



**2016 USSSA Baseball
8-9-10-11-12-13-14 AA World Series
Victory Park
Canton, Michigan
July 21-24, 2016**

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2016 USSSA Baseball 8-9-10-11-12-13-14 AA World Series. Your tournament host will be Michigan USSSA Sports 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 Baseball State Director will enter teams in the appropriate age and the appropriate division of play. [Click here for your USSSA State Director](#). The tournament will be played at Victory Park, in Canton, Michigan, **July 21-24, 2016.**

The USSSA Baseball program will use the "Pool-Play" format in this World Series. Teams will be placed in pools, then advance to either a double elimination championship bracket. 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 be approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee.

TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE AT WWW.USSSA.COM. TEAM ENTRIES WILL BE APPROVED FOR WORLD SERIES PLAY BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL OF YOUR STATE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY IN THE WORLD SERIES EVENT. ANY TEAM NOT COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE EVENT AND THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT.

THE **OFFICIAL** TEAM ROSTER MUST BE ENTERED ON-LINE AT WWW.USSSA.COM TO BE CONSIDERED VALID FOR THE WORLD SERIES. 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 SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS TOURNAMENT. PLAYERS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED IN AT EACH TOURNAMENT WITH PROPER USSSA APPROVED ID OR BIRTH CERTIFICATES IN HAND.

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 team would have been awarded at the tournament.

NOTE:

1. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 10th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 9 and Under National Tournament.

2. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 11th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 10 and Under National Tournament.
3. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 12th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 11 and Under National Tournament.
4. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 13th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 12 and Under National Tournament.
5. Any player who before May 1st reaches their 14th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 13 and Under National Tournament.
6. Any player who before May 1st reaches their 15th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 14 and Under National Tournament.
7. Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
8. Ball field dimensions will be in accordance with USSSA rules per each age division.
9. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: Pants, socks, cap, and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.
10. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaches' shorts)
11. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn (in proper fashion).
12. Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.
13. Metal spikes are prohibited in age groups 8-12
14. A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and both sides of the face must be worn by every player while in the on deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
15. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
16. The catcher must wear protective gear: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet and throat guard. Ages 9-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers their ears.
17. The USSSA Baseball Handbook and the Official Baseball Rules, Sporting News Edition shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered above (www.ussa.com).

Tournament Headquarters: Victory Park Canton , 46555 W Michigan Ave., Canton , MI, 48188, (734) 483-5600 will be open on Thursday, July 21st beginning at 7:30am until the conclusion of the tournament. All information regarding the tournament will be posted at Victory Park or on the Michigan USSSA website – www.michusssa.com. Brackets and scores will be updated on this website. Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure all your documents are in order. For more information, email Michigan USSSA at michusssa@aol.com

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. Brackets will be posted at www.miusssa.com by Monday July 18th, but are not OFFICIAL until July 21st at the manager's meeting.

There will be a Manager's/Officials Meeting at 9:00AM Thursday July 21st in the restaurant at Victory Park after the opening ceremonies . . . Two (2) representatives from each Team will be permitted to attend this event. All Teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule will be distributed at this time.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at Victory Park, 8:00AM on Thursday July 21st.

Pin Trading has become a tradition at USSSA World Series events. Players will have an opportunity to trade pins throughout the week. Team pins are not mandatory but certainly adds to the fun of this special event. We encourage each team to bring some small item to trade. We suggest that you contact your local Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureaus or other community businesses in your area about obtaining items to trade.

Admission during the tournament will be \$10.00 per person per day or \$30.00 for a tournament pass. Seniors (65 and over) the charge will be \$5.00 per day or \$20.00 for a tournament pass. Children under 12 are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. Coaches will be issued a maximum of three (3) passes per team.

PASSES MUST BE PRESENTED TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE PARK, NO EXCEPTIONS!

TOURNAMENT HOUSING: Each Team is responsible for their own reservations. Please only use the hotels listed on the information sheet below. These hotels make it possible for this tournament to be held.

**YOU MUST STAY AT A LISTED HOTEL IF YOU
NEED LODGING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
EVENT.**