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# **USSSA**

## **9 & UNDER OPEN East**

# **MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATES: JULY 1-4, 2010**

**TO BE HELD AT: ELLISVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**LOCATION: ELLISVILLE, 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.

**Hotel Information:** BC Baseball works with one contact, Patti Miller, in the St. Louis area to help teams book rooms while attending BC Baseball tournaments. Patti Miller works in conjunction with numerous hotels in the St. Louis area to assure teams get the accommodations they desire. You may contact her by phone at (314)-212-2150 or by email at [patti.miller@swphotels.com](mailto:patti.miller@swphotels.com). **ALL teams Must contact Patti to reserve rooms when attending the state tournament in order to participate! We will be checking with Patti to ensure that those teams participating are booked through her**

**Tournament Schedule:** The schedule for the USSSA 9U East Missouri State Championship was finalized on Monday, June 28, 2010 and then posted to the BC Baseball League's web site ([www.BCBaseball.org](http://www.BCBaseball.org)) on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. 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 Ellisville 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 Ellisville 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 Ellisville 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 Ellisville Athletic Association Complex. All bracket games will be scheduled for the Ellisville Athletic Association Complex. At the Ellisville Complex, there are 7 fields, two of which are age appropriate (and agri-lime) and one that may be used with a portable fence. These fields 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 29, 2010 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).

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**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.