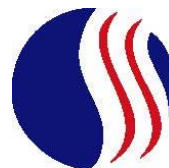




**USSSA**  
**9 & UNDER OPEN East**  
**MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATES: JULY 2-5, 2009**

**TO BE HELD AT: POND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**LOCATION: WILDWOOD, MISSOURI**



**HOSTED BY: BC BASEBALL**

# USSSA 9 & UNDER OPEN EAST MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Tournament Format Note:** The tournament will be conducted under a pool play into a single elimination championship bracket format. Pool games will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Bracket play will be scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Sunday will be used as a Rain Date should the tournament be delayed by rain. Teams should plan to play one pool game on Thursday and one pool game on Friday. All teams will then be seeded to a six-team single elimination bracket with the first-round bracket games being played on Friday.

**NOTE:** USSSA state tournaments are seeded based on points accumulated in USSSA tournaments; thus, game times are determined by this seeding. We are not and will not be able to accommodate requests for start times; so, please don't request or ask for this. Thanks.

**Tournament Schedule:** The schedule for the USSSA 9U East Missouri State Championship was finalized on Monday, June 29, 2009 and then posted to the BC Baseball League's web site ([www.BCBaseball.org](http://www.BCBaseball.org)) on Tuesday, June 30, 2009. First round pool games will start at 6PM on Thursday.

**Check-in Procedures:** Teams should check in at the Headquarters Table, located near the Concession Stand *at the Pond Athletic Association complex*, no later than 1 hour before their first scheduled game. Check-in will begin 1 hour before the first scheduled game on Thursday. A **Tournament Check-In Form** should be (included with this packet) completed and turned in at the team's tournament check-in. At check-in you will need to provide:

1. Copies of Birth Certificates or USSSA ID Cards for all players on Roster Form
2. Tournament Check-In Form
3. Gate Fees Payment (\$175)
4. Team T-Shirt Order Payment -- If Ordering 10 Or More As A Team

**NOTE 1:** *The USSSA State Office will be supplying the tournament with your qualified ON-LINE ROSTER. Players names must be listed on the ON-LINE ROSTER AS IT APPEARS ON HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE. Full first and last names on roster must match birth certificate.*

**NOTE 2:** *Teams adding players to their qualified roster, as per USSSA rules, must do this through the USSSA Office at least 72 hours prior to the tournament.*

**Gate Fees:** The Pond Athletic Association complex and other complexes utilized by the BC Baseball League for tournaments are not equipped to handle gate fees. We have adopted a system whereby a team admission charge is assessed separate from the tournament entry fee. After much research, the BC Baseball League is charging an admission fee of \$175 per team. We are asking the coach to collect this admission fee and pay it in one payment at check-in.

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**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 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 the Florissant location. We also ask that you not bring pets into the complex – nor scooters, skate boards, etc.

**Field Notes:** All games will be played at the Pond Athletic Association complex. All bracket games will be scheduled for the Pond Athletic Association Complex. At the Pond Complex, there are 5 fields, two of which will be used for the tournament. These fields are dirt infields and will be utilizing portable mounds.

**Tourney Shirts:** A tournament T-Shirt will be available for \$18 each. A limited number of shirts will be available in adult sizes. For team orders of 10 or more paid for all at one time, the price will be \$15.00 per shirt. To assure your team of receiving the State Tournament 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 state tournament. Shirts ordered no later than 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 will be guaranteed availability.

**Weather Phone Number:** Schedule changes will be updated on the BC Baseball web site ([www.bcbaseball.org](http://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 (314) 851-0977.

**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](http://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."

**Time Limit:** All games in the tournament, with the exception of the championship game, will be conducted with a **1 HOUR, 40 MINUTE TIME LIMIT**. Inclement weather could force time limits to be modified. For purposes of interpreting the time limit, the next inning will begin when the third out of the previous inning is recorded. Thus, if there is any time remaining when the third out of the previous inning is recorded, the next inning will be started and completed in its entirety.

#### **Game Procedures:**

1. A coin flip will determine home team in all pool games and the championship and third-place games. In bracket play, the higher seeded team will be the home team. Coaches from both teams should report to the Headquarters Area (under the pavilion with the concession stand at the FAAA Complex) approximately 60 minutes (1 hour) prior to their game for the coin toss.
2. Both teams are to provide scorekeepers, who will be required to report runs scored to the home plate umpire at each half inning. Teams will be required to obtain an official Two-Team Line-Up Card from the headquarters table at each location prior to each game. One team should obtain the card, complete it and pass it on to the opposing team for completion. During the game, the umpire will use this card to keep official score, substitutions and pitching records. Each coach will be required to sign this card at the end of each game to verify its accuracy. Coaches should check the pitching record listed on the Two-Team Line-up Card very carefully before signing, as this pitching record is the official pitching summary used to post pitching information on all teams. Coaches also should make sure the final score is listed on the card before signing as runs allowed is the first criteria for tie-breakers to qualify for bracket play.



# USSSA BASEBALL

## 2009 STATE TOURNAMENT

### ENTRY FORM



#### STATE TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM DIRECTIONS

USSSA teams can qualify for their state tournament through league and/or tournament participation. Teams must send an entry form to the Missouri USSSA State Office to enter the tournament. This is a copy of the entry form which also is located on the KC Sports Web Site ([www.kcsports.org](http://www.kcsports.org)) under State Tournament Entry.

As per directions listed at that web site, please print out the entry form on the web site or use this page to enter your state tournament. Complete this form and mail **with entry fee** (of \$325) to Missouri USSSA State Office so that your state entry may be processed and forwarded on to Tournament Headquarters for your particular tournament.

The Missouri USSSA State Office **MUST RECEIVE your entry by the following dates** in order to get your team entered in its appropriate State Tournament.

- For AA State Tournaments: Entries Must Be Received by Monday, June 15, 2009**
- For AAA State Tournaments: Entries Must Be Received by Monday, June 22, 2009**
- For Major State Tournaments: Entries Must Be Received by Monday, June 22, 2009**
- For 9U East Open State Tournament: Entries Must Be Received by Monday, June 29, 2009**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (Circle One):      8U   9U   10U   11U   12U   13U   14U   15U   16U   17U   18U  
 Classification (Circle One):    MAJOR      AAA      AA      A

USSSA Sanction Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Location Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:            USSSA Baseball/KC Sports  
 6324 N. Chatham Ave., #136  
 Kansas City, MO 64151

**REMEMBER: Entry Fee (\$325) must be included with this form.**



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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
- 3 Gate Fees -- \$175 per team
- 4 Team T-Shirt Order Payment -- If Ordering 10 Or More As A Team

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USSSA Team Sanction Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Do You Have A World Series Tournament Berth?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Will You Accept A World Series Tournament Berth If Awarded?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**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 hereinafter

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**



# USSSA Missouri State Championship

9 & Under Open

July 2-4, 2009

POND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION; WILDWOOD, MISSOURI

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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 \$15.00 each (instead of \$18 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 \$18 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 @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Small @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Medium @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult Large @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult X-Large @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult XX-Large @ \$17.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Adult XXX-Large @ \$17.00 each	\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Design



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

Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998

or: Pay/Purchase Shirts at Check-In



**USSSSA**  
**Missouri State Championship**  
**9 & Under Open**  
**July 2-5, 2009**  
**Pond AA Complex; Wildwood, MO**  
**HOSTED BY: BC BASEBALL**



## FIELD DIRECTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following are directions and information on each park which might be used for the USSSA 9U Opent East Missouri State Championship:

**Pond Athletic Association Complex:** . At the Pond Athletic Association Complex. At the Pond Complex, there are 5 fields, two of which will be used for the tournament. These fields are dirt infields and will be utilizing portable mounds.

**Pond Athletic Association Complex:** The complex is located off of Manchester Road in west St. Louis County. Take Manchester Road west past Highway 109 to Pond Road. Turn right onto Pond Road and follow to ballpark on the left. First entrance if for fields 1,2,3 and the 2nd entrance if for field 4,5,6,

**Pond Athletic Association:** The complex is rented by BC Baseball for the weekend. BC Baseball and the Pond Athletic Association have a policy of NOT allowing any outside food or drinks to be brought into the complexes used for its tournaments and this includes 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 the Pond complex. We also ask that you not bring pets into the complex – nor scooters, skate boards, etc.



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## TOURNAMENT UPDATE/REMINDERS

The following are some reminders of some rules which will be used as outlined in your tournament packet:

- Coin Toss/Lineup Cards:** A two-team lineup card will be used for all games. *Coaches are requested to report to the Umpire In Chief at the Headquarters Table approximately 60 minutes before their game for the coin toss* and to pick up the two-team lineup card. A coin toss will be held for all pool games and the championship and third-place games. In all bracket games, the higher seeded team will be the home team. The Headquarters Table is located near the Concession Stand at the Pond Complex.
- Time Limit and Run Rules, Etc.:** In order to maintain the tournament schedule, the following will be in effect.
  - Time Limit:** 1 hour, 40 minutes (except championship games)
  - Run Rules:** As per USSSA rule book in games involving 9U, the run rules are 15 after three innings and 8 after four innings in both pool play and bracket play;
  - Pitchers** must begin their warmup immediately upon taking field or no later than 15 minutes before game time.
- Tournament Awards:** Team and individual trophies will be given for first, second, third and fourth place.
- Foul Balls:** Team batting is required to chase foul balls, unless by prior agreement between coaches one team retrieves foul balls on its side of the field and the other team retrieves foul balls on the other side. Please note: The BC Baseball League starts all games with two new baseballs and two used baseballs; with the teams help, this is all that is needed. If teams do not chase and retrieve foul balls, the umpire may require teams to purchase additional baseballs from the Tournament Headquarters at \$5 per ball. The time limit will continue to run while additional balls are being purchased, unless it is being used as a stall tactic by one team at which time the umpire has the discretionary power to suspend the clock and/or add minutes to the time limit. So, please retrieve foul balls with enthusiasm!
- 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 the State Tournament, "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."
- Field Restrictions:** BC Baseball has maintained the policy of NOT allowing any outside food or drinks (other than water) to be brought into any complex in order to stay in compliance with state health code regulations. There is a full-service concession stand on premises. Also no not allowing any food to be cooked in the parking lot area, also to stay in compliance with state health codes. We appreciate your cooperation. 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.*** (NOTE: ***Any violations of this policy will be brought to the Head Coach's attention to resolve. Make sure you inform you parents of these restrictions so you are not dealing with this during your games when you want to coach. Thank You.***) We also ask that you not bring pets, scooters, skateboards, etc. into the complex. It is recommended, however, that teams bring a Team Water Cooler to the complex, as there will not be water provided in the dugouts.