



USSSA
9 & UNDER OPEN
USSSA WORLD SERIES
PRE-TOURNAMENT PACKET

DATES: JULY 18-25, 2009

TO BE HELD AT: ELLISVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
LOCATION: ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



HOSTED BY: BC BASEBALL

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Tournament Format Note: The **2009 9 & Under Open USSSA Baseball World Series** will be conducted under a pool play onto a double-elimination championship bracket or a single-elimination consolation bracket, as per USSSA baseball rules. Teams will be placed in pools where they will play a round robin within their pool. Teams will then be placed onto a Championship bracket or a Consolation bracket following pool play. The exact format of the tournament (e.g., number of pools, number of teams in each pool, etc.) will be set by the Tournament Director following USSSA Baseball guidelines and being approved by the USSSA Baseball National Committee.

NOTE: USSSA World Series are seeded based on points accumulated in USSSA tournaments and additional criteria such as separating entries from the same state, if possible. Also, a list of teams entering the tournament will not be provided in advance in accordance with recommendations from USSSA. Thanks.

Tournament Schedule: The schedule for the 9U Open USSSA World Series will be finalized during the week leading up to the start of the tournament and provided to teams at the Manager's Meeting on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Generally, teams should expect one or two pool games on Sunday, July 19, 2009. Teams should then expect one or two pool games on Monday, July 20, 2009. Bracket play will begin on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 with approximately half of the teams going to a double-elimination championship bracket and half of the teams going to a single-elimination consolation bracket.

NOTE: Teams should expect to play a minimum of 5 games, weather permitting.

Tournament Schedule

Manager's Meeting: Saturday, July 18, 2009 Time: 11AM
Location: Doubletree Hotel; Plaza 3
1973 Craigshire Road, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146
Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams are required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule will be distributed at this meeting.

Mom's Meeting: Saturday, July 18, 2009 Time: 12:30PM
Location: Doubletree Hotel; Plaza 3
1973 Craigshire Road, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146
All teams should have at least one representative at this meeting. ALL pre-orders will be distributed at this meeting. Important information about the player social, opening ceremonies, team photos etc. will be discussed at this meeting.

Team Check-In: Saturday, July 18, 2009 Time: 1:30PM – 3:00PM
Location: Doubletree Hotel; Plaza 4
1973 Craigshire Road, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146
Team Rosters and player birth certificates will be verified at this time. All players must be present at team check-in. Teams should report for check-in wearing their uniform for a team picture after check-in. **Also, teams should check their rosters as First and Last Names MUST match exactly as they appear on the birth certificate. Middle names should NOT be listed.**

NOTE: Teams **MUST** call in advance to reserve a check-in time. Contact Brian at the BC Baseball Office (573-445-8999) to set a check-in time.

Opening Ceremonies: Saturday, July 18, 2009 **Time:** 5:15PM (Arrive no later than 4:45PM)
& Cardinals Game: Saturday, July 18, 2009 **Time:** 6:15PM
Location: Busch Stadium
700 Clark Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

Teams should plan to arrive no later than 4:45M with Opening Ceremonies beginning at 5:15PM. Parade of teams will be led by St. Louis Cardinals' mascot Fredbird. Opening Ceremonies will precede the Cardinal game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The early time for the Cardinals' game also will allow teams to get back to their hotel in plenty of time to be ready for the next day's action.

NOTE: Everyone, including players, must have a ticket to the Cardinal game in order to attend the opening ceremonies. Teams should pre-order their tickets in advance and pay for these at Check-In on Saturday.

Competition Day #1: Sunday, July 19, 2009 **Time:** 10AM or 11AM (could be revised to a later time)
Location: Ellisville Athletic Association
2301 West Hill Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63011

Teams should plan to play one or two pool games on Sunday; tentative game times are being planned for 10AM or 11AM start, depending upon final number of teams entered in the World Series.

Competition Day #2: Monday, July 20, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)
Location: Ellisville Athletic Association
2301 West Hill Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63011

Teams should plan to play one or two pool games on Monday; tentative game times are being planned for 9AM, 11AM, 1PM and 3PM, depending upon final number of teams entered in the World Series.

Skills Competition: Monday, July 20, 2009 **Time:** 6:00 PM
Location: Ellisville Athletic Association; Fields 5, 6 and 7
2301 West Hill Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63011

Teams will have an opportunity to compete in a Skills Competition and Player Social at the Ellisville Complex while final seedings and bracket schedules are prepared for release. Also, all players and coaches will be provided with a coupon to purchase food and drink during the Skills Competition. Look for details on the Skills Competition events later in this packet. Please note that the overall objective of the Skills Competition is to have every player on each team participate and enjoy the social interaction of this tremendous event. No player will be allowed to enter more than one event.

Competition Day #3: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)
Location: Ellisville Athletic Association
2301 West Hill Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63011

Teams will begin play in the Championship Bracket (double elimination) or the Consolation Bracket (single elimination). Depending upon the bracket and seeding, teams could play two games in a day. (NOTE: Depending upon the seeding and round, it is possible for a team to play as many as three games in a day in the Championship Bracket.) Tentative game times are being planned for 9AM, 11AM, 1PM and 3PM, depending upon final number of teams entered in the World Series. (NOTE: Some days of bracket play could have 5PM games depending upon bracket and round.)

Competition Day #4: Wednesday, July 22, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)
Competition Day #5: Thursday, July 23, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)
Competition Day #6: Friday, July 24, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)
Competition Day #7: Saturday, July 25, 2009 **Time:** 9AM (could be revised to a later time)

Location: Ellisville Athletic Association
2301 West Hill Park Drive, Ellisville, MO 63011

Bracket play will continue for all remaining teams. Depending upon the bracket and seeding, teams could play two games in a day. (NOTE: Depending upon the seeding and round, it is possible for a team to play as many as three games in a day in the Championship Bracket.) Tentative game times are being planned for 9AM, 11AM, 1PM and 3PM, depending upon final number of teams entered in the World Series. (NOTE: Some days of bracket play could have 5PM games depending upon bracket and round.)

Skills Competition Details: The overall objective of the skills competition is to have every player on each team participate and enjoy the social interaction of this tremendous event. No player may enter more than one event. The events for the Skills Competition will be:

1. **Round The Horn (5 Players):** Five (5) players from each team will be allowed to participate. The players will take their positions in the infield (1B, 2B, 3B, SS, C). The catcher will start the event. The catcher will throw to third baseman, third-baseman throws to second baseman, second-baseman throws to shortstop, shortstop throws to first-baseman and first-baseman throws to catcher. The time will start when the catcher throws and time will stop when the catcher receives the throw from the first-baseman. **ANY DROPPED BALLS OR BAD THROWS ARE CONSIDERED LIVE AND TIME WILL KEEP RUNNING!**
2. **Accuracy Throw (3 Players):** Three (3) players on each team can participate. Each player will get three (3) throws to hit the target. Players must throw behind the marked position on the field. **PLAYERS WILL BE AWARDED 1PT FOR BOUNCING THE BALL INTO THE TARGET AND 5 PTS FOR HITTING THE TARGET ON THE FLY.**
3. **Base Running (4 Players):** Four (4) players from each team will be allowed to participate. Each player will start inside the batters box and run the bases. **TIME WILL START ON FIRST STEP AND END WHEN TOUCHING HOME PLATE.** (NOTE: Any additional player who has not participated in any event may participate in this event in excess of the four allowed entries.)

Manager's Meeting: Two representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams **are required** to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule will be distributed at this meeting. Game procedures, etc. will be reviewed at this meeting. This meeting will begin at 11:00 AM in Plaza 3 at the Doubletree Hotel on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Team Representative/Team Mom's Meeting: All teams should have at least one representative at this meeting. **ALL pre-orders will be distributed at this meeting.** (NOTE: Adjustments to pre-orders will be made at this meeting only!) Important information about the player social, opening ceremonies, team photos etc. will be discussed at this meeting. This meeting will begin at 12:30 PM in Plaza 3 at the Doubletree Hotel on Saturday, July 18, 2009. NOTE: Tickets for the Opening Ceremonies/Cardinals Game will be distributed at this meeting. The game is a sellout. The only remaining tickets are those set aside for the 9U Open World Series Participants and Fans.

Team Check-in: Teams will be allowed to check-in on Saturday, July 18, 2009, beginning at 1:30 PM and going until 3:00 PM in the Plaza 4 meeting room at the Doubletree Hotel. **Teams MUST call in advance to reserve a check-in time. Contact Brian at the BC Baseball Office (573-445-8999) to set a check-in time.** Team Rosters and player birth certificates will be verified at this time. Teams should report for check-in wearing their uniform for a team picture after check-in. Team members, along with no more than two coaches will be required to verify birth certificates against the team's Official On-Line USSSA Roster. Rosters will be provided by each state director. Coaches will be required to bring all players and the birth certificates for all players to the Check-In for verification. **Also, teams should check their rosters as First and Last Names MUST match exactly as they appear on the birth certificate. Middle names should NOT be listed.** (NOTE: All players must be present at Team Check-In.)

Field Restrictions: The BC Baseball League has a policy of NOT allowing any outside food or drinks to be brought into the complexes used for its tournaments and this includes the Ellisville Athletic Association and the Pond Athletic Association. No bottles, cans, jugs or coolers may be brought into the complex. There is a full-service concession stand on premises. Also food is not to be cooked in the parking lot area for safety and health code reasons. We appreciate your cooperation; however, we also reserve the right to inspect bags, etc. which are brought into the complex. If food or drink (which includes bottled water, flavored water, sports water or Gatorade type products) is brought into the complex, **it will be confiscated. Review this information with your parents and players so we DO NOT have to interrupt game and/or your coaching to deal with this!** Team water coolers are permissible as they will NOT be provided at either location. We also ask that you not bring pets into the complex – nor scooters, skate boards, etc.

Field Notes: Games will be played at the Ellisville Athletic Association complex. There are a total of 6 fields which can be used at the complex. These fields are dirt infields with portable pitching mounds.

Tourney Shirts: A tournament T-Shirt will be available for \$20 each. A limited number of shirts will be available in adult and youth large sizes. For team orders of 10 or more paid for all at one time, the price will be \$18.00 per shirt. To assure your team of receiving the World Series Souvenir T-Shirt, a **Souvenir T-Shirt Advance Order Form** is included in this packet. Utilize this form to order your shirts in advance of the World Series. Shirts ordered no later than 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 will be guaranteed availability. Other items also will be available such as a World Series pin, souvenir bat, etc. See the order form which follows this packet.

Tourney Photos: Team photos and action photos will be taken. Information will be provided at the Manager's Meeting and Team Mom's Meeting.

Weather Phone Number: Schedule changes will be updated on the BC Baseball web site (www.bcbaseball.org) and then click through to the St. Louis area info). We also will use a Hotline Number during the tournament for immediate weather info. That phone number is (573) 442-3693.

Warm-up Notes: **SOFT TOSS INTO THE FENCE ON ANY FIELD IS NOT ALLOWED.** Once teams take the actual game field, all throwing warm-up should be held in the outfield grass area. Once any field prep and maintenance (batter's box and pitching plate work and field lining) has been completed, teams may take ground balls before the game by splitting the field; however, **no full infield will be allowed.** At any field where pitchers warm up on the field, pitchers are to warm-up in the outfield foul area prior to the game and during the game. The pitcher is to throw towards the outfield fence parallel to the foul line. During the game, when a pitcher is being warmed up, a protector (a coach with a glove or player wearing a helmet and glove) is to accompany the pitcher and warm-up catcher with the protector to be stationed between the pitcher and batter facing the batter.

Tournament Rules: The tournament will be conducted under the rules of the USSSA, as published in the USSSA Baseball National By-Laws. All coaches are reminded and recommended to review all items under *ARTICLE VIII: USSSA BASEBALL PLAYING RULES*, most particularly *ITEM IV: GAME RULES*, which contains information on run rules, courtesy runner, re-entry, extra hitter, pitching limitations and pool-play advancement. Coaches also should review the USSSA sportsmanship rules for coaches, players and parents, as these will be followed and enforced. If you do not have a USSSA rule book, these rules can be referenced at www.USSSABaseball.org.

USSSA Sportsmanship & BC Baseball Fan Conduct Rule: The USSSA takes the matter of proper sportsmanship seriously. The Head Coach of each team is responsible for the behavior of his assistant coaches, parents, fans and players. Should the umpires have any issue in regards to improper conduct with assistant coaches, parents or players, the Head Coach will be held responsible. BC Baseball has one simple rule, which will be in effect for all tournaments it administers, "If a parent or fan is ejected from the park, the Head Coach will be ejected as well and will be required to escort that parent or fan to the parking lot immediately."



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TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN FORM

Please complete the following information and turn this form in at Check-In. Along with this form, you will need the following:

- 1 Copies of Birth Certificates or ID Cards for all players on On-Line Roster Form
- 2 Completed Tournament Check-In Form

TEAM NAME: _____

Age Group	(Circle One)	14U	13U	12U	11U	10U	9U	8U
USSSA CLASS:	(Circle One)	MAJOR	AAA	AA				

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any BC Baseball League tournament, the undersigned:

- A. Agrees that prior to participating, he/she will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he/she believes anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
- B. Acknowledge and fully understand that the participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further that there may be other risks not known to or is not reasonably foreseen at this time.
- C. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
- D. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the BC Baseball League, its affiliated clubs, respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, umpires, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners, and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereina

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

HEAD COACH SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

HEAD COACH NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

INFORMATION FOR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND

Please complete the following information to assist us in administering the tournament in case of inclement weather or a need arises to contact you. Also, this information is used by the Visitors Bureau to track this tournament's impact on local hotels. Thanks for providing this information.

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT CELL: (Include Area Code) _____

HOTEL: _____

HOTEL PHONE: _____

ROOMS: _____ ROOM NUMBERS: _____

This form and requested information to be turned in at Check-In



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TEAM ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM

FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS USE

Admission during the tournament will be \$7.00 per person per day or \$25.00 for a tournament pass. For children (ages 6-12) the charge will be \$5.00 or \$15.00 for a tournament pass. This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. A maximum of 3 player/coach passes will be issued.

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

PERSON HANDLING ORDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TEAM TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT PASSES: \$25 for adults; \$15 for children (ages 6-12)

NOTE: A maximum of three coaches passes will be issued

Quantity	Ticket Order	Total
_____	Adult Passes @ \$25.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Children's Passes (Ages 6-12) @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____

Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998

Payment For Passes Will Be Due at Check-In

Checks For Payment Should Be Made Payable to: BC Baseball



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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS BASEBALL TICKETS ORDER FORM

FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS USE

This form is being provided for teams to obtain tickets for players, coaches and parents to attend the St. Louis Cardinals game against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday (July 18, 2009) of the 9U World Series. Payment for these tickets will be due at Check-In. Teams should complete this order and fax it in prior to the World Series.

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

PERSON HANDLING ORDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TICKETS ORDERING INFORMATION

This form is being provided for teams to obtain tickets for players, coaches and parents to attend the St. Louis Cardinals game against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday (July 18, 2009) of the 9U World Series. Payment for these tickets will be due at Check-In. Teams should complete this order form and turn it in at check-in. Tickets will be priced at \$16 each and are located in the Pavillion Reserved area.

# Tickets	Item	Total
_____	Cardinal Tickets @ \$16 each	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS _____

**Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998
Payment For Tickets Will Be Due at Check-In**

Checks For Payment Should Be Made Payable to: BC Baseball



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SOUVENIR T-SHIRT TEAM ORDER FORM

This form is being provided for teams to order their Souvenir Tournament T-Shirts in advance. This order will be packaged for pick-up at Check-In, at which time payment is due for the shirts. Shirts are priced at \$18.00 each (instead of \$20 each), if teams order at least 10 shirts. Single purchase shirts also will be available at the tournament site for those teams not ordering as a team at \$20 each.

FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS USE

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

PERSON HANDLING ORDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

T-SHIRT ORDERING INFORMATION

NOTE: At least 10 shirts must be ordered to obtain team pricing listed below.

# Shirts	Shirt Size	Total
_____	Youth Large @ \$18.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Small @ \$18.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Medium @ \$18.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Large @ \$18.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult X-Large @ \$18.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult XX-Large @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult XXX-Large @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____

T-Shirt Design



Design to the left is 2009 World Series Souvenir T-Shirt design; advance orders are recommended!

Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998

Payment For Shirts Will Be Made at Check-In

Checks For Payment Should Be Made Payable to: BC Baseball



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WORLD SERIES SOUVENIR ITEMS ORDER FORM

This form is being provided for teams to order their Souvenir World Series items in advance. These items will be packaged for pick-up at Check-In, at which time payment is due for all items.

FOR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS USE

TEAM NAME: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

PERSON HANDLING ORDER: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ORDERING INFORMATION

# Items	Items Description	Total
_____	2009 Souvenir 9U World Series Pin @ \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	Souvenir St. Louis Arch Pin @ \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	2009 Souvenir USSSA World Series Pin @ \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	2009 Souvenir Pin Pack (includes all pins above) @ \$12 each <small>(NOTE: Pin Pack Orders Will Be Filled First)</small>	\$ _____
_____	2009 World Series Towel @ \$10 each	\$ _____
_____	2009 World Series Souvenir Mini-Bat @ \$10 each	\$ _____
_____	2009 World Series Hat @ \$25 each	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____

Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998

Payment For Shirts Will Be Made at Check-In

Checks For Payment Should Be Made Payable to: BC Baseball