

NEW MEXICO USSSA

EASTER



Invitational

**2023 Easter Invitational
General Tournament Rule's**

Unless noted prior to the event, USSSA National and NM Rules will be used with the following notations. National USSSA By Laws and Playing Rules - Current USSSA Rule Book-2023 (updated 8/1/2022). NM USSSA reserves the right to alter these tournament rules as conditions require. NM USSSA rules will supersede National USSSA rules and National USSSA rules will supersede MLB National League rules. The below notes, rules and policies are conditions of participation and you are receiving these prior to the event starting. Initial or continued participation in the event confirms your commitment to comply with these stipulations.

NOTE – AAD/USSSA will be enforcing the new MLB rules on the number of pitcher disengagements, defensive shifting as written in the MLB rule book. The pitch/batter clock will be left to the discretion of the officials but are not usually an issue in youth games.

Pre-Tournament Notes –

- Complex rules – please review the complex rules at the entrance for each complex and adhere to them. Pets and tobacco are prohibited at some of them. Alcohol is prohibited at ALL complexes. Due to Covid safe practices seeds/spitting are banned at all complexes. The Tournament hotline for **weather updates will be the bracket page on the national USSSA website – WWW.USSSA.COM or (505) 417-1810.**
- Withdraw / No Show: Teams that no-show will forfeit their entry fee and may be subject to suspension from competition in USSSA events for the remainder of the season. No teams may withdraw from an event after the deadline for entry.
- Insurance – as is posted on the national web site, team medical/liability insurance is not part of the services covered by the entry fee for this event and are the responsibility of the teams. Also, as posted on the national web site, team insurance is required. This can be done as late as the day prior to the event on the national USSSA web site for a per team fee.
- Initial roster of 9 players must be posted to the National USSSA web site prior to a team being bracketed in the event. Rosters must be finalized and posted to the National USSSA web site by 5pm a minimum of two days prior to events start date.
- Age Requirement: As determined by National USSSA By-Laws. Proof of age will be required in the form of photo copies of the original birth certificate or the original birth certificate.
Effective 9.21.17 – Each age division will allow for grade exceptions for each age division per Rule 3.01

Age Division	No player this age can participate	Plus 1 year allowed if in (grade)
4	6	Pre K-4
5	7	Pre K-5
6	8	Kindergarten
7	9	1st
8	10	2nd
9	11	3rd
10	12	4th
11	13	5th
12	14	6th
13	15	7th
14	16	8th
15	17	9th
16	18	10th
17	19	11th
18	20	12th

Age cut off - April 30th of the current USSSA year

Proof of grade required for +1 age grade exception

- Equipment Restrictions: Will follow the national By-Law and Rules as list on the nation web site - Current USSSA Bat Standards – except for the 14-18u division where -5 Wood or BBCOR bats are mandatory.
- Metal spikes are not allowed in 12u and younger or at the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex (ARSC). **Metal spikes and hard molded cleats are also not allowed anywhere at the ARSC – they tear up the mounds and batters' boxes. In the 13u-18u divisions, when pitching from a synthetic mound, pitchers are required to use tennis or turf shoes (shoes with rubber knobs) - no metal or hard plastic spikes.**
- Uniforms: Numbers mandatory, matching uniform tops recommended.
- Official Brackets / Schedule: The final and controlling bracket, schedule, game times, and field locations, including any changes and updates will be posted at the playing locations and/or the USSSA tournament web site. Check the website daily for schedule revisions. AAD / USSSA reserves the right to modify the brackets should schedule conflicts arise. The bracket schedule displayed at the tournament HQ supersedes all other revisions. IF, after the brackets are drawn, a team drops from the event the pool play games will be adjusted to ensure each team gets the games they have paid to play. The win / loss results from those adjusted games will reflect forfeit wins (involving games against the team that dropped) for each team. Pitching will be counted in those adjusted games to ensure each team is required to use the same amount of pitching.
- Adverse Weather: The Tournament will be played in adverse weather conditions, if necessary. The format may be changed to include (in no particular order)
 - Shorter time limits or
 - Fewer innings to complete the game.
 - Designate a different starting pitch count
 - Starting earlier in the day or playing later into the evening.

- Move playing location of games
- A coin toss to determine what team advances IF all other options have been exhausted. A coin toss game will not count a game played for the purposes of the guaranteed number of games for any event.

If any pool play game cannot be completed (regulation game) on the day originally scheduled those games will be considered ties for establishing bracket play. Coaches and players accept these conditions when entering the tournament. The game officials have jurisdiction regarding the playability of their specific field.

- Weather Cancellations: There is a chance any event could be completely rained out. Please be aware that a minimum of 40% of the entry fee will be kept covering awards and trophies as well as administrative costs, if tournament is cancelled due to weather either before or after the start of the event.
- Refund Policy: Refunds will be based on a prorated schedule (minus administrative fees) of the number of games guaranteed (not actually scheduled).
- Event Textiles (T-Shirts) - AAD/USSSA does not facilitate the textile operations for AAD/USSSA tournament events. A third-party designs, orders and sales these items for the AAD/USSSA tournament events and as such AAD/USSSA has no control over their distribution. Should an event be cancelled, after the entry deadline, the third party will work to deliver the textiles to the purchaser but there will be no refunds for items purchased.
- Hotels/Motels/Condos: Teams that leave unpaid bills or damages will be removed from the tournament and reported to their respective local directors.
- Behavior – As a condition of participation each manager will complete and submit the Tournament Participation Agreement / Code of Conduct and agree to the below conditions:
 - Unnecessary razzing, heckling, chanting or disparaging remarks by players, coaches, parents, fans and spectators will not be tolerated.
 - Once a pitcher is "set", excessive noise, (as deemed by the game officials) by the offensive team as an attempt to balk the pitcher is not allowed.
 - Derogatory chants, as deemed by the officials, shall not be allowed – be positive and support your players.
 - Music played, during warm ups, is allowed if it is moderate in volume and does not contain offensive lyrics. No music is allowed during live ball situations and "walk up" music (during dead ball situations) must end when the batter is called to the box.
 - Catchers may not talk to opposing batters or heckle batter directly in any division 13u and below
 - Coaches are responsible for players, coaches, their fans and their guest's behavior. Umpires or tournament officials will eject offenders or coaches for unwarranted and unsportsmanlike conduct of their coaches, players, fans and guests. No warning is necessary.
 - As a safety rule, throwing equipment, is an eject-able offense.
 - If a player or coach is ejected by a game official, tournament director, UIC or facility staff that person must leave the facility including parking lot and may not remain within sight or sound of the game ejected.
 - Any person ejected from a game is also subject to ejection from the next scheduled game and subject to suspension from the event.
 - Under no circumstances will refunds be given for any ejected person.

Decisions: The Tournament Director shall have final decision on all tournament related issues. This person will direct the specific tournament site, post win/loss records, update pool play and advance play and teams, handle issues and assist the UIC, officials and staff in determining all rule interpretations, violations, complaints, protests and challenges. If there is an issue or concern arising from the event the MANAGER of the team (and only the manager) is to bring that issue or concern to the attention of the Site Director or Tournament Director. Do not have a parent or assistant coach initiate contact on behalf of the team unless your team is currently on the field.

Team Check-In Procedure -

Each manager is instructed to check their team in, at their field, at least one hour prior to their first game of the tournament. Prior to the Team Check it is critical that the Manager has reviewed his team roster on the national USSSA web site and verified that EVERY player's first and last name as well as birth date is entered EXACTLY as it appears on the player's birth certificate. See Rule 3.03 in the National USSSA Rule Book pertaining to individual player eligibility.

To complete the check in as effectively and efficiently as possible please follow the below process:

1. Submit the AAD/USSSA Tournament Participation Agreement if not previously submitted.
2. The Manager will review and submit his parent sign roster to the Site Director.

- a. The Manager will also sign and dated roster at the bottom of the page.

Park Policies / Rules –

We are guest in the parks hosting this event. Please ensure all your trash is removed from the dugouts and stands after the conclusion of each game.

Infield Warm-Ups: All teams are encouraged to warm-up as much as possible before game time. No pre-game infield.

BE PREPARED TO START YOUR GAME 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME – games can start 15 min early!!

Home team will be determined by a coin toss in pool play. After pool, in Seeding Bracket or Elimination Bracket the highest seed will have the choice. In the Championship game, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.

Game Time: Starting time is forfeit time unless delay is approved by Tournament Director. The game clock starts at completion of pre-game meeting.

Pitching Rules (Innings based on outs) per USSSA national rule book:

- No limit on the number of appearances.
- Eight warm-ups to start, five thereafter with a maximum of 90 second allotted. 30 seconds after the game official directs the game to resume strikes may be called on the offensive team not ready to play and balls called on the defensive team not ready to play.
- If pitching rules are violated and the infraction is detected, the situation will be reviewed and consequences will be determined by the tournament director. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, the following: coach and/or player ejections, game forfeiture, removal of team from the tournament, suspension from additional tournaments.

Per the National Rule Book –

7.05.B.1 ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day. Rule 7.05.B.1 Example: In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day. If the player pitches three and one-third (3 1/3) or more innings in one (1) day, the player cannot legally pitch the next day.

7.05.B.2 ONE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day. Rule 7.05.B.2 Example: In the 7U – 12U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to pitch the next day. Similarly, in the 13U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to legally pitch the next day.

7.05.B.3 THREE DAY MAXIMUM: - The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days. Rule **7.05.B.3** Example: In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in two (2) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) day. Similarly, as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in three (3) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) or second (2nd) days. In a 5 game guaranteed event the max allowed over three days is nine (9) total innings pitched. Single day max and max to pitch the next days remain the same.

7.05.B.4 MANDATORY DAYS OF REST:

7.05.B.4(a) A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day MUST rest the next day. 7.05.B.4(b) A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days MUST rest the next day.

7.05.B.4(c) A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) MUST rest the next day. 7.05.B.5 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

7.05.B.6 Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitcher's innings limits.

7.05.B.7 For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.

Rule 7.05.C.7 Exception: Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher for the purpose of this rule but shall be counted towards the pitcher's limits with regards to the eligibility to pitch the next day, etc.

7.05.B.8 It shall be the responsibility of each team to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire and then filing a Protest with the League / Tournament Director. A protest may be filed at any point after the pitcher in violation records any out beyond his legal limit AND while the pitcher in violation is in the game as the pitcher of record. If such violation is the last recorded out of the game, the protest MUST be filed prior to the Umpires and the protesting team leaving the field of play.

Age Division	One Day Max to pitch Next Day	One Day Max	Three Day Max
7U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8
15U – 18U	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED

In a 5-game guarantee event, over three days, one inning will be added to each pitcher's maximum 3 day limit. Max to pitch the next day and max in day limits remain the same.

If a team's game/s are not completed on the day originally scheduled, due to field conditions, and those games are added to the following day, one inning will be added to the single day maximum allowed on the following day, for each pitcher. The event max and max to pitch the next day will remain unchanged.

Ties at the end of Regulation: If a pool game is tied after the expiration of time and completion of the inning the final score will be a tie. In Elimination if a game is tied after all innings have been completed (or at time limit), the "California Tie-Breaker" will go into effect. Each team will start the next inning with their last recorded out at 2nd base. This happens until the tie is broken and the game is complete.

Tie Breakers - Into elimination play, in order:

1. Winning Percentage - Descending (ties are .5 win and .5 loss)
2. Number of wins - Descending
3. Number of Loses
4. Tied teams (vs each other) winning percentage (more than 2 teams tied skip this tie breaker)
5. Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
6. Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
7. USSSA Points (at time of bracketing) - Descending
8. Date team entered USSSA Database

- Courtesy Runners: a courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher, at any time. The courtesy runner must be a substitute player that is not currently in the game. A courtesy runner may run for either the pitcher or catcher, but not both. Two courtesy runners (one for pitcher, one for catcher) may be used if the team has eligible substitutes for both roles. If there are no substitutes available, the last recorded out may be used.
- Intentional Walks: If prior to the first pitch to the batter the pitcher or catcher may announce to an umpire an intentional walk and the batter is then automatically put on base.
- Pitchers are not allowed to have any white or light gray on their fielding gloves and if sleeves are worn they must be a solid color.
- Safety Equipment: All offensive players must use double ear flap helmets while on the field.
- Protest Fee: \$100 cash (on rule interpretations only) could be applied.

NM/TEXAS SAFETY RULE in ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14:

- 1 This rule only applies when a runner at third breaks for home plate simultaneous with the delivery of the pitch.
- 2 When this occurs, the batter must either -
- 3 Let the pitch travel to the catcher without swinging or
- 4 Make a movement consistent with bunting the ball.
- 5 If the batter makes a movement interpreted as swinging bunt/slash at the pitch, the batter is automatically out. Furthermore, the pitch will be ruled a "Dead Ball" with the runner returning to third base and the third base coach will be ejected from the game.
- 6 Exception to this rule occurs ONLY when there are two outs and the batter count is full (3-2), including when the bases are loaded: In this case runner at third must proceed to home plate clearly in foul territory.

7uCP/8uCP Specific Rules –

Rule 8.0 of the USSSA National Rule book will govern this age division with the following clarifications

1. A minimum pitch speed of 32mph will be enforced. Pitches shall not have an upward "loop or lob". Pitches must be flat or on a downward trajectory and this is at the absolute judgement and discretion of the official.
2. A maximum of 5 coaches on any team
3. The Coach pitching is "an island" and shall not give verbal, physical instructions or silent code to his team while in the pitching position.
4. Warnings will be issued for thrown bats and at the absolute judgement and discretion of the official a player may be called out for throwing a bat after the first warning has been issued.
5. Once time is called, based on all runners that have either stopped running or returned to base, baserunners will be sent back to the last base occupied. This stoppage of play and location of the runners shall be at the absolute judgement and discretion of the official. Runners may leave base at their own detriment.
6. This division ins played with 10 fielders – you may start with 8 players but the 9th and 10th spots will be outs until a previously rostered team player shows up and is inserted into the 9th or 10th spot.

7. The field flips at 7 runs. There is no continuation rule unless the last batter of the inning clearly hits the ball over the outfield fence and declared a homerun by the official.
8. Each player is allowed six pitches so if the sixth pitch is fouled off the batters turn at bat ends in an out. There are no walks

Pre-Game Manager Responsibilities:

- Please have your team ready to play up to 15 minutes prior to the posted game time in case of a run rule in a prior game. This will help us to stay on schedule.
- Turn in Line Up sheets to plate official - Teams may hit their entire team but must be the entire roster in attendance. The lineup cards utilized must be the official AAD/USSSA Line up cards. As a courtesy, please list the first and last names on the line up cards as they are listed on the roster/birth certificate. Deviations from this requested courtesy are not protest-able.
- Ensure that ALL equipment complies with the currently approved list of bat and ball restrictions as published at www.ussa.com.
- Turn in 2 new game balls and one used game ball to the plate official - Game balls must be USSSA stamped. Teams provide the game balls. Leather (MLB spec) balls will be available for purchase at \$65.00 per dozen
- Determining home team – Home team keeps the official book.
- Option given to winner of coin flip in pool play.
- Option given to higher seed in elimination play – if both are the same seed a coin flip will determine. Championship games are a coin toss
- Removal of **ALL** jewelry from the players

Post-Game Manager Responsibilities:

The game card must be signed by both team managers as an affidavit of innings pitched and to confirm the final scores. If a manager or team representative neglects or refuses to sign the score card, he is accepting the information notated on the card – accurate or not. Once signed the game card becomes official and **no changes can be made**. PLEASE review the information (**score and innings pitched**) for accuracy. The statistician only looks at the final score, not the per inning score so make sure they add up correctly and the correct winning team is identified. Take a picture of the game card AFTER you have signed it. If there is a discrepancy in what is posted it will make it much faster to correct.

******USSSA WILL PLAY THESE DIMENSIONS (when capable) AND RUN RULES******

7uCP / 8uCP – 40' Pitching and 60' bases (when capable) – 1 hr and 15 min – 6 innings – 15 after 3 innings, 8 after 4 innings. Championship Game – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.

9u/10u – 46' Pitching and 65' bases (when capable) – 1 hr and 40 min – 6 innings – 20 runs after 2 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings. Championship Game – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.

11u/12u - 50' pitching** 70' bases (when capable) - 1 hr 40 min - 6 innings – 20 runs after 2 innings, 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings. Championship Game – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.

13u - 54' pitching** 80' bases - 1hr 50 min - 7 innings – 20 runs after 2 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, or 8 runs after 6 innings. Championship Game – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.

14u-18u - 60'6" pitching - 90' bases - 1hr 50 min - 7 innings – 20 runs after 2 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, or 8 runs after 6 innings. Championship Game – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.

*******All ages have a 20 run rule after 2 completed innings*******

PARK SPECIFIC RULES – Maps / Directions can be found on the local web site – www.abqussa.com

BE SURE TO SECURE YOUR VEHICLE AND DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES VISIBLE

NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS OR SPITTING AT ANY COMPLEX EXCEPT THE RRSC

RIO RANCHO SPORTS COMPLEX (RRSC) – TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

3501 High Resort Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho NM 87124 – On High Resort West of NM 528

1) NO SMOKING/VAPING WITHIN COMPLEX OR ALCOHOL WITHIN COMPLEX OR PARKING LOT

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX (ARSC)

1801 Arroyo Vista NE, Albuquerque NM 87120.

- 1) No metal spikes anywhere in the complex – turf or tennis shoes only on the mounds.
- 2) NO SMOKING/VAPING WITHIN COMPLEX OR ALCOHOL WITHIN COMPLEX OR PARKING LOT
- 3) NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS or any seeds with shells allowed at this complex – including the stands (we will have field supervisor looking in dugout and stands after each game.
- 4) No animals – except registered service dogs
- 5) No outside food or drink.
- 6) There will be a \$3.00-\$5.00 gate charge for all spectators over the age of 12
- 7) DO NOT PARK ON THE HILL/BERM TO THE WEST OF THE FACILITY
- 8) No propane heaters/tanks

NO METAL OR HARD PLASTIC CLEATS AT THE ARSC. TURF OR TENNIS SHOES ONLY ON ALL SYNTHETIC MOUNDS. SYNTHETIC MOUNDS ARE IN USE AT THE ARSC, INWLL, RR AND RRSC

WOOD BAT OR BBCOR ONLY - DROP 5 MAX

2nd Annual Easter Invitational 460-4Days - 4/7/2023



Day	Time	Field	Score
Fri 4/7/2023	9:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	10:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	11:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
Fri 4/7/2023	9:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	10:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	11:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
Fri 4/7/2023	10:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	11:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	12:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
Fri 4/7/2023	1:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	2:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	3:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
Sat 4/8/2023	9:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	10:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	11:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
Sat 4/8/2023	12:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	1:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	2:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
Sun 4/9/2023	9:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	10:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
	11:00 AM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#1	
Sun 4/9/2023	12:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	1:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	
	2:00 PM	Abq Regional Sports Complex ARSC#4	

- The results from the above POOL play games will be used to seed teams in each pool. The seedings will be based on:
1. Winning percentage - Descending (ties are 5 Wins, 5 Loss)
 2. Number of wins - Descending
 3. Total Runs Allowed - Ascending
 4. Total Runs Allowed - Descending
 5. Avg Pitches Allowed - Ascending
 6. Avg Pitches Allowed - Descending
 7. USSSA Points - Descending
 8. Date team entered USSSA - Ascending

14u Open ELIMINATION BRACKETS Championship Flight



2023 EASTER INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS
 1st Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner
 2nd Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner

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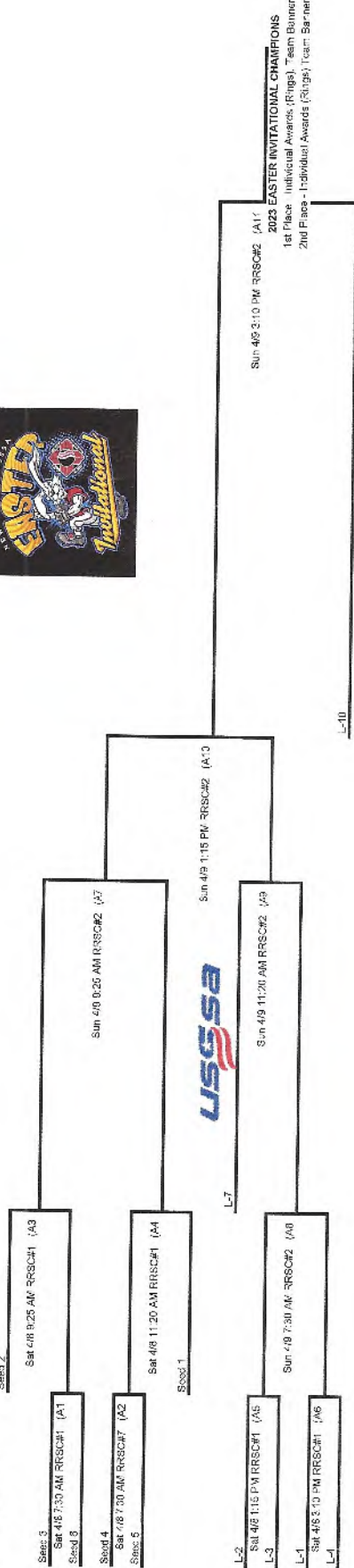
Baseball Boys 12 & Under Open
2nd Annual Easter Invitational 405-3Days - 4/7/2023
Pool Play Schedule



Pool A	Game#	Time	Field	Score	Match Up	Score
Pool 1)	4	Fri 4/7/2023 1:15 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[NM] NM Legends 12u-Abq VS. [TX] The Desert Devils	
	5	Fri 4/7/2023 3:10 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[CO] Colorado Rogues VS. [TX] The Desert Devils	
	6	Fri 4/7/2023 5:05 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[CO] Colorado Rogues VS. [NM] NM Legends 12u-Abq	
Pool 2)	1	Fri 4/7/2023 7:30 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[NM] Hooligans Worthen-RR VS. [NM] NM Legends-Blue-Abq	
	2	Fri 4/7/2023 9:25 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[NM] NM Legends-Blue-Abq VS. [TX] Rampage	
	3	Fri 4/7/2023 11:20 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#2		[TX] Rampage VS. [NM] Hooligans Worthen-RR	

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 2. Number of Wins - Descending
 3. Number of Losses
 4. Tie teams (w/ each other) winning percentage -- Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have no playoo each other)
 5. Avg. Points Allowed - Ascending
 6. Avg. Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
 7. USSSA Points - Descending
 8. Date Item entered USGSSA Database

12u OPEN ELIMINATION BRACKET
Championship Flight





Baseball Boys 12 & Under AA
2nd Annual Easter Invitational-4GG-3Days -- 4/7/2023
Pool Play Schedule



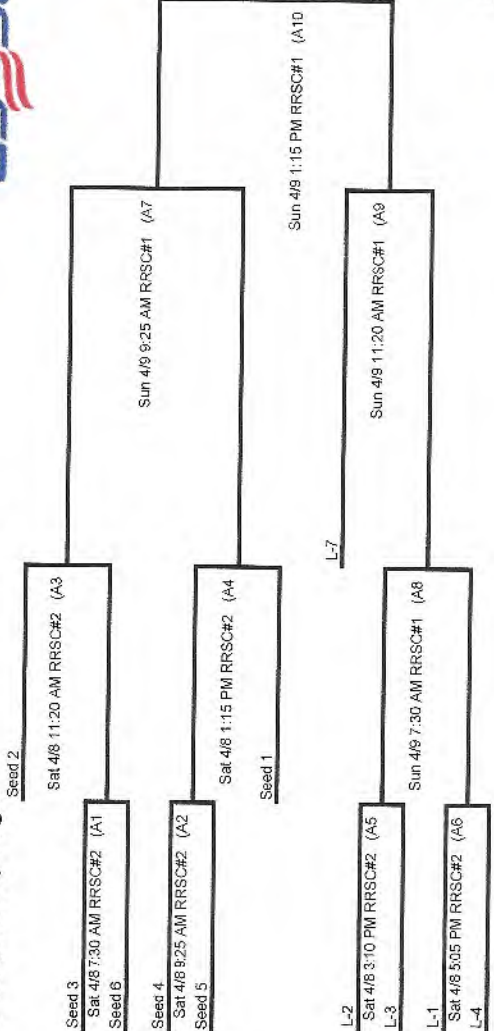
Pool A	Game#	Time	Field	Score	Match Up	Score
1		Fri 4/7/2023 7:30 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#1		[NM] gba grinders-carrasco-II VS. [NM] Hooligans A Mart-RR	
	3	Fri 4/7/2023 9:25 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#1		[NM] LC Braves VS. [NM] gba grinders-carrasco-II	
	5	Fri 4/7/2023 11:20 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#1		[NM] Hooligans A Mart-RR VS. [NM] LC Braves	
2		Fri 4/7/2023 7:30 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#7		[NM] Knuckleheads-RR VS. [NM] Expos-RR	
	7	Fri 4/7/2023 1:15 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#1		[NM] Expos-RR VS. [NM] Next Level 4C	
	9	Fri 4/7/2023 3:10 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#1		[NM] Next Level 4C VS. [NM] Knuckleheads-RR	
3		Fri 4/7/2023 9:25 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#7		[NM] Duke City Invaders-Abq VS. [NM] Desert Aces-3-Abq	
	6	Fri 4/7/2023 11:20 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#7		[NM] Desert Aces-3-Abq VS. [NM] VC Outlaws-L	
	8	Fri 4/7/2023 1:15 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#7		[NM] VC Outlaws-L VS. [NM] NM Pack 12U	
		Fri 4/7/2023 3:10 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#7		[NM] NM Pack 12U VS. [NM] Duke City Invaders-Abq	
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ARS = ABQ REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX - 1801 Arroyo Vista Blvd NE, Abq NM 87120
RRSC = RIO RANCHO SPORTS COMPLEX - 3501 High Resort Blvd, RR, NM 87124
No gum or seeds/smells at any synthetic turf field.
No pets, tobacco or vaping at posted complexes.

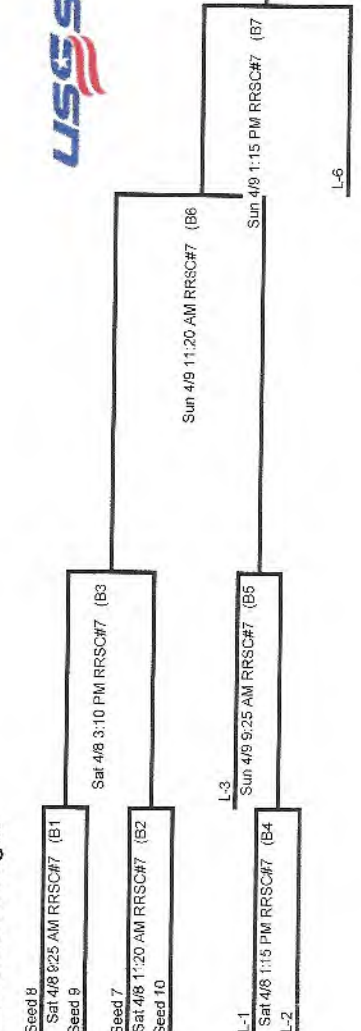
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1. Winning Percentage - Descending (ties are .5 win and .5 loss)
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 3. Number of Losses
 4. Tied teams (vs each other) winning percentage -- Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other)
 5. Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
 6. Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
 7. USSSA Points - Descending
 8. Date team entered USSSA Database

12U AA ELIMINATION BRACKETS

Championship Flight



Consolation Flight



2023 EASTER INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS
1st Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner
2nd Place - Individual Awards (Rings) Team Banner

2023 EASTER INVITATIONAL FLIGHT CHAMPIONS
1st Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner
2nd Place - Individual Awards (Rings) Team Banner

Baseball Boys 11 & Under Open
2nd Annual Easter Invitational-4GG-3 Days - 4/7/2023
Pool Play Schedule

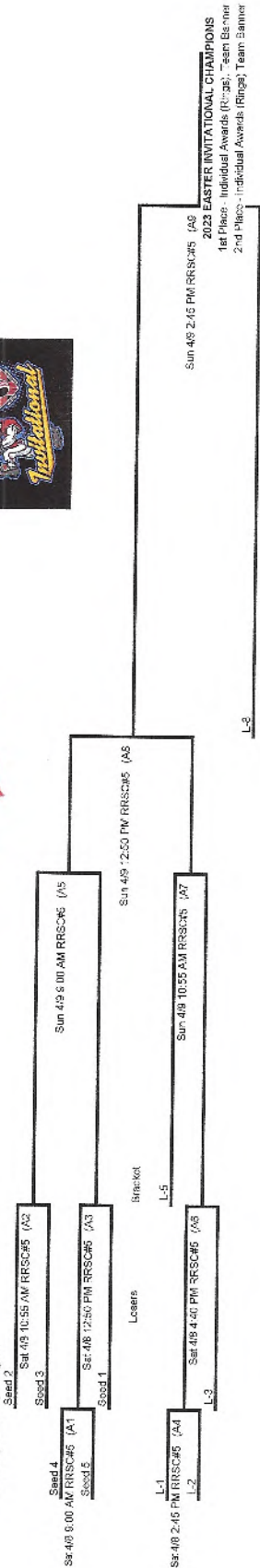


Pool A Court	Time	Field	Score	Score
1	Fri 4/7/2023 9:00 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#5		
2	Fri 4/7/2023 9:05 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#5		
3	Fri 4/7/2023 9:05 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#5		
4	Fri 4/7/2023 7:45 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#5		
5	Fri 4/7/2023 4:40 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#5		

The results from the above POOL play games will be used to determine the tournament champion

1. Winning Percentage - Descending (ties are 5 min and 5 loss)
2. Number of Wins - Descending
3. Number of Losses
4. Tied teams (tie each other) winning percentage - Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other)
5. Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
6. Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
7. USSSA Points - Descending
8. Date team entered USSSA (later is better)

11u Open Elimination Bracket
Championship Flight



ARSC = ABO REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX - 1801 Arroyo Vista Blvd NE, Abo NM 87120
RRSC = RIO RANCHO SPORTS COMPLEX - 3501 High Road Blvd, RR, NM 87124

No pun or establishments at a synthetic turf field
No pets, tobacco or vaping at posted complexes

2023 EASTER INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS
1st Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner
2nd Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner



Baseball Boys 10 & Under Open
2nd Annual Easter Invitational 4GG-3Days -- 4/17/2023
Pool Play Schedule



Game#	Time	Field	Match-Up	Score
1	Fri 4/17/2023 10:55 AM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#4	[NM] Duke City Hustlers-Abq VS. [NM] SW Snipers McRee-Abq	
2	Fri 4/17/2023 12:50 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#3	[NM] NM Legends 10u-Abq VS. [NM] Hooligans Chavez-RR	
3	Fri 4/17/2023 12:50 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#4	[NM] SW Snipers McRee-Abq VS. [NM] Las Vegas Wolfpack	
4	Fri 4/17/2023 2:45 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#3	[NM] Hooligans Chavez-RR VS. [NM] NM Outlaws	
5	Fri 4/17/2023 2:45 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#4	[NM] Las Vegas Wolfpack VS. [TX] EP Sharks	
6	Fri 4/17/2023 4:40 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#3	[NM] NM Outlaws VS. [NM] NM Legends 10u-Abq	
7	Fri 4/17/2023 4:40 PM	Rio Rancho Sports Complex RRSC#4	[TX] EP Sharks VS. [NM] Duke City Hustlers-Abq	

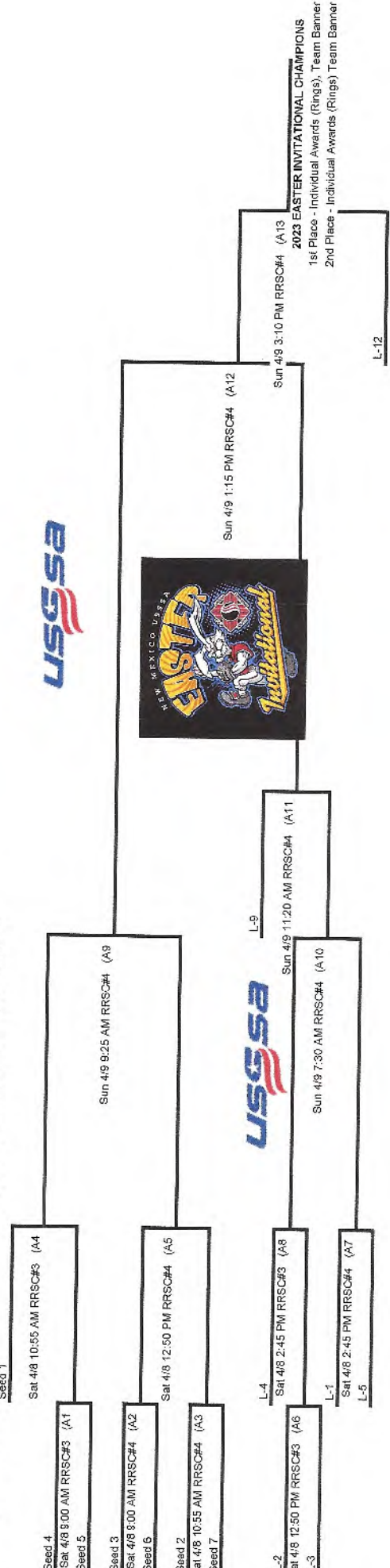
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No gun or seeds/shells at any synthetic turf field.
No pets, tobacco or vaping at posited complexes.

- The results from the above POOL play games will be used to determine the tournament champion
1. Winning Percentage - Descending (ties are .5 win and .5 loss)
 2. Number of Wins - Descending
 3. Number of Losses
 4. Tied teams (vs each other) winning percentage -- Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other)
 5. Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
 6. Avg Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
 7. USSSA Points - Descending
 8. Date team entered USSSA Database

Championship Flight

10U OPEN ELIMINATION BRACKETS



2023 EASTER INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS
1st Place - Individual Awards (Rings), Team Banner
2nd Place - Individual Awards (Rings) Team Banner

From: abqusssa@aol.com
To: abqusssa@aol.com
Sent: 3/28/2023 9:20:06 AM Mountain Standard Time
Subject: 2023 Easter Invitational Update - Post Bracket Release

Teams in the **2023 Easter Invitational**,

Below is an update to the upcoming event. Please forward all this information to your team members.

NATIONAL USSSA WEB SITE – With the current instability of the national USSSA web site, in addition to posting the brackets on the national site I will be posting brackets on a Google Doc's page and will be updating both as the event progresses. If the national site goes down, during the event, I will email links to the Google Doc's page to the managers of the team.

FINAL NUMBERS – 50 total teams

The list of teams can be found on the national USSSA web site for each division.

I am finished with the bracketing process and they have been posted to the national web site. At this time, below is the projected bracketing concepts and fields of play.

10u Open– 7 Open teams – Two games in pool play on Friday. After all the pool play games are done on Friday, the double elimination bracket for Sat/Sun will be updated on the national site.

This division will be played at the:

Rio Rancho Sports SOUTH Complex (RRSC) – [Map / Directions to Rio Rancho Sports Complex](#)

11u 5 Open Teams – Two games in pool play on Friday. After all the pool play games are done on Friday, the double elimination bracket for Sat/Sun will be updated on the national site.

This division will be played at the:

Rio Rancho Sports SOUTH Complex (RRSC) – [Map / Directions to Rio Rancho Sports Complex](#)

12u 16 Teams / 6 Open – 10 AA teams – Two games in pool play on Friday. After all the pool play games are done on Friday, the double elimination bracket for Sat/Sun will be updated on the national site.

This division will be played at the:

Rio Rancho Sports SOUTH Complex (RRSC) – [Map / Directions to Rio Rancho Sports Complex](#)

13u 10 Open Teams – Two games in pool play on Friday. After all the pool play games are done on Friday, the double elimination bracket for Sat/Sun will be updated on the national site.

This division will be played at the:

Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex (ARSC) **– [Map / Directions to Abq Regional Sports Complex](#)

**** Note – ALL pitchers in the 13u age divisions must use turf shoes or tennis shoes on synthetic mounds. Metal and hard plastic cleats are NOT permitted on synthetic mounds**

Metal Spikes and hard plastic cleats are not permitted anywhere on the field at the Abq Regional Sports Metal Spikes are not permitted anywhere on the field at the Abq Regional Sports Complex **

14u – 12 Open teams– Wood / BBCOR bats only. – Two games in pool play on Friday. After all the pool play games are done on Friday, the double elimination bracket for Sat/Sun will be updated on the national site.

This division will be played at the:

Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex (ARSC) **– [Map / Directions to Abq Regional Sports Complex](#)

**** Note – ALL pitchers in the 13u age divisions must use turf shoes or tennis shoes on synthetic mounds. Metal and hard plastic cleats are NOT permitted on synthetic mounds**

Metal Spikes and hard plastic cleats are not permitted anywhere on the field at the Abq Regional Sports Metal Spikes are not permitted anywhere on the field at the Abq Regional Sports Complex **

FIELDS AND MAPS – To each field are available on the local web site – www.abqusssa.com under the Fields link on the left-hand side of the home page. Each of the facilities that we rent for tournament events have park specific policies and rules. Please adhere to those rules as we are guests of these facilities. All park policies are posted on the national web site under the schedule page. A few that I want to stress are:

NO ALCOHOL at any facility – including the parking lots

NO Smoking at any facility

Chewing tobacco is prohibited at – All Public Schools and Little League facilities.

Please pick up your trash after each game – Dugouts and Stands

The ARSC does charge a \$5.00 per person spectator gate charge but that is the only complex that charges a gate.

The ARSC does NOT allow outside food or drink into the complex except for individual water/Gatorade for players.

Park only in designated parking areas for each facility.

PRE-FIRST GAME –

Be sure to arrive at your field 1 hour prior to your first game time and see your Site Director to check in and pick up line up cards

Umpires will not start your first game until you have checked in. **Teams are required to bring proof of insurance (if you do not have USSSA insurance) naming USSSA additionally insured on your policy.** If you have USSSA insurance I'll be able to print a copy.

TOURNAMENT RULES - All managers should read and understand the national USSSA playing rules and bylaws for this event. They can be found at - [2023 USSSA Playing Rules](#). In addition to the national playing rules a copy of the official tournament rules will be provided in the team packets. UNOFFICIAL tournament rules and specifics will be emailed out by the middle of the week, next week. General tournament rules are posted on the local program web site - Click here for [General Tournament Rules and Policies](#)

NO METAL SPIKES or HARD PLASTIC CLEATS ANYWHERE AT THE ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL SPORTS (ARSC) COMPLEX!!

13u / 14u Reminder – All Pitchers will be required to wear turf cleats or tennis shoes on the portable mounds – no metal spikes or hard plastic spikes on the synthetic turf mounds.

Synthetic mounds will be used at ALL ARSC fields.

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY COMPLEX EXCEPT THE RRSC

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK ALLOW AT THE ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX (ARSC) AND THE ARSC CHARGES A \$5.00 GATE FOR SPECTATORS OVER THE AGE OF 12 YEARS OLD

There are NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS allowed at any complex except the RRSC.

INSURANCE – As is posted on the national tournament site (www.usssa.com) each team is required to have insurance for this event. As of this email there of teams that do not show that they have USSSA insurance. If you have insurance through a different organization, you must have USSSA name additionally insured on your policy and submit proof of insurance prior to playing. Please email them to me if you are not a local team. Please contact insurance@usssa.com or visit the national USSSA web site to obtain your teams policy. THE EVENT DOES NOT CARRY MEDICAL OR LIABILITY INSURANCE for the teams.

SCHEDULE / BRACKETS - Many of the out-of-town teams have requested late start times on the first day of the event and I will attempt to accommodate these requests the best that I could but with teams from outside (of the 50 total) Abq/RR, there is no way to avoid early games

on the first day of the event, for some out-of-town teams and/or in some cases avoid games between out-of-town teams from the same area. Our scheduling / bracketing philosophy for tournaments is:

- Follow the states policy on seeding teams into pools based on (1st) team classification and (2nd) current USSSA Points+ USSSA Power – adjustments to pools may occur if the national seeding places teams from the same area in the same pool. Being a high seed does not ensure a late 1st game time. It does affect the strength of the teams in your pool.
- Per the notice on the tournament page of the national web site: IF an out-of-town team makes a request (at or prior to the entry deadline, which has passed) for a later start on the first day of the event, I work to accommodate those requests giving priority to the order the team pay's the entry fee. If no request was made, it is presumed your team would be available to play as early as the first game time of the event. Bottom Line – the latest game times go to the out-of-town teams that have paid the earliest.
- Work to schedule pool play games to ensure teams play opponents they have not played recently. Sometimes this is not possible depending on the number of teams in each bracket and where they are from.
- Work to schedule out of town team pool play games back-to-back so they have an opportunity to do more than just play baseball while at the event. Sometimes this is not possible depending on the number of teams in each bracket, where they are from, their current USSSA ranking and when they paid the entry fee.
- Every attempt has been made to play games involving two local teams before a game involving an out-of-town team.
- Teams will be seeded into the Elimination Brackets based on the overall outcome of pool results - #1 - #?. Seeding into the elimination brackets are based on the OVERALL pool play game results and not in pool games only, factoring in the posted tie breaker criteria.
- In town teams will play earlier games when possible and the last (or late) paid teams will be more likely to receive a split in their pool play schedule.

The national web site – www.ussa.com is where the Pool Play brackets and Elimination brackets will be posted. They will be updated, as covered above, as the event progresses.

ROSTERS – Be sure to update your roster on the national USSSA web site no later than 3pm on **Tuesday April 4th**. There will be NO additions to any team's roster once the first pitch of their first game has been thrown and there will be no write in players at the event. Players First and Last (no middle names) names, on the national USSSA roster, must appear EXACTLY as they appear on the players birth certificate and without prefixes and suffixes. PLEASE, PLEASE pay attention to this and review your rosters now to make sure the names and birthdates are correct.

Example of what I find most often:

Players birth certificate states the players first name is Joseph but the roster has Joey or Joe . . . this must be corrected. If necessary, send me the correction via email and I'll fix it for you.

There will be no warnings issued and if a team is found using an ineligible player. The team will be forfeited from the event and placed last in the standings. See Rule 3.03 and also 3.08 in the national USSSA playing rules.

With the new USSSA process for rostering normal players and guest players, the parent must approve the addition to the roster AND sign the waiver before the player will show up on the team's roster. If the player is not approved and the waiver signed, he/she may be on the roster but he/she is not eligible to play until that is done. Please ensure that is done by **Monday April 3rd** so that if there are issues, we have time to correct them by the **Tuesday** deadline. If you need to have the invitation email resent to the parent, please send me the players full name, birth date and player ID number and I can resend the invitation to approve the roster addition and sign the waiver.

Also, be sure and list the actual manager of each team and all coaches on your team's page on the national website. If they do not appear on your team's page, with an approved background check, they are not allowed on the field or in the dugout during games.

EVENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT – Each team must have an AAD/USSSA tournament participation agreement on file. Due to emphasis on sportsmanship and conduct all teams must resubmit this document. This document is basically a restatement of the Code of Conduct, park policies, refund policies, liability waiver and acknowledge of the challenges of staffing officials. Please print, read and sign this agreement and turn in prior to your first game. The EPA can be found at - <https://app.hellosign.com/s/IrJK4YP6>

TOURNAMENT RULES - All managers should read and understand the national USSSA playing rules and bylaws for this weekend's event. They can be found at - [2023 USSSA National By-Laws and Rules](#). In addition to the national playing rules a copy of the official tournament rules will be in the team packets posted on the national USSSA web site.

Click here for [General Tournament Rules and Policies](#)

This is covered in the tournament rules but I need to stress it, because it ALWAYS seems to happen – The game card must be signed by both team managers as an affidavit of innings pitched and the final scores. If a manager or team representative neglects or refuses to sign the score card, he is accepting the information notated on the card – accurate or not. Once signed the game card becomes official and **no changes can be made**. PLEASE review the information (**score and innings pitched**) for accuracy. The statistician only looks at the final score, not the per inning score so make sure they add up correctly and the correct winning team is identified. Take a picture of the game card AFTER you have signed it. If there is a discrepancy in what is posted it will make it much faster to correct

BASEBALLS – Each team will be required to provide 2 new USSSA stamped game balls at the pre-game umpire meeting for each contest. Only USSSA stamped baseballs are allowed in sanctioned USSSA events. I'm not in the "ball business" and you don't have to get them from me but I will have (and each site will have) pro grade leather baseballs for sale, by the dozen, for \$65.00 until they sell out.

TOURNAMENT EVENT T-SHIRTS – There are a limited number of shirts for this year's event so if you or your team is interested in purchasing them, don't wait until Sunday. ~ 200 shirts have been ordered – that's about 5 shirts per team based on the 50 teams in the event. Team names will be on the back of each shirt. If you would like to ensure shirts are available for your team, please email sgilmer98@aol.com with the quantity's styles, sizes you would like. There will be two material of shirts (**Dri-Fit – long sleeve and short sleeve and Cotton t-shirts – short sleeve**), in the following sizes (Adult XXL, XL, L, M, S, Youth L and Youth M). There are two ways you can purchase:

1. In order for your shirts to be guaranteed, you will need to pre-order them at <https://ussatournamentt-shirts.square.site/> Your order will be delivered to the complex you play at on Saturday.
2. There will be a small amount of shirt for general sales at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex. Please call Siera at 505-463-0557 for more information.

HOTELS – Out of Town Teams - Please complete the survey on our Google Drive so we know where you are staying. This helps us reach you if for some reason we can reach you on your cell phone AND helps the CVB with tracking the economic impact of these events since we don't have a "Stay to Play" philosophy. [AAD/USSSA Hotel Tracking Survey](#)

MAPS – To each field are available on the local web site – www.abqusssa.com or at this link – [AAD/USSSA - Field Maps](#)

The weather looks to be chilly in the am (high 30's) and mild in the afternoon (mid 60's) with no rain forecasted for the event. I hope you; your team and your families have a great tournament.

Thank you,

Dana

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From: abqusssa@aol.com
To: abqusssa@aol.com
Sent: 3/28/2023 9:49:20 AM Mountain Standard Time
Subject: 2023 Easter Invitational Roster Update - VERY IMPORTANT

2023 Easter Invitational Managers,

This email is just a reminder for you to review your team's roster on the national web site – www.usssa.com – to ensure that you have listed every player that will be participating this next weekend.

If a player is normally on your team but not participating in the event, leave him on the roster – you can't add a player back to your roster, if you drop him, during the same USSSA calendar year.

With the current USSSA rules a player cannot appear on more than one roster regardless of age division so if you need to add a player use the new "Guest Player" rule - https://usssa.com/docs/2021/bb_guest_player_guidelines.pdf

If you are using a guest player, once you have added him/her as a guest player you will receive an email confirming their addition. Please print that email and attach it to your printed roster when you check in.

All rostered players MUST have the parent approve the addition to the roster AND sign the on-line USSSA waiver OR the manager must print and obtain that parents signature on a paper roster and turn it in prior to the event. If a parent has not received the invitation to approve the roster addition AND they have an established account on the national USSSA web site please have them go to www.usssa.com/login and click the Guardians button to login to their account. They will be prompted to approve the roster entry upon logging in. Their login is their email address. There's a forgot password button on the login page should they need to use it.

Per the previous emails, the requested deadline for adding/correcting players is **Tuesday April 4th**.

Names and birth dates submitted must be EXACTLY as they appear on the player's birth certificate (B/C). After reviewing some of the current rosters it appears that some of the names have not been entered correctly, (I'm not saying they *are* incorrect but that they *could* be incorrect), such as:

Charlic instead of Charles

Matt instead of Matthew

Colt instead of Colton

Zach instead of Zachary

Nick instead of Nicholas

Alex instead of Alexander

Billy instead of William

Ben instead of Benjamin

Prefixes and Suffixes such as Anthony Smith **Jr** or Anthony Smith **II**, are not allowed.

Hyphenated last names – If the birth certificate doesn't show the last name hyphenated the roster can't show a last name hyphenated. If there is no hyphen, the last name listed on the B/C is the players last name, for USSSA roster purposes.

Middle Names – Only the first and last names are allowed on the USSSA rosters – No Middle Name or Initial.

Abbreviations – No abbreviations are allowed, such as AJ when his true name is Anthony Joseph.

Since no teams' rosters are qualified/frozen (yet), if you find that a player's information is incorrect, just send me any corrections that need to be made and I'll be happy to correct them for you.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE handle this – There is nothing I hate to do more (but will if I must) is send a team home (forfeit) because of an incorrect roster entry.

If you review your roster and find a player has an incorrectly spelled name or incorrect birth date, please delete that player and reenter the player (with the correct spelling or birth date) and then add him to your roster **UNLESS** your roster is qualified/frozen. If your roster is qualified/frozen and a name or birthdate is wrong you will need to email me to make the change. Please send me an email titled "ROSTER ADD/CHANGE - (your team's name and age)" and include the following information on the player to be added/changed:

First Name -

Last Name -

Date of Birth -

Address -

Cell phone number attached to the player -

Email Address attached to the player -

Your player may live across the street from me and I may have known him for 10 years but if his roster information does not correctly match his birth certificate, I am NOT going to save him, if he is protested. See USSSA Rule Book – rule 3.03-3.04 - *A player shall be eligible to compete in the USSSA Baseball program as long as he abides by the USSSA Constitution and the Official Baseball National By-laws & Rules when his first name, last name (no middle names, nick names, shortened names, slang names, initials, prefixes or suffixes are allowed) and date of birth (in proper format – mm/dd/yyyy) are listed EXACTLY as they appear on his original birth certificate, as a member on an eligible team's Official Online Roster. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in your team being prohibited from participating in USSSA. 3.04 A player who is in violation of the USSSA Constitution or the Official Baseball National By-laws & Rules shall be an illegal player. 3.04.A A team with a player found to be illegal due to age, grade or class violation, anytime during the USSSA event, will be deemed ineligible. The team WILL be disqualified and put in last place. The manager could face suspension. 3.04.B Any team in violation of any roster rules located in section 3.08, 3.09 and 3.10 MAY be disqualified from their current event and be placed in last place. The manager could face suspension 3.04.C A player found to be playing on multiple teams in the same weekend, anytime during the USSSA event, both teams MAY be disqualified and put in last place. The player, parents and managers could face suspension 3.04.D An ineligible player is any player not listed on the official online roster (when rosters are required), a player with an incorrect birthday, or a player with name listed incorrectly on the official online roster. All players must be listed on a team's online roster correctly prior to their first game or prior to the event's deadline to add players. Penalty: Any ineligible player MAY cause the team to be disqualified and put in last place. Each case will be looked at by the teams State Director to determine if the player is ineligible. 3.04.E For any player to be eligible, they must be listed on the ELIGIBLE PLAYERS list on their teams online Roster. This is done by approving the online RETURN TO PLAY WAIVER and approving the player for the team.*

If you have a drop that you need processed, please send me an email titled "ROSTER DROP - (your team's name and age)" and provide me the name and birth date of the player to be dropped. Keep in mind – once you drop a player from your roster you will not be able to add them back for the balance of the current USSSA year.

REMEMBER --There are NO write in players and no players can be added to your roster after the start of the events first game.

Thank you,

Dana

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Subject: **USSSA Park / Tournament Policies - 2023 Easter Invitational**

Date: 4/3/2023 10:10:28 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: dana.gilmer@usssa.com

To: dana.gilmer@usssa.com

All,

This email is just a reminder about tournament protocols and/or the park policies for each of the facilities that we rent for the events.

Our non-profit organization puts these events on for the kids and we want every team to have a good time. That said, we know the games can get competitive and coaches/parents can get animated. With that knowledge we have a couple of fundamental rules regarding conduct during the games.

1. Only the manager of the team (the singular person who attends the pre-game meeting) can have contact with or direct comments to the game officials. Violators are subject to removal by either the game officials or the Site Director/s.
2. No one is to direct negative comments to the other team or game officials. Violators are subject to removal by either the game officials or the Site Director/s.

Umpires will miss calls, at every level of baseball but what is important in the development of these young athletes, is how we as adults, handle those situations. Please compete with class and respect and if there is an issue, the manager is to contact the Site Director to work through the issue. As a reminder ? if a spectator is ejected from a game that spectator is suspended for the balance of the event AND the player, that the spectator is there to watch, is removed for the balance of that game.

Interesting articles on the state of officiating and club sports in the US:

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With regard to the park policies, we are guests at each field that we utilize, and we MUST be respectful guests to maintain the relationships and be able to put these events together for the kids.

No Sunflower Seeds or any seeds with shells. They are prohibited at all complexes except the Rio Rancho Sports Complex. Seeds are always banned at the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex, Cibola LL and North Valley LL.

Pets are not allowed at any complex except for service animals.

Alcohol is banned at all facilities including the parking lots, except the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex where it is sold. I oppose alcohol at youth events but it's a policy of the ARSC so please be responsible and remember these events are for the kids. Per the Code of Conduct team staff and spectators are prohibited from drinking alcohol before or during their teams games.

Smoking is prohibited at all facilities and all tobacco use is prohibited in the dugout or on the field.

Trash, please clean up your stands and dugout after each game.

ARSC - Propane Tanks are banned at the ARSC. They are allowed at the other complexes for heating purposes only. No cooking.

Please, do not park on the berm to the west of the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex ? that is private property and would be trespassing. The only complex that charges a gate fee is the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex -\$3-5.00 per day for spectators over the age of 12

The Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex does NOT allow outside food or drink to be brought into the facility EXCEPT players are allowed to bring in one water container (hydro flask, sealed water bottle or Gatorade).

All other complexes allow you to bring your own food or drinks.

13u-18u Cleats Metal cleats are not allowed anywhere at the ARSC. Metal AND hard plastic molded cleats are not allowed on mounds at the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex or any synthetic turf mound. Turf or tennis shoes are the only shoes allowed on synthetic mounds. Synthetic turf mounds, for these ages, are in use at the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex, Rio Rancho Sports Complex and North Valley Little League.

4/3/23, 10:10 AM

Gate Charge. The only complex that charges a gate fee is the Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex -\$3-5.00 per day for spectators over the age of 12.

A full outline of the tournament polices are posted on the local web site - http://smtplink.usssa.com/ls/click?upn=WsSINwXrfTzmOjygdbyJ0BuoXiotgi0M81G2KffMEzNosyKxJFLcUV8go8TNIQ5ebyN4dRWcPEfnsZZnCPRI36wfKJrmCmC6D0dWxAjwzoJdt-2BMdhFoag1GcXwvi7ZRpmW_kwLU9b36mrd2nqt-2BiNOOMd6SEGtbHmYxSZw4i5o3vcZJikeRwAyovYyPXDBKxa1NZk1uaLHb1nhfkQRQwFehVC3mTs86PTKgliVbQuqODgdBST8OwTXdyhg16Oy-2BgX4Ntqk9UPoldjeDMI.tzCwwlhjfgkYzEmPDx7JPBCI6qP-2Bjw9H8k2HdoPmVuXYDFNm-2FO-2FjJtj06lQ0gZPUZpGwmPQ-3D-3D

Best of luck to all the teams.

Thank you,
Dana

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BULLET POINTS – PLEASE ADDRESS WITH YOUR TEAM

Tournament Director (Rio Rancho Sports Complex – RRSC) – Dana Gilmer 505-417-1810 (abqusssa@aol.com)

Site Director (Rio Rancho Sports Complex - RRSC) Mike Olsen – 505-977-9685

Site Director (Rio Rancho Sports Complex – RRSC) Dan Pino 505-804-2356

Site Director (Abq Regional Sports Complex AM - ARSC) – Joaquin Mendoza – 505-307-2225

Site Director (Abq Regional Sports Complex PM - ARSC) – Chuck Roberts – 505-681-6199

Site Director (Abq Regional Sports Complex AM - ARSC) – Al Valencia – 505-355-8350

Site Director (Abq Regional Sports Complex PM - ARSC) – Robert Castillo - 505-401-2590

Complex Rules – MAPS to each facility are on the local site – www.abqusssa.com and national site www.usssa.com

NO SEEDS AT ANY COMPLEX EXCEPT THE RRSC

NO METAL SPIKES OR HARD MOLDED PLASTIC CLEATS ANYWHERE AT THE ARSC

NO PROPANE TAKES AT THE ARSC

NO METAL or HARD PLASTIC SPIKES on Synthetic Mounds in 13u and 14u.

NO ALCOHOL AT ANY FACILITY

NO PETS, SMOKING OR TOBACCO AT SOME FACILITIES

WE ARE GUESTS – PLEASE FOLLOW PARK RULES AND PICK UP YOUR TRASH

PREGAME

- Team managers must turn in the state mandated Coaches Covid Statement, Player/Parent Covid Code of Conduct for each player, tournament participation agreement and pick up your packet before you play your first game
 - Make sure the names and birthdate on roster are exactly as illustrated on Birth Certificate
 - No one can be added to a roster after the first pitch of the first game and no write in players.
 - Managers can go no further than the parking lot (10 minutes) to retrieve birth certificates.
- All managers must check in, the first day, with their site director, one hour prior to 1st game
- Once Line-ups are submitted to the game official, any changes are considered substitutions
- As a courtesy be sure to write the first and last name of each player on the line up sheet (and jersey number)
 - As listed on the Roster and Birth Certificate
- Home team determined by coin toss in pool play and choice goes to higher seed in bracket play. In bracket play if teams are the same seed teams will toss a coin to determine home team.
- NO metal spikes in 12u and below and no metal or hard plastic spikes on synthetic mounds in 13u or 14u
- Bats – Follows National USSSA rule book.
 - 9u-12u – no drop restrictions- MUST HAVE THE USSSA, USA or BBCOR STAMP or be Wood
 - 13u -8 drop – MUST HAVE THE USSSA, USA or BBCOR STAMP or be Wood
 - 14u-18U – must be BBCOR or wood barrel – Max -5 drop

IN GAME

- AAD/USSSA will be enforcing the new MLB rules on the number of pitcher disengagements and defensive shifting as written in the MLB rule book. The pitch/batter clock will be left to the discretion of the officials but is not usually an issue in youth games, unless it is flagrant.
- Game time is forfeit time – no exceptions – and games can start 15 minutes earlier than the scheduled start time so be prepared, please.
- Minimum number to start a game – 8 (with an out in the last spot)
- May bat 9, 10 or all present, eligible and uniformed players.
- Courtesy Runner for the Pitcher and Catcher (at any time) with a player not currently in the game. If no subs, last out can be the courtesy runner.
- 7u-8u CP play 6 innings with a 1:15hr time limit – finish the inning
- 9U-12 play 6 innings with a 1:40hr no new inning time limit – finish the inning – Run Rules 20/2, 15/3, 10/4, 8/5
- 13u-18u play 7 innings with a 1:50hr no new inning time limit – finish the inning – Run Rules 20/2, 15/4, 10/5, 8/6
- Championship Games – Teams flip coin for home team and add 15 minutes to the no new inning time limit.
- Derogatory chants or attempts to balk a pitcher, once set, shall not be directed at the opposing pitcher.
- If a spectator is ejected by a game official that spectator is suspended the balance of the event AND the player, that spectator was there to watch, is suspended the balance of the game that the infraction occurred.
- If you have an issue or question regarding an official's interpretation, be sure to ask for time and if/once granted time approach the official in a calm and professional manner. Only the manager (who attended the pregame meeting) can have dialog with the officials.
 - Judgement calls (examples are but not limited to fair/foul, ball/strike, safe/out) not open to discussion.
 - If you disagree with a RULE INTERPRETATION inform the official that you are protesting the interpretation and contact the site director to rule on the matter. Do not proceed with the game.
- Pool games can end in a tie – bracket games must have a winner and will use the California tie-breaker at the end of regulation (time or inning). If any pool play game cannot be completed (regulation game) on the day originally scheduled those games will be considered ties for the purpose of establishing bracket play.
- Pitching Limits as per the national USSSA rule book +1 total innings for the 5GG format– any violation will result in forfeit. **Single day max and max to pitch the next day stay the same - See rule 7.05.c.7**

POST GAME

- 9u-14u – Review the game card for accurate pitching and score and then sign the game card after your game.
 - If you refuse to sign the game card you are accepting the information submitted
 - If you sign a card with inaccurate information, you are accepting the information submitted.
- Check the national web site – www.usssa.com – for updates to the brackets and pitching counts