



USSSA Pot O Gold NIT – 3 x Points | March 18-19

Panther Creek
5160 Wayne Bridge Rd - Owensboro, KY



Entry fees and a copy of the team insurance must be received by March 10th, 2017 or your team will be removed and replaced by teams on the waiting list.

The tournament will be at two locations this year. Panther Creek and Owensboro Sports Complex

USSSA rules will apply. All teams must provide proof of insurance and be USSSA sanctioned. Copies of birth certificates must be available for inspection. Team managers or representatives are to check in at least thirty minutes prior to the start of their first game. Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.

All pool games will be seven innings or 65 minute -Finish the Inning-time limit and can end in a tie. Bracket Play will be 75 minute – Finish the Inning – ITB.

Bracket Play will be seeded by pool game. This tournament will be a 2 Pool, Double Elimination Format

Teams can bat their lineup in pool play and bat up to 11 in bracket play (9 plus 2 AP). Teams are allowed 12 players in their lineup but only 11 can bat. USSSA uses AP/Flex rules.

- Courtesy Runners can be used at every at bat for the Pitcher and Catcher

- Courtesy Runners are not tied to a player (pitcher or catcher)
- Courtesy Runners must be a substitute first. If the team doesn't have a substitute then the runner will be the last completed at bat
- Courtesy Runners must be used before a pitch is thrown to the next batter
- The same Courtesy Runner cannot be used for both the pitcher and the catcher in the same half inning
- Home team will be the official scorekeeper. Home team will be decided by coin toss until the Championship game. During the Championship Game the team in the winner's bracket will have the choice of home or visitors.

Teams must use the official USSSA supplied softball. Teams must have the USSSA “thumbprint” on all bats.

Protest fee is \$100 and is refundable only if the protest is upheld by the Tournament Director.

Tournament directors reserve the right to re-schedule games or delay start times of games if conditions warrant. In the event of a weather delay the Tournament Director will post updates on www.kyusssa.com as well as send text/email to all users subscribed to the Tournament Update Line. To subscribe go to www.kyusssa.com or text USSSA KYILMO to 84483. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to stay in contact with the Tournament Director. All lightning delays will be a mandatory 30 minute delay for all lightning seen within a 10 mile radius.

In case of a rain shortened tournament pool play games can be deemed official after 2 1/2 innings of play (with home team winning) or 45 minutes of elapsed game time. This policy will only be used through pool play.

In the event that teams tie going into bracket play teams will be seeded in the bracket or awarded placement by the following:

1. Winning Percentage – Descending
2. Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Pct - Descending (Not valid if all teams have not played each other)
3. Average Points Allowed - Ascending
4. Average Points Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
5. Ranking Points - Descending
6. Date Team Entered USSSA Database

Once past a tie breaker do not return to previous

Ties in tournament games will be decided by using the international tie breaker (after time limit or in eighth inning).

There will be a Daily gate fee; \$7 a day on Saturday and Sunday or \$12 for the weekend for all spectators over the age of 12. Players and a maximum of 3 coaches will enter free of charge.

Hotel recommendations are posted on www.kyusssa.com

Teams must make payment, email proof of insurance, and a maximum of 3 coaches names (for admission) no later than the registration deadline (March 10th) as annotated above. Teams must pay online with credit card in order to guarantee a spot in tournament. An additional fee will be added to the entry fee for all payments submitted by check.

REFUND POLICY: No refunds will be issued after the tournament deadline or after the tournament schedule is published (whichever comes first). In the event that a tournament is cancelled prior to the start date (not due to weather), by KY-USSSA, a full refund will be issued.

USSSA will make every effort to complete the event. We will work with the complexes and field personnel to safely resume play whenever possible, however; weather is out of our control.

Team schedules are subject to change to ensure completion of the event. It is the responsibility of the teams to check the weather line / website and/or texts for updated game times. DO NOT ASSUME game times will be pushed back based on weather delays from the original schedule as games may be eliminated, shortened or relocated to complete the event.

100% of the entry fee, minus \$25, will be refunded to your team if you are unable to play any games.

If tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, refunds will be issued as follows: **Gate Fees will not be refunded.**

3 GAME GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS

- **0 Games Started:** Entry fee minus \$25 admin fee.
- **1 Game Started:** 60% of entry fee
- **2 Games Started:** 30% of entry fee
- **3 Games Started:** No refunds

5 GAME GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS

- **0 Games Started:** Entry fee minus \$25 admin fee.
- **1 Game Started:** 75% of entry fee
- **2 Games Started:** 55% of entry fee
- **3 Games Started:** 35% of entry fee
- **4 Games Started:** 15% of entry fee
- **5 Games Started:** No refunds

4 GAME GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS

- **0 Games Started:** Entry fee minus \$25 admin fee.
- **1 Game Started:** 70% of entry fee
- **2 Games Started:** 45% of entry fee
- **3 Games Started:** 20% of entry fee
- **4 Games Started:** No refunds

7 GAME GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS

- **0 Games Started:** Entry fee minus \$25 admin fee.
- **1 Game Started:** 85% of entry fee
- **2 Games Started:** 70% of entry fee
- **3 Games Started:** 55% of entry fee
- **4 Games Started:** 40% of entry fee
- **5 Games Started:** 25% of entry fee
- **6 Games Started:** 15% of entry fee
- **7 Games Started:** No refunds

Additional Reasons for Refunds:

Cancellation of tournament (not due to weather), by KYUSSSA, prior to start date: Full refund

Team's withdrawal from tournament up to entry deadline: Full refund of entry fee minus \$25 fee.

Team's withdrawal from tournament after entry deadline and/or after schedule is published: No refund.

Note: In the event teams entered the tournament at a discounted rate, teams will only be reimbursed based on the actual amount paid for entry into the tournament, not the current entry fee.