

USSSA
9 & UNDER OPEN East
MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

DATES: JULY 1-4, 2010

SCHEDULE PACKET
POSTED – Tuesday, June 29, 2010 – 2:00 PM

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 finalized 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 Saturday with a 1st round game being played on Friday between the 8th and 9th seeds. Sunday will be used as a Rain Date should the tournament be delayed by rain. All teams will then be seeded to a nine-team single elimination bracket which will be played on Saturday.

Schedule Information: USSSA points, which are used to seed the state tournament, were finalized on Tuesday. The seeding report and points used to seed the 9u Open State Championship Pools is included with this packet. At this point, the seeding is final.

NOTE: USSSA state tournaments are seeded based on points accumulated in USSSA tournaments; thus, game times were determined by this seeding.

Field Location: The location for the 9u Open East State Championship will be at the Ellisville Athletic Association Complex. The physical address is:

Ellisville Athletic Association; 3201 West Hills Park Dr; Ballwin, MO 63011

Check-in Procedures: Teams should check in at the Headquarters Table, located near the Concession Stand *at Field #5*, 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 for the 9u East Open State Championship. 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. Team water coolers are permissible as they will NOT be provided at the Ellisville 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 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. [We are accepting pre-orders for the 2010 9u Open State Tournament T-Shirt through Wednesday. This will allow us to pre-package orders for teams prior to arrival. Those teams which have faxed in their order by Tuesday evening will be guaranteed the shirts quantities and sizes; those faxed in Wednesday will very likely get what they are ordering although this is not guaranteed.](#)

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 (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.

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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 EAA 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.
3. Pitching limitations will be enforced and pitching will be tracked in the tournament. Teams are reminded that players are allowed to pitch a total of 8 innings in three consecutive days, no more than 6 innings in one day, and can not exceed 3 innings in one day in order to pitch the following day.



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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 2010 State Tournament Souvenir T-Shirt design; advance orders are recommended!

Fax Completed Order To: (573) 445-8998

or: Pay/Purchase Shirts at Check-In



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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 -- \$250 per team
- 4 Team T-Shirt Order Payment -- If Ordering 10 Or More As A Team

TEAM NAME: _____

USSSA Team Sanction Number: _____

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

Do You Have A World Series Tournament Berth?

Yes

No

Will You Accept A World Series Tournament Berth If Awarded?

Yes

No

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 referred to as "releasees from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise".

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

2010 9U Open State Seeding Chart

#	Pool	Team	Manager	City	USSSA Points
1	A1	Missouri Gators	Chris Craddick	O'Fallon	825
2	B1	Rawlings Jr. Prospects	Monte Krogman	St. Louis	335
3	C1	Rawlings Wildcats	Curt Cherry	Chesterfield	330
4	C2	Mid MO Swarm	Justin Towe	Columbia	320
5	B2	Sharks Baseball Club	Michael DeFoe	Ellisville	205
6	A2	MuckDogs	Steve Crites	Chesterfield	160
7	C3	Starpath	Bob Coons	Columbia	150
8	B3	St. Louis Tigers	Mark Blom	Ballwin	130
9	A3	Gateway Gunners	Douglas Whiteside	Chesterfield	90

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TM #	Pool A	Coach	City/State
A1	Missouri Gators	Chris Craddick	O'Fallon
A2	MuckDogs	Steve Crites	Chesterfield
A3	Gateway Gunners	Douglas Whiteside	Chesterfield

TM #	Pool B	Coach	City
B1	Rawlings Jr. Prospects	Monte Krogman	St. Louis
B2	Sharks Baseball Club	Michael DeFoe	Ellisville
B3	St. Louis Tigers	Mark Blom	Ballwin

TM #	Pool C	Coach	City
C1	Rawlings Wildcats	Curt Cherry	Chesterfield
C2	Mid MO Swarm	Justin Towe	Columbia
C3	Starpath	Bob Coons	Columbia

Format: Pool Play onto Single Elimination Bracket; All Teams Advance To Bracket Play

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SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS/CHANGES LISTED IN RED

THURSDAY	Ellis #5	Ellis #7	Ellis #6
4:00 PM	A1 v A2	B1 v B2	XXX
6:00 PM	A1 v A3	C1 v C2	XXX
8:00 PM	B1 v B3	C1 v C3	XXX

FRIDAY	Ellis #5	Ellis #7	Ellis #6
4:00 PM	A2 v A3	XXX	XXX
6:00 PM	B2 v B3	C2 v C3	XXX
8:00 PM	1st Round (8 v 9)	XXX	XXX

SATURDAY	Ellis #5	Ellis #7	Ellis #6
10:00 AM	Qfinals	Qfinals	XXX
12:00 PM	Qfinals	Qfinals	XXX
2:00 PM	Semi	Semi	XXX
4:00 PM	Champ	Third	XXX
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

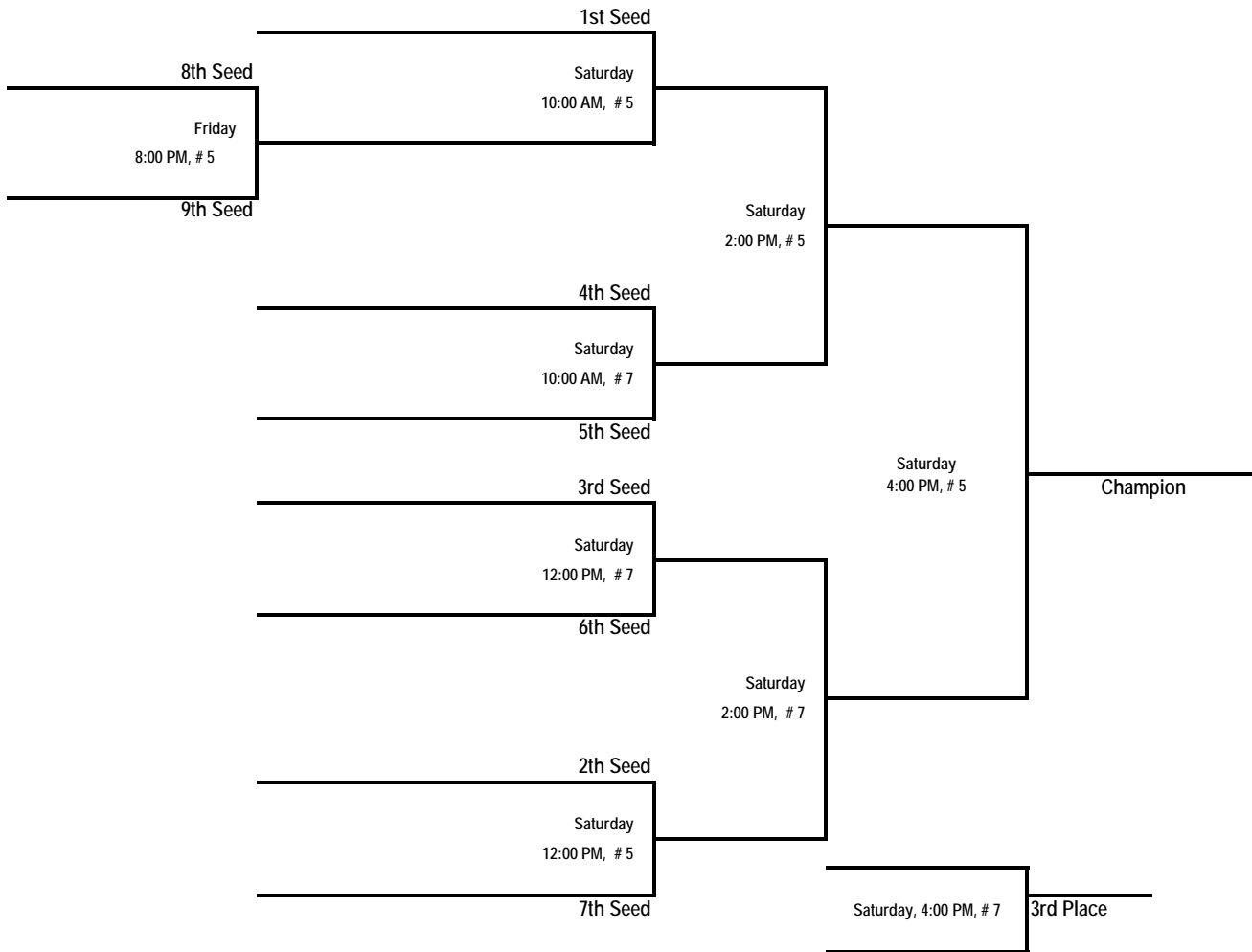
SUNDAY	Ellis #5	Ellis #7	Ellis #6
XXX	Date Reserved As Rain Date, If Needed		
XXX			
XXX			
XXX			

Field Legend: Ellis stands for Ellisville Athletic Association Complex

TOURNAMENT INFO LINE: (314) 851-0977

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Teams will be seeded to Bracket Play based on below criteria.



Advancement
or Tiebreaker
or Seeding Criteria:

1. Win/Loss Record
2. Head to Head
3. Fewest Runs Allowed
4. Highest Run Differential
5. USSSA Points