



Congratulations Coach! Your team has qualified for the **2018 14u Open & 18U "B" USSSA & National Championship Event!**

**Dates & Location:**

Pool play will begin on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> with the National Championship Finals being scheduled for Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>. Rain Date is Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

This year we will play at Mercy Health Sports Core I (also known as Sports Core One or SC1). The address for the park is 1288 Elwood Dr, Rockford IL. 61103. Please click on the following for a map of [Sports Core 1](#)

**Registration:**

In order to guarantee your teams spot in the National Championship event, please visit [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) and complete the online entry process. All entries must be made through the website where you will be required to submit entry and payment. Once this is complete and your State Director has approved your online entry, your team's registration will be considered complete for this National Championship event. Official entry and payment process must be completed no later than July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Format:**

Teams will play a 5 GG consisting of 3 pool play games that will seed into a Double Elimination Championship Bracket. Teams will be seeded into pools based on their USSSA Power Ranking points. The Double Elimination Championship Bracket seeds will be based on pool play results. The exact format of this event, e.g. Number of games, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Fastpitch guidelines as approved by the USSSA Fastpitch National Committee.



### **Rosters:**

All team's rosters must adhere to all rules and regulations as outlined in the current edition of the USSSA Fastpitch playing rules and by-laws. All team's rosters must be printed from the USSSA website and all signatures complete when checking in your team. All players shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times, which must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and date of birth.

### **Playing Rules:**

The current edition of the official USSSA Fastpitch softball rulebook and national by-laws shall govern all National Championship play. Note that the rulebook found online at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy is found.

### **Hotels:**

NO STAY TO PLAY POLICY! NO TRAVEL/HOUSING COMPANY!

You may choose any hotel your team desires. A list of top hotels in the Rockford area can be found at [www.gorockford.com](http://www.gorockford.com) or contact Mary Holmes at [mholmes@gorockford.com](mailto:mholmes@gorockford.com) or (815-489-1676) for FREE assistance with your hotel accommodations. Mary can also assist you in places to eat, fun activities, etc..



### **Manager's Meeting / Check-In:**

The mandatory managers meeting will take place on Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8:00 am – 9:15 am. It will be held at Mercy Health SportsCore 1 (4711 Hiawatha Dr, Rockford IL 61103 – in the Soccer Building). If you are not able to attend, please send an assistant coach in your place. Check In Procedures will be as follows:

- We will provide your teams official roster to you at the Manager's meeting.
- You will verify your team's info during the meeting where any changes to your roster will be made at that time.
- Please make certain you have birth certificates for each player.
- A copy of your team's valid insurance available. If you have USSSA insurance, we already have a copy on file.
- We will pass out players/coaches VIP/Admission Passes. Players and coaches must have these present at all times.

During this meeting our State UIC will be available to answer any questions that you might have regarding rules. This is a National Championship. USSSA book rules will apply though out the tournament.

**Breakfast and beverage will be served.**

### **Gift Exchange:**

There will be a non-mandatory team gift exchange. This will be done just prior to Open Ceremonies. 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 15 gifts to exchange. We will need to know by Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> of your teams election to participate or not in the gift exchange. Please confirm the selection by sending an email to [pclark45@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pclark45@sbcglobal.net) with your team name and if your team will be participating in the gift exchange or not.



**Awards:**

Award packages are based on the number of participating teams for this event and follow the USSSA guidelines for such awards at a National Championship Event.

- Team trophies to top 4 teams
- Individual awards to Champions and Runners- Up
- Team Sportsmanship award
- Outstanding Pitcher Award
- Outstanding Offensive Player Award
- Outstanding Defensive Player Award
- MVP Award
- All World Tournament Team

**Admission:**

Up to 15 Player and up to 3 Coaches will all receive passes as part of your team's registration fee. The player passes will only be issued to those players listed on the official USSSA Roster and verified at check-in.



### **Spectator Admission:**

For this years event we will be selling weekly & daily registration bands at the gate. These will be used for the duration of the event to allow entrance to the Softball Complex. **We do accept Visa/MasterCard/Discover credit cards.**

### **Weekly Pass:**

Adult: \$40 per adult (Age 18 – 59)  
Child: \$25 per child (Age 7- 17)  
Seniors: \$25 (Age 60+)  
Children under 6 years of age are FREE.

### **Daily Pass:**

Adult: \$15 per adult ((Age 18 – 59)  
Child: \$8 per child (Ages 7-17)  
Senior: \$8 per senior (Age 60+)  
Children under 6 years of age are FREE.

### **National Championship Merchandise:**

We will also be offering a pre-sale of National Championship T-Shirts. This is the only way to guarantee that you will receive a T-Shirt as supplies at the fields will be limited. The pre-sale will offer 4 different colored shirts to choose from while the tournament site will be limited. The Pre-sale information for the National Championship t-shirts will be emailed to the Teams Manager of record and will also include a cutoff date. **We do accept Visa/Mastercard/Discover.**

Additional USSSA National Championship apparel and souvenirs will be sold throughout the event at the tournament site.



**Tentative Schedule:**

*Date                      Location      Time*

**Tues July 17:**

- SC1      8:00am – 9:00am: Mandatory Head Coach Meeting. Umpires may be in attendance. Breakfast & Beverage will be served.
- SC1      9:45 am: Teams line-up for opening ceremonies and gift exchange. (teams dress in uniforms w/team banner)
- SC1      10:15 am: Opening Ceremonies Field #4
- SC1      11:30am – 5:00pm: Team Skills Competitions 1) Timed Home to Home, 2) Timed – ‘round the horn, 3) Timed - Relay throws. Teams will be assigned times at Head Coach meeting. If you fail to show up your team will forfeit opportunity to participate.
- SC1      1:00 pm: Pool Play Begins – all teams play 1 game minimum.

**Wednesday July 18:**

- SC1      9:00 am – 7:00pm: Pool play continues
- SC1      Look for fun activities through out the day at the Park.



**Tentative Schedule continues:**

**Thursday July 29:**

SC1 9:00 am – 5:00pm Pool Play concludes / Bracket play begins

SC1 **6:00pm USSSA Appreciation Party - TBA**  
Free to all players, coaches, parents, families, friends and fans!

**Friday July 20:**

SC1 10:00 am: Bracket continues (“Elimination Friday”)

**Saturday July 21:**

SC1 10:00 am – Bracket play continues (“Championship Saturday:”)

**Sunday July 22:**

SC1 Rain Date

Your host organization again this year is Top Pick Sports Productions. We will be posting the pool and bracket schedule on Wednesday July 11th.

We are looking forward to hosting you again this year! **Thanks for playing USSSA!**

Perry Clark –IL State Director USSSA Fastpitch

Ed White – IL Asst State Director USSSA Fastpitch



Tournament information can also be found at the following websites:

[www.USSSA.com](http://www.USSSA.com) or [www.ILUSSSA.com](http://www.ILUSSSA.com)

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