

**Managers, please do the following:**

1. Bring a copy of **2024 Season USSSA Roster/Registration with manger signature.**
2. Bring copies of Birth Certificates or State Issue ID Card.
3. Bring a copy of Proof of Insurance with proper coverage dates. **If you DO NOT have USSSA Insurance, see line #6 for further certified insurance requirements.**
4. Print a copy of the current tournament rules (**Make sure to review Pitching Limits & Bat requirements**)
5. Get directions to the park.
6. To participate in USSSA Events, please request a Certificate of Insurance from your insurance provider with an additional insured endorsement (this is a separate page from the certificate of insurance) for the following two additions:

**United States Specialty Sports Association, Inc., USSSA, LLC, and their affiliated entities, officers, directors, servants and employees.**

5800 Stadium Parkway  
Melbourne, FL 32940

**AND**

**Eric Bell's Professional School of Baseball, LLC**

1140 S. 124<sup>th</sup> St.  
Chandler, AZ 85286

**\*\*\*\*MAKE SURE ALL YOUR  
PLAYERS ARE ON YOUR  
ELIGIBLE ROSTER LIST.\*\*\*\***

**USSSA Thanksgiving Shootout Global NIT  
November 24-26, 2023**

Dear Managers,

Team check-in is mandatory with tournament director (1 hour prior to your first game). **You MUST check-in prior to playing your first game.** We will need a copy of an updated 2024 season USSSA team roster/registration and copies of birth certificates or state issued ID cards for each player. Players do not need to be present at check-in. Teams not registered with USSSA for the 2024 season will need to do so online at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Teams will NOT be able to register at the tournament and all players added or deleted must be done online prior to check-in. **Players may NOT be penciled in on your rosters.** Players will not play if a birth certificate/ID card is not available for verification at check-in. Age cut off is **May 1st, 2024.** (e.g., 12U player can't turn 13 prior to May 1st, 2024). Players may play up, but not down in age. Exception: Grade base

Artificial Noise Makers are prohibited at AZ USSSA events. Music can be played during non live ball action however the volume is not to be heard by surrounding fields. Tournament staff has the right to disallow the usage of music for the remainder of the event if deemed inappropriate or at a high volume.

Check the website daily for schedule revisions. Arizona USSSA reserves the right to modify the brackets should scheduling conflicts arise. The bracket schedule displayed at check-in supersedes all other revisions. Recheck brackets online the night before tournament starts.

The Tournament hotline for **weather updates on the bracket page of the website**. Playoff seedings after pool play will be posted directly on your schedule online thru USSSA website. Pitching Tracking will be on USSSA schedule website.

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.

**Steel cleats may not be worn on portable mounds at any of the parks. Make sure the pitchers have an extra pair of shoes to pitch in. The Umpires will strictly enforce this and eject managers if not followed!**

**No Hitting Stations will be allowed on the grass at any park!**  
**Gates will open 1 hour prior to first game.**

**Snedigar Sports Complex - Chandler.** There will be a concessions stand. **No alcohol allowed in the park or parking lots at any time. The park attendants will strictly enforce this.** Gates will open 1 hour prior to first game.

### **Cactus Yards**

Entry Fee: On tournament days there will be a \$5.00 entry fee for anyone 16 years of age or older. This includes coaches and players above the age of 16. Gates will not open until one hour before the first game. Prohibited Items: Glass Containers – Smoking (except in designated areas) – Littering – Interference with Reserved Use Areas – Abusing Facilities/Disruptive Behavior - Unreasonable Noise/Amplified Music – Motorized Vehicles (unless permitted) – Solicitation or Posting Handbills – Weapons or Projectiles – Overnight Recreation Vehicle Parking – Parking in Areas Not Designated for Parking – Use of Park Designated as Closed – Alcohol Leaving Fenced Area (Facility). Cactus Yards does not allow the entry of food or beverages. Water is allowed. Sealed water is acceptable. Re-useable water bottlers are allowed, individuals may be asked to open upon entry. Coolers will not be allowed. Outside alcohol is prohibited. Ball field Rules: Hitting nets or other warm-up/practice equipment is not allowed to be staked. Players cannot enter the field of play while a game is taking place. Soft toss against the fence is prohibited. Climbing on or over fences is prohibited. Alcohol is not allowed on the fields or in the dugouts/players bench.

**Victory Lane Sports Park** is a private Park and has a daily gate charge of \$5.00 for spectators 13 & older. All Players & Spectators 12 & Under are admitted free of charge. This park is a private facility that offers many amenities. Concessions will be available from three locations including a 2nd story sports grill. Hot

Breakfast items are available in the mornings at the park along with many new items. No outside food or drinks may be brought into the park (**Bags will be checked**) with the exception of the **manager** of each team may bring in one 5 gallon water cooler (barrel style) for a game. This cooler can only contain ice and water and must remain in the dugout. The baseball teams will be responsible for the water and ice in their cooler ... the park will not be selling ice or water for team water coolers. **This cooler policy is for teams only.** The park reserves the right to inspect a team cooler at any time. Also ... individual players can bring in a 1 gallon bottle of water in lieu of the team water cooler. I'd advise to freeze the water bottle. Park has refrigerated water fountains and swamp coolers in each of the 12 field dugouts. Water fountains are also located near the concession areas. No ice chests are allowed. Steel cleats may only be worn only on the playing fields and no pets are allowed. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed in the parking lot at any time. The park attendants will strictly enforce this.

**Code of Conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:**

- 1.) No manager, player, or spectator shall physically/verbally threaten, lay a hand upon, shove, or strike an official, field supervisor, staff member, player and/or spectator.
- 2.) No manager, player, and/or spectator shall be guilty of objectionable and/or disruptive verbal demonstrations of dissent at an official's or field supervisor's decision, or refuse to abide by official's or field supervisor's decision. No manager, player, and/or spectator shall be guilty of verbal abuse to include references to an individual or group's race, religion, gender, national origin, disability or age.
- 3.) Participants shall not use flagrant rough tactics against an opposing player.
- 4.) There shall be no unnecessary throwing of equipment, or any other objects.
- 5.) There will be no cause for defacement or destruction to any public facility or equipment.

Re-entry Policy: If you leave the tournament and plan to return the same day you must receive a hand stamp to be permitted for re-entry.

Team Awards for 1st - 2nd & Individual Awards for 1st - 2nd will be given out in each age group for Majors, AAA, AA Divisions. Additionally, the top Team in each division also qualifies for a USSSA World Series Berth.

Teams will be directed to a designated awards presentation area. It is your team's responsibility to claim their awards at the tournament. Awards will not be mailed unless the team pays for shipping and handling fees in advance.

Finally, we would like to thank the players, parents and coaches for choosing to play in this tournament. We realize there are many tournaments from which to choose. We want to make this tournament an enjoyable experience for everyone, especially the players. Please feel free to call upon the tournament staff or us to service you in any way.

Sincerely,

Eric Bell  
AZ State Directors  
Arizona USSSA Baseball  
"More Kids Playing More Baseball"