter from the previous inning. Extra innings are only allowed if the time limit has not been reached. In pool play there is a maximum of two tie breaker innings. If the game is still tied after the two extra innings the game is over and the tie score is recorded. No inning can start after the time limit has been reached and if the game is tied it will be entered as a tie. In Bracket play if the time limit has been reached, the inning has been completed and the game is tied the extra inning tie breaker rules will be used until a winner is determined, regardless of what inning was being played when the time limit was reached.

-Mercy Rule:

LENGTH OF GAME	RUN DIFFERENTIAL	START INNING
6 Innings	15	3rd Inning
6 Innings	8	4th Inning
7 Innings	15	3rd Inning
7 Innings	12	4th Inning
7 Innings	8	5th Inning

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-Inclement Weather: In the event of inclement weather, we will make every effort to complete the game. Games will be considered suspended until ruled different. A game can be considered complete after 3 complete innings or 2 ½ if the home team is ahead (9u & 11u) or 4 complete innings or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead (13u). The decision to determine a game complete will be up to the Tournament Director. There will be a strong effort to complete all games.

-Team Forfeit: If a team fails to arrive at the field or fails to take the field one minute after the umpire starts the game, that team will forfeit (pending unavoidable circumstances). Any team that forfeits a pool-play game shall not be eligible for bracket play regardless of record. (7.10) Tournament Officials will have the option to waive this rule in the case of extenuating circumstances.

-Ejections: If a coach or player is ejected then he must sit out the remainder of that game. Additional penalties may be assessed as deemed by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director has the option to remove a coach or a player from the tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct.

-Dugout Maintenance: It is each team's responsibility to clean up following your games. Please pick up all trash and leave the dugout just as you have found it.

Exceptions

-Extra Innings: Game speed rules may apply at the umpire's discretion (limit warm-up pitches between innings, no warm-ups for fielders, etc).

-Protests: To protest a rule interpretation you must put up \$100 cash. The game will be delayed and a ruling made by the Tournament Director. All decisions are final. Judgment calls cannot be protested. If protest is upheld, the \$100 will be returned, if protest is denied, you must forfeit the \$100.



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Facility Rules

Before arriving at the USSSA World Series we ask that you familiarize yourself, team, and parents with the information below. The City of Columbus assists USSSA in running this fantastic event on their fields, it is imperative that all rules are followed.

Complex Rules

Following this information for the convenience, health and safety of players and spectators:

1. Outside food and drinks are NOT permitted. Refreshments will be sold on site. ONLY team water coolers will be allowed into complexes.
2. Please clean your dugout after each game.
3. There will be NO smoking within the baseball complexes.
4. Parking for Opening Ceremonies:
 - a. Lincoln Park
 - i. Please respect our park, turf, trees and landscaping. Do not park on any grass surfaces. Park only in designated areas.
 - ii. Parking is available in several lots around the perimeter of Lincoln Park and in the Fair Oaks Mall parking lot directly north of the ball fields on 25th Street. Fair Oaks Mall lot may be entered from 25th Street or off of Central between Auto Zone and Grindstone Charley's.
 - iii. Please cross 25th Street at the pedestrian crosswalk at Herman Darlage Drive.
 - iv. Do not park in front of homes on the west side of Hawcreek Avenue.
 - v. RV parking is permitted in Fair Oaks Mall lot during game times. Overnight parking is not permitted at Fair Oaks or in the parks. Area Camp sites available upon request!
 - b. Clifty Park: Medical staff will be located under two tents on the East end of the complex.
5. Medical Services provided by: Columbus Regional Hospital
 - i. Lincoln Park: Ambulance and medical staff will be located in one of two places: 22nd Street parking lot in the ambulance unit or the 1st Aid office. office is located on the west of four-plex building. Radio communication with medical staff is available at the main concession and Batting Cage building.
 - ii. Clifty Park: Medical staff will be located under two tents on the East end of the complex.
6. Weather Status
 - a. In the event weather disrupts the games, information will be available on the Parks and Recreation activity line by calling **(812) 376-2682** and following the prompts. This may not be the quickest means to information and will not be specific as to individual games, but it may be a source of general information.
7. Severe Weather
 - a. In the event of severe weather, games will be stopped to allow time for players and spectators to leave the area and seek shelter.



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Admission

USSSA Baseball will be charging a PRE-PAID GATE FEE. The exact amount of this fee is currently being finalized and will be communicated with teams at a later date. Teams can expect the fee to be around \$250. There will be NO fees at any of the facility entrances. The pre-paid gate fee is MANDATORY. Teams will not be able to start play until it is paid in full.

Concessions

There will be full concessions at both facilities (Lincoln Park and Clifty Park). Additional food vendors will be set-up within each park.

Event Souvenirs

USSSA Baseball will be selling USSSA World Series apparel and other assorted items. The sale of all items will start at the opening ceremonies. Below is a list of potential items for sale:

- T-Shirts
- Shorts
- Towels
- Pins
- Hats



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Directions to Facilities

Lincoln Park

(GPS Coordinates: N 39° 13'13.20 W85°53'56.60)
25th Street and Hawcreek Avenue, Columbus 47201

From Exit 68 (I-65): Turn onto SR 46 heading east towards downtown Columbus. Cross the red bridge using the center lane (SR46 becomes 2nd Street). Stay on 2nd street through downtown. When you reach the 4th stop light (State Street) stay in the center or left lanes. Continue straight through the stop light to 25th Street (Applebees on the corner). Turn right onto 25th Street. Continue on 25th Street to next stop light (Hawcreek Avenue). Lincoln Park is on your right, Fair Oaks Mall on your left.

Parking options:

- Turn right onto Hawcreek Avenue, then turn left into the Lincoln Park main parking lot.
- Proceed straight to 1st stoplight after Hawcreek. Turn right into parking lot on your right or follow road around Hamilton Ice Center to additional parking..

From Cincinnati (Greensburg): I-74 to Exit 134A (SR 3) in Greensburg. West on SR 3 (SR 46 merges with SR3). Remain on SR 46 to 4-way stop intersection with SR 9. Continue straight thru 4-way stop to Columbus; you will be on 25th street. Lincoln Park will be to your left on 25th street across from Texas Roadhouse, just west of US 31.

Parking options:

- Turn left at 1st stoplight past US 31 into Hamilton Center/Lincoln Park parking lot or,
- Turn left at 2nd stoplight (Hawcreek), then left into Lincoln Park main parking lot.

Clifty Park

(GPS Coordinates: N 39° 11'51.57 W85°53'06.37)
Marr Road and Indiana Avenue, Columbus 47201

From Exit 68 (I-65): Turn onto SR 46E, heading east toward downtown Columbus. Continue on SR46, which becomes Second Street. Proceed through downtown to 4th stoplight past the red bridge (State Street) Turn right on State Street to Marr Road (3rd stoplight). Turn left on Marr Road. Columbus East High School will be on your left-Clifty Park is on your right. Turn right at stop sign (Indiana Avenue) to parking lots. The ball diamonds are behind the football field.

From Cincinnati (Greensburg): I-74 to Exit 134A (SR3) in Greensburg. West on SR 3 (SR46 merges with SR 3); stay on SR 46 to 4-way stop intersection with SR 9 (approximately 19 miles). Turn left onto SR9/SR46, past intersection with US 31 to intersection with SR 7 (7.5 miles). Turn right on SR 7 and follow into Columbus. Turn right at first stoplight (Marr Road). Clifty Park is on the right. Turn right at four-way stop (Indiana Ave) to parking lots.

Lincoln Park to Clifty Park

Turn left out of parking lot onto Hawcreek Ave (south toward Hospital) to dead end at 17th street. Turn left on 17th to 1st stoplight (Gladstone); turn right on Gladstone to 10th street (Greenbelt Golf Course on your right); turn left on 10th street and go ½ mile to 2nd stop light (Marr Road). Right on Marr Road ¼ mile to ball fields on your left.



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Accommodations

USSSA has set up room blocks at all hotels within Bartholomew County. We ask that you please choose host hotels, as staying in the Bartholomew County is vital to the future success of this event, thank you.

Hotel information can be found at: <http://www.gametimetravel.com/Indiana/EventInfo.aspx?E=3806>

If you have any questions with hotels please contact Mike Cuzzone at 708.675.1500 or email mcuzzone@abwcompanies.com.

Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau

[Restaurants and Bars](#)

[City of Columbus Tours](#)

[Entertainment and Activities](#)

The Columbus, Indiana Visitors Center will have tents set up at Lincoln Park and Clifty Park throughout the entire World Series.



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Medical/Pharmacy Service

24 Hour Store and Pharmacy

CVS-

25th Street & Hwy 31
2415 N. National Road
Columbus
372-7804

Walgreen Drug Store-

Hwy 31 & Beam Road
2400 Beam Rd
Columbus
378-4701

Non-24-Hour Service

CVS

4495 W State Road 46
Columbus
342-6817

Store Hours

8am to 10pm, Mon thru Sun

Pharmacy Hours

8am to 10pm, Mon thru Fri

8am to 6pm Sat-Sun

Wal-Mart Supercenter

735 Whitfield Dr
Hwy 31 & 10th Street
Columbus
522-5252 (Pharmacy)

Wal-Mart Supercenter

2025 Merchants Mile
Columbus
376-9385 (Pharmacy)

Walgreen Drug Store

2140 W. Jonathan Moore Pike
Carr Hill & State Road 46
Columbus
378-0804

Store & Pharmacy Hours

8am to 10pm, Mon thru Sun

Pharmacy Hours both Wal-Mart Stores

9am to 9pm, Mon thru Fri

9am to 7pm, Sat

10am to 6pm, Sun

Other

Prompt Med Medical Service

2502 25th Street
Columbus
372-8883

Hours-

M-F 7am to 7pm

Sat 7am to 5pm

Sun 9am to 5pm

Columbus Regional Hospital

2400 E 17th Street
Columbus
Emergency-376-5277
Switchboard-379-4441