

INDIANA USSSA



COLUMBUS VISITORS CENTER COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION Proudly present the 2011 GREAT LAKES USSSA MEN'S CLASS 'E' NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

CONGRATULATIONS! Your team has won a berth to the 2011 USSSA Great Lakes Class 'E' National Tournament.

WHEN & WHERE: Lincoln Park in Columbus, Indiana from September 3 – 5, 2011. We will play on Monday, 9/5.

ENTRY FEE & FORMAT: The entry fee for this scheduled 3 game guarantee event will be **\$325.00**. Only money orders, certified checks, cashier's checks or USSSA director's checks will be accepted. **Make payable to USSSA.** Teams paying by personal check will not be entered. Please follow the registration procedures below.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Charlie Reinbold, Indiana State Director; Karen Reinbold, Assistant State Director; and Rudy Rice, state U-I-C, will serve as Tournament Directors for this event. For information prior to the tournament call Charlie at (812) 989-4162 or email him at inussacr@aol.com. You can also visit the Columbus, Indiana Visitors Center website at www.columbus.in or the Columbus Parks Dep't website at www.columbus.in.gov/parks.

ROSTERS: All rosters **MUST** be online on the USSSA website.

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INDIANA TEAMS: Mail to your State Director, **to be received no later than August 24.**

Charlie Reinbold – 3428 Gander Dr. – Jeffersonville, IN 47130

KENTUCKY TEAMS: Mail to your State Director, **to be received no later than August 24.**

Greg Smith

ILLINOIS TEAMS: Mail to your Director, **to be received no later than August 24.**

Mike Peura – 8 Fox Glen Ct. – Yorkville, IL 60560

Brenda Paulson – 6420 Porter Rd. – Rockford, IL 61101

OHIO TEAMS: Mail to your State Directors, **to be received no later than August 24.**

Cincinnati area: Mark Linnemann – 3023 Bernard Dr. – Edgewood, KY 41017

Ohio Central and South: Scott Kuhnen – 1544 Stormy Ct. – Xenia, OH 45385

WEST VIRGINIA TEAMS: mail to your state director, **to be received no later than August 24.**

Carl Pate – PO Box 222 – Waverly, WV 26184

STATE DIRECTOR INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINE: Sunday, August 28, 2008. State Directors must forward team entry fees, entry forms, travel data forms, frozen rosters if not online and the "Official Letter of Transmittal" to: **Charlie Reinbold – Indiana USSSA – 3428 Gander Dr. – Jeffersonville, IN 47130.** "Letter of Transmittal", entry forms and roster forms (if not online) may be sent via email at inussacr@aol.com.

AWARDS: Team awards to first through fourth place; individual awards to first and second place; Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Offensive Player; Outstanding Defensive Player; & All Tournament Team (16 plus manager).

BERTH & TRAVEL EXPENSE: The tournament champion will receive \$300 in travel expenses for the 'E' World Tournament in Disney World from Sept. 14 - 18, providing the team attends. The two highest finishing, previously unqualified teams will be awarded a paid berth to the 'E' World Tournament. The teams must accept the berths immediately upon conclusion of the tournament or the berths will be passed down

ADMISSION: Admission for the tournament will be \$5.00 per person per day. This charge includes everyone except rostered players, manager, children 16 and under accompanied by an adult and senior citizens. No refunds will be made for any reason including inclement weather.

FIELD CONDITION HOTLINE: In case of inclement weather call Charlie at (812) 989-4162 or 4161.

GAME TIMES AND PAIRINGS: The tournament will begin on Saturday morning around 9:30am and all teams must be available to play at this time. The tournament will be seeded according to the USSSA Point System, avoiding teams from same area playing each other in their first game if at all possible. Teams can call Charlie (812)989-4162 for game times on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 5pm to 9pm or on Thursday, Aug. Sept. 1 from noon to 6pm. **Do not call prior to this time. The bracket will also be posted on the USSSA website.**

PHOTO ID: All participating players in USSSA tournament play shall have Photo ID readily available; see By-Law Article III Section 12. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11-A 4-5 in the USSSA Rule Book to be applied. The offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings and forfeits all awards, sponsor expense money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament. If it the team's first loss in a tournament and if the player in question can subsequently furnish a valid photo ID prior to their next scheduled game, the offending team may remain in the tournament.

SOFTBALLS: USSSA official softballs will be provided by the host complex.

UNIFORMS: All teams must wear similar colored uniforms. No funny hats or hats worn backwards allowed. It shall be the tournament director's responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform to the rules or be removed from the game. Non-duplicating numbers are required.

HOME RUN RULE: Any batter who hits an untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory will be declared out and end the inning. Each subsequent time that position in the lineup is due to bat, the batter shall automatically be declared out. The player shall remain the game for defensive purposes only. This applies to any substitute in that batting position. The defensive team may walk the preceding batter or multiple batters to get to the position or positions in the lineup that is an out due to hitting a home run. There is no base appeals allowed when this results in the third out of the inning.

MANAGER'S MEETING: A manager's meeting will be held at Lincoln Park at **8:00am on Saturday, Sept. 3**, prior to the start of the tournament. Information concerning the tournament, rules, brackets, tournament passes, etc. will be discussed and/or distributed. It is mandatory that the manager or one representative of each team attend this important meeting. **Managers are responsible for all information discussed at this meeting – NO EXCUSES!!!**

PLAYING FIELDS: Lincoln Park has six enclosed diamonds with 300 foot fences, professional lighting, electronic scoreboards, dugouts; children's play area, and centrally located full concession operations.

CONDITIONS: The tournament committee reserves the right to change any game times, playing fields, dates or make any changes to conduct the tournament, including changing the tournament format if necessary. The tournament director, sponsor and hosts assume all players are competing at their own risk and will not be liable for any accidents or injuries. Entry into the tournament constitutes agreement to these conditions.

LODGING: The Columbus Area Visitors Center has requested special rates for this tournament. To receive the special rate, when calling for reservations mention that you are making reservations for the USSSA Class 'E' National Tournament held at Lincoln Park. A list of hotels is provided in this packet or you can go online to Columbus, Indiana Visitors Center at www.columbus.in.us and view the special rates.

FOOD & DRINK: No food or beverages are allowed to be brought into Lincoln Park. Persons violating this policy will be ejected from the Park for the entire tournament without refund.

MANAGERS: *Please make sure you advise your players and spectators of our admission, food and drink policy.*

HOTEL LIST

ALL HOTELS ARE WITHIN 15 – 20 MINUTES TO LINCOLN PARK

Best Western Horizon Inn
11780 N. US 31
Edinburgh, IN
812-526-9883

Charwood Corporate Suites
2000 Charwood Dr.
Columbus, IN
812-378-4840

Columbus Inn Bed & Breakfast
445 5th St.
Columbus, IN
812-378-4289

Country Chalet
624 N. Hickory Hills Dr.
Columbus, IN
812-342-7806

Courtyard by Marriott
3888 Mimosa Dr.
Columbus, IN
812-342-8888

Days Inn
43445 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN
812-376-9951

Hampton Inn
12161 N. US 31
Edinburgh, IN
812-526-5100

Holiday Inn
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN
812-372-1541

Holiday Inn Express
11711 N. US 31
Edinburgh, IN
812-526-9899

Knights Inn
101 Carrie Ln.
Columbus, IN
812-378-3100

Ramada Inn
2485 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN
812-376-3-51

Red Roof Inn
10330 N. US 31
Taylorsville, IN
812-526-9747

Sleep Inn & Suites
2335 Jonathan Moore Pike
Columbus, IN
812-372-7200

Super 8
110 Carr Hill Rd.
Columbus, IN
812-372-8828

Ruddick-Nugent Bed & Breakfast
1210 16th St.
Columbus, IN
812-379-1354

Travelodge
161 Carrie Ln.
Columbus, IN
812-372-6888

Wehmeier Homestead Bed & Breakfast
5900 E. 100 S
Columbus, IN
812-376-0600

For special hotel rates visit www.columbus.in.us
and click on tournaments and events.



2011 USSSA GREAT LAKES CLASS 'E NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Name of team: _____

From (city and state): _____

Team registration number: _____

Manager's name: _____

Mgr. complete mailing address: (street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Manager phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address: _____ (Fax) _____

Team sponsored by: _____

Current season's record: Won _____ Lost _____

Current season's championships won: _____

Past national or world championships won: _____

Note: Please attach any publicity data concerning individual or team performances as newspaper clipping, pictures, etc.

Enclosed is a cashier's check, money order or director check made to USSSA in the amount of \$350.00 to cover our entry fee.

CODE OF UNDERSTANDING

1. This entry form, along with your entry fee, must be submitted from your state director. Teams will not be allowed to forward forms directly to the World Tournament Director. In the event a State does not have a state director, then this form must be submitted to you Division Vice-President. Entry forms will be returned, as unaccepted, to teams that fail to follow this procedure.
2. The World Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that has arrived after the bracket is drawn.
3. All teams must be completely uniformed according to the USSSA rules governing that class of play.
4. Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
5. Any teams destroying property or involved in theft of motel property will be subject to disbarment.
6. My team stands ready to play at the time drawn on the bracket.

I AGREE WITH THE ABOVE CODE OF UNDERSTANDING

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, manager of the team shown on this entry form hereby state that the team represented by its roster, is a voluntary participant in this tournament which is sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby release and forever discharge USSSA and sponsors of this tournament from all liabilities, claims, actions and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue to us or to our heirs from every and any loss and injury including death that may be sustained by our person or property while, in, about, or route into and away from said tournament. AND WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby the USSSA and tournament sponsors from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for on account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, its sponsors or otherwise

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND CODE OF UNDERSTANDING

Signature: _____ (Team manager) Team Name: _____

INDIANA USSSA COLUMBUS PARKS AND VISITOR'S CENTER RELEASE

I, the undersigned, manager of a team known as _____

Hereby state that the team represented by the attached roster, is a voluntary participant in a tournament known as **2011 USSSA Great Lakes National Men's Class 'E' Softball Tournament.** Which tournament is sanctioned by the USSSA and by Indiana USSSA, Columbus Parks and Recreation and Columbus Visitor's Center. In consideration of the acceptance by the USSSA, Columbus Parks Dept. and Columbus Visitors Center of our Application to participate in said tournament I do hereby release and forever discharge the USSSA, Columbus Parks Dept. and Columbus Visitors Center of and from all liabilities, claims actions and possible causes of actions whatsoever that may accrue including death which may be sustained by person or property while in, about or route into and away from said tournament.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our undertaking as it relates to loss of Life and/or limb; therefore, it is agreed as follows: that in consideration of being allowed to participate in said tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA, Columbus Parks Dept. and Columbus Visitors Center from every claim, liability or demand of any kind for or on account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, Columbus Parks Dept. and Columbus Visitors Center or its sponsors or otherwise.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE

MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____

MANAGER OF (name of team): _____



USSSA TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA SHEET, THEN FAX
OR MAIL IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

Charlie Reinbold
Indiana USSSA
3428 Gander Dr.
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
Fax: (812) 218-0714
Cell: (812) 989-4162
Email: inussacr@aol.com

THIS IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED

Name of Tournament: _____

Team Registration Number: _____

Team Name: _____

From: (city) _____ (state) _____

Manager Name: _____

Mgr. Address: (street) _____

(City) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Date of arrival: _____ Estimated Time of Arrival _____

Method of travel: _____

Name of Hotel: _____

Number of rooms: _____ Number of nights: _____