



10U "Open" and 12U "Open" World Series Salisbury/Ocean City, Maryland July 18-22, 2012

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2012 USSSA Fastpitch 10U and 12U "Open" East World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Salisbury/Ocean City, Maryland. Games and festivities will be played at the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex, and other nearby parks as needed, on July 18-22, 2012.

The USSSA Fastpitch program will use a 5 game guarantee format in its World Series Tournament. Teams will be seeded into pools based on current USSSA ranking points and play a round robin. All teams will be seeded into a double elimination championship bracket following pool play. Seeding will be based on pool finish. The exact format of the tournament, e.g., number of games, number of teams in each pool, etc., will be set by the tournament director following USSSA Fastpitch guidelines as approved by the USSSA Fastpitch National Committee.

To participate in the tournament, your team will need to complete the online entry through www.ussa.com and submit an online payment at that time. At this point it will be subject to approval by your state director. Once approved, your entry will be considered complete for this World Series Event. Official entry and payment process must be completed **no later than Sunday, July 1, 2012**. The entry fee for 2012 will be \$465.

All team rosters must be on the USSSA website and must be the one that was in effect when your state/area director approved your World Series entry. Failure to comply with this rule will result in your team's removal from the tournament.

All players participating in USSSA Fastpitch youth tournaments shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date.



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Rules

All playing rules shall be governed by the official USSSA Fastpitch softball rulebook and national by laws. Note that the rulebook online at www.ussa.com will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

Tournament Director

Bill Dowell, USSSA Vice President of Fastpitch, 8343 Seamore Street, Pasadena, MD 21122
Office – 410 439 BALL; Fax – 410 437 8139; Email – bill.dowell@ussa.com

Tournament Host

Kate Roth, Sports Marketing Manager, Wicomico County Recreation, Parks, and Tourism
Office – 410 548 4914; Fax – 410 341 4996; Email – katemroth@comcast.net

Website

The tournament website is www.salisburychampionships.org/worldseries. Check it frequently for updates.

Tournament Headquarters

Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex – 711 Naylor Mill Road, Salisbury, MD 21801

Parks

The primary location will be the **Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex**, 711 Naylor Mill Road, Salisbury, MD 21801. To view information on HS Parker and obtain a list of other parks in the Salisbury/Ocean City area that may be used during the tournament go to our local website www.ussa1.com, then to "Parks", then to "Ocean City Blast at the Beach Parks" link in the upper right corner.

Awards

Awards Package sizes will be based on the number of teams in the tournament. *Below is the full size package that will be awarded for divisions with more than 32 teams.*

1. Team trophies to the top six teams
2. Individual awards to the top six teams
3. Team Sportsmanship award
4. Outstanding Pitcher award
5. Outstanding Offensive Player award
6. Outstanding Defensive Player award
7. MVP award



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Hotels

For information on all hotels in the area that are offering discounts to teams participating in the World Series, including the ability to book rooms online, go to www.salisburychampionships.org/worldseries.html and click on "Book Hotel Accommodations Online". Email hotels@wicomicocounty.org for additional questions or information.

Practice Fields

Teams may reserve practice fields once they are officially entered into the tournament (i.e., once their entry form and fee have been submitted online). Managers may reserve a field at the manager's check in or in advance by calling Lou Richardson, Wicomico Co. Rec & Parks, at 410 548 4900, x105 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST. Fields will be allotted in 1:45 increments. The cost per session is \$25 to be paid at team check in by cash or check only.

Check In Materials

All teams will be required to check in prior to the event. At this check in, it is mandatory that your team turn in a USSSA official roster, fully signed by players and parents, and proof of team insurance.

Gift Exchange

There will be an optional team gift exchange. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is not important. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange. Teams will be informed at check in who they are to exchange with and when the exchange will take place.

Admission

Spectator Admission is as follows: \$10 per adult per day or \$40 per adult for a tournament pass. For children ages 6-12 it is \$5 per day or \$20 for a tournament pass. Children 5 and under are free. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 coach passes and 20 player passes will be issued. Player passes will only be issued to those listed on the submitted roster, and only players in uniform will be allowed to enter on a player pass. A form to pre-order tournament passes is included in this packet. Admission fees for all USSSA World Series are established nationwide.

Note: Tournament passes may only be purchased in advance with the enclosed form. All forms and payments must be received by July 3, 2012. After that date, only individual day passes may be purchased. All pre-ordered passes will be distributed at manager's check in.



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Tentative Schedule

Wed July 18	9:00 – 11:00 am	Manager's check in at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (WYCC) 500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury MD 21804, in Lobby
Wed July 18	9:00 – 12:00 am	T shirt pre order pick up at the WYCC, in Lobby
Wed July 18	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Umpires' Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, in Flanders 1 5
Wed July 18	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Managers' Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, in Arena (max of 2 coaches per team)
Wed July 18	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Team Mom's Hospitality Meeting at the WYCC in Flanders 6&7 (not limited to just team moms presentation on area attractions and welcome gifts)
Wed July 18	5:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies at Arthur Perdue Stadium, home of the Delmarva Shorebirds minor league team (Gates open at 4:00, teams should report by 4:30)
Thurs July 19	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play begins
Fri July 20	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play concludes – Bracket Play begins
Sat July 21	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play continues
Sun July 22	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play concludes

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. The pool play and double elimination brackets will be given to coaches during the manager's check in. Player, coach and other pre tournament items will also be distributed at the manager's check in.

Note that all times are subject to change. Please verify itinerary during team check in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check the main bracket board for any changes in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions.

Softball & Bats

The tournament ball will be either the Worth Dream Seam or Red Dot, yellow leather cover, .47 cor. All bats must be on the most recent USSSA approved list (listed on www.ussa.com), must have a manufacturer's stamp of 1.20 BPF and must bear the USSSA logo.



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Tournament Program Book

We are planning a very extensive tournament program with lots of information, including all the brackets, directions to parks and other important facilities, valuable coupons for local businesses, good luck ads and team rosters and pictures.

Once team is registered online, the team manager/administrator should contact Erica from Wicomico Co. Tourism at rosters@wicomicocounty.org to receive information on how to submit a team roster with photo to be included in the tournament program book.

Good Luck Program Ads

Family, friends and team supporters can use the form included in this packet to submit a Good Luck Ad to be included in the tournament program book. Ads are \$15 for a 15 word mention, \$25 for a 1/8 page ad with 20 words and \$50 for a 1/4 page ad with either 15 words and a picture/logo (JPEG format or similar) or 30 words with no picture/logo. Deadline for submission of Good Luck Ads is July 3, 2012.

World Series Merchandise

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs, such as t shirts, World Series pins and program books will be sold during team manager check in, Opening Ceremonies and at each park throughout the tournament. All teams registered by June 15 will be given instructions on how to pre order their tournament t shirts.



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Wish your child and her team "Good Luck" during this year's USSSA World Series in Salisbury, Maryland!

Good Luck Ad Rates:

15 Word Program Mention	\$15
1/8 Page Ad (Up to 20 words)	\$25
1/4 Page Ad (Up to 30 words)	\$50
1/4 Page Ad (Photo OR Team Logo in .JPG Format and up to 15 words)	\$50

Instructions:

Please fill out the form below and submit with payment no later than July 3rd, 2012. Photos (only for 1/4 page ads) must be submitted in an electronic format on CD ROM or via e mail (Photos will not be returned). Label photo with player's last name and team name. Email photos to wicomicosportsmarketing@gmail.com or mail CD with form and payment. Payment accepted by check only. Make checks out to USSSA World Series Fund. Please note ads are subject to availability. Checks will be returned if ads sell out.

Please complete and mail back with payment and photo (if appropriate). Please print.

Name: _____ Player's Name (if applicable): _____

Team Name (if applicable): _____

Please circle which division your team is competing in: 10 "Open" 12 "Open"

Please check ad size (below):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Word Mention (\$15) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/8 Page Ad/20 Words (\$25) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Ad/30 Words (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Ad/15 words + photo (\$50) |

Message (Print Clearly):

Deadline for Payment/Contract: July 3rd, 2012

Contact: Erica, 410 548 4914 or wicomicosportsmarketing@gmail.com and mail completed form and payment to:
USSSA World Series Fund
c/o Erica
PO BOX 2333
Salisbury, MD 21802



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Spectator Pass Order Form

Team Name (please list as officially registered): _____

Head Coach: _____

Please circle which division your team is competing in: 10 "Open" 12 "Open"

Person Ordering Passes: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone (____) _____ Evening Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email #1 (req'd) _____ Email #2 (opt) _____

Item	Cost	Quantity Ordered	Total Cost	Payment
Adult Pass	\$40	x _____ =	\$ _____	_____ Check (make payable to Wicomico Co. Tourism)
Child Pass	\$20	x _____ =	\$ _____	_____ Credit Card
<i>(Child passes are required for children ages 6-12.)</i>				Name on Card: _____
Total Due: \$ _____				CC Number: _____
				CC Type: Visa MC
				Exp. : ____ / ____ CVV: _____
				Signature: _____

Notes:

1. Week long tournament passes may only be ordered in advance with this form. **Only individual day passes (\$10 Adult/\$5 Child) will be sold after the deadline, including at the tournament site.** Managers need to discuss this with their teams as no exceptions can be made at the gate.
2. Make check payable to **Wicomico County Tourism** (\$50 fee applied to returned checks).
3. Mail check/credit card information and order form to **Wicomico County Tourism, ATTN: Kate Roth, PO Box 2333, Salisbury, Maryland 21802** or fax to **ATTN: Kate Roth, 410 341 4996**.
4. Payment must be received by July 3, 2012. No refunds on pre ordered tournament passes.
5. Passes will be distributed at Manager's Check In on Wednesday, July 18.

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