



2018 USSSA “AA” WORLD SERIES

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JULY 11 - 15, 2018
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

• ENTRY INFORMATION •

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2018 USSSA Baseball 9, 11, 12, 13 and under AA World Series. It will be our goal to create an experience that the players, coaches and families will remember for the rest of their lives. The tournament will be played at fields in Omaha & Council Bluffs (separated by the Missouri River) and are only minutes from the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, TD Ameritrade, the Old Market in downtown Omaha and other area attractions. For adult entertainment there are 3 casinos within minutes of the complexes. The date for this tournament will be **July 11-15**. The USSSA Baseball program will use the "Pool-Play" format in this “AA” World Series. 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 will be approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee.

TEAMS MAY NOW ENTER THIS EVENT ONLINE - Make sure to login to National Website and then enter.

Click on links below to enter:

9's- [Click Here](#)

11's- [Click Here](#)

12's- [Click Here](#)

13's- [Click Here](#)

Teams Must Log In To Enter.

Arrangements can also be made to enter by contacting the Tournament Director, [Ken Dirks](#)

Deadline to enter is: 7/3.

Teams can also e-mail to be put on Look who is coming list. **(Strongly encouraged)**

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 ANY TEAM NOT COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE EVENT AND THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE REFUNDED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT.

YOUR TOURNAMENT HOST WILL BE NEBRASKA USSSA BASEBALL WHICH WAS NAMED "THE OUTSTANDING USSSA NATIONAL SITE OF THE YEAR" IN 2001.

WORLD SERIES PLAYING FIELDS:

COUNCIL BLUFFS SPORTS COMPLEX. This is a beautiful 10 field complex. (Located at 2900 Richard Downing Avenue just south of Exit 1-B (S. 24th Street) off the I-80/I-29 interchange.) **Kelly, Dill & Seymour Smith Parks have been reserved as well, all are 4 to 8 field complexes.**

WORLD SERIES HEADQUARTERS: Mid-America Center, One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA. 51501

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OMAHA IS HOME OF THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES AND THE WORLD FAMOUS HENRY DOORLY ZOO.

• Tournament Headquarters •

*The 2018 USSSA "AA" World Series Tournament Headquarters is the Mid-America Center, One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA. 51501. **IMPORTANT:** All our sports teams needing lodging are being asked to book through Traveling Teams. Traveling Teams has blocked rooms at low rates, pet friendly hotels and the amenities you desire. Use this link: [Hotel](#)*

• IMPORTANT •

THE **OFFICIAL** TEAM ROSTER MUST BE ENTERED ON-LINE AT www.ussa.com PLAYERS WILL BE INDIVIDUALLY CHECKED IN AT THE WORLD SERIES. **IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE TIME, PLEASE HAVE PLAYERS LINED UP AT CHECK-IN AS THEY APPEAR ON THE ROSTER WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATES IN HAND.**

All players participating in USSSA Baseball World Series play shall have photocopies of their Original Birth Certificates in the possession of their team manager at all times. Failure to have a photocopy of the Original Birth Certificate available upon demand will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the World Series, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards that would have been awarded at the World Series.

GAME SCHEDULES: Game Schedules and Brackets **WILL NOT** be mailed out in advance; they will be distributed at the Manager's Meeting.

• WORLD SERIES RULES •

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 12th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 11 and Under National Tournament.
3. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 13th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 12 and Under National Tournament.
4. Any player who before May 1 reaches their 14th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 13 and Under National Tournament.
5. Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
6. 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.
7. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaches' shorts).
8. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn (in proper fashion).
9. Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Director's responsibility regarding uniform legality.
10. Metal spikes are prohibited in age groups 9-12.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The USSSA Baseball Handbook shall govern all playing rules [Click Here](#)

• TENTATIVE AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED •

TEAM AWARDS

World Champions & Runner Up

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

World Champions & Runner Up Rings

• TENTATIVE ITINERARY •

July 11, 10:00 AM: Manager's Meeting at [Mid-America Center](#). Only two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend. **ALL TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE.**

July 11, 11:00 AM: Team Mom's Pick Up of ordered supplies & 30 min. question answer period.

July 11, 12:00 to 3:00: Team Check In at [Mid-America Center](#). Be sure to e-mail [Ken](#) requesting your team's 15 min. check-in time slot! This time is pre-assigned so first come first serve.

July 11, 12:30 to 3:45: Skills Competition at CB Sports Complex. Teams begin skill competition right after checking in. (Located at 2900 Richard Downing Avenue just south of Exit 1-B (S. 24th Street) off the I-80/I-29 interchange.)

July 11, 6:00 to 8:00: Opening Ceremonies details will be posted soon.

July 12, 8:00 AM: World Series Pool Play Begins

July 13, 8:00 AM: World Series Pool Play Continues

July 14, 8:00 AM: World Series Bracket Play Continues

July 15, 8:00 AM: World Series Bracket Play Crowns Champion

World Series Play will begin on July 12th and play straight through until we have Champion in each age group. Length of World Series may differ for each age group depending on number of teams.

• IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! •

FOR TEAM CHECK IN:

Coaches must e-mail Ken Dirks to schedule a 15 min. check-in time between 12-3 on 7/11.

His e-mail is: kdirks12@live.com Please do this once you know your team will be coming.

During this time, **all players must be present** with the coach or team representative and in uniform. The Coach or Team Representative must have the following items with them when they are checked in as a Team. Check-in times are assigned on first come first serve basis, so contact Ken ASAP for best check-in times.

1. USSSA Roster
2. A copy of each player's birth certificate.
3. Cell number and hotel of where you are staying. Also be prepared to give us how many rooms your team is using at that hotel.
4. **IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE TIME, PLEASE HAVE PLAYERS LINED UP AT CHECK-IN AS THEY APPEAR ON THE ROSTER WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATES IN HAND.**

• MANAGER'S MEETING AND TEAM MOM'S MEETING •

The Manager's Meeting and Team Check In will be at the [Mid-America Center](#) located at One Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. The Manager's Meeting will begin promptly at **10:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11. TWO** representatives from each team's coaching staff as well as two team representatives will be permitted to attend. **All teams are required to have at least ONE representative present.** The Official Game Schedule and Brackets will be distributed at this meeting along with a brief rules discussion with the Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director. Important information about the Opening Ceremonies, Pin Trading and Skills Competition will be discussed. Team Mom's pick up and question answer period will begin right after Coach's Meeting. (Approx. 11 AM) Team Mom's will be able to pick up any pre-ordered merchandise and admission passes at this time as well.

• OPENING CEREMONIES •

The USSSA World Series Opening Ceremonies will be held at Werner Park, the home of the Omaha Storm Chasers which is the Kansas City Royals “AAA” affiliate. will open at 5:30, program will start at 6pm. Click Here for Map. **We have tickets to two Omaha Storm Chasers Games.** [Click Here to save money and purchase now.](#)

• WORLD SERIES T-SHIRTS •

To guarantee we have the correct quantities and sizes of Official USSSA World Series **Souvenir T-Shirts**, please pre-order your team’s tee shirt request. We will have a limited supply on site. See link below.

• WORLD SERIES ADMISSION •

Admission during the World Series for adults will be \$10.00 per day per adult or \$30.00 for the Week Long World Series Pass. Children ages 6 - 12 will be \$6.00 per day per child or \$20.00 for the Week Long World Series Pass. Children 5 years of age and younger are admitted free. Admission applies to everyone except uniformed players and a maximum of three (3) coaches per team with verifiable identification.

However, in an effort to save time and avoid long lines Wednesday morning, Week Long World Series Passes will be available for pre-purchase using the link below.

• LINKS •

[Tournament T-Shirt Order Form](#)

[Tournament Pass Order Forms](#)

[Omaha Storm Chasers Tickets](#)

[*Links highlighted in yellow will be active soon](#)