



The USSSA Baseball MISSISSIPPI 12U State Championship

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2012 USSSA State Championship. Your tournament host will be Richey Sports USSSA, and it will be our goal to create an experience that the players, coaches, and families will remember for a lifetime. Your USSSA State Director will enter teams in the appropriate age and appropriate division of play. The tournament will be played at **Ballard Park Sportsplex in Tupelo, MS**. For directions, visit their website, <http://www.tupeloparkrec.com> and click on the tab "Maps" at the top of the page. The tournament dates will be June 21 - 24, 2012.

Seeding will be based upon USSSA Points. The tournament will be a three game guarantee event following USSSA Baseball guidelines and being approved by the USSSA Baseball State Director.

Your team's application ([USSSA State Championship Entry Form](#)) and check or money order for the entry fee **MUST BE RECEIVED BY YOUR STATE DIRECTOR BY June 15, 2012** The State Director will then forward this material with your official roster, entry form and entry fee to the State Tournament host to guarantee your spot in the tournament. Your entry fee, in the amount of **\$375.00** can be paid online at www.USSSA.com or mailed to the USSSA State office at - P.O. Box 428, Southaven, MS 38671. Checks should be made payable to USSSA Baseball.

Your team's Official Roster must be entered on-line at www.USSSA.com and have your State Directors Approval.

All players participating in USSSA Baseball tournament play shall have photocopies of their original birth certificates in the possession of their team manager. Failure to have a copy of the birth certificate available upon

demand will result in the offending team losing the game, being ejected from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths the would have been awarded at the tournament.

For further information regarding the event email the tournament host at clayrichey@richeysports.com

PLAYING RULES:

All playing rules shall be governed by the [USSSA Baseball Handbook](#) and the National League rules for Major League baseball.

In the event of inclement weather, all games will resume at the next possible time after a delay regardless of Tournament Dates. Any team that can not be there for the rescheduled game will forfeit that game and any other games. No refunds will be given for teams choosing not to complete the tournament at the rescheduled game time.

Brackets:

(Every Effort Will Be Made to Release the Brackets By Tuesday June 19, 2012)

In order to provide brackets prior to the State Tournament start date, points earned from the events played the weekend prior to the State Tournament will not be used toward seeding for the State Tournament. State Tournament brackets will be seeded by USSSA points. USSSA point totals will be tabulated on the Friday prior to the start of the State Tournament in order to accurately seed the teams and release the State Championship brackets prior to the start of the event.

NOTE: (Pre-Tournament Meetings & Activities)

There will be a manager's/coaches meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at the Tupelo Park & Recreation office. **Two** representatives from each team will be permitted to attend this meeting. All teams will be required to have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for game times will be distributed at that time.

Team credential check in will commence after this meeting. Team Rosters and player birth certificates will be verified at that time. *Players are NOT required to be present.*

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED:

- A. Team trophies to the first and second place teams
 - B. Individual awards to the first and second place teams
 - C. MVP awards will be presented as well
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Lodging:

Hotel Information may be obtained by visiting the City of Tupelo website, <http://www.tupelo.net> and click on the "Lodging" tab.

ADMISSION:

During the tournament there will be a gate charge of \$5.00 per person per day (age 6 and under are free). This charge includes everyone except players and team coaches. Each team will receive 3 coaching passes. A 4th coaching pass may be purchased for \$10. A maximum of 4 coaching passes will be issued.

Tentative Itinerary:

- Thursday – June 21 – 10:00 A.M. State Championship Play Begins
 - Friday – June 22 - State Championship Play continues
 - Saturday – June 23 - State Championship Play continues / ends
 - Sunday – June 24 - State Championship Play ends / Rain Date
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USSSA RULES OF CONDUCT:

It is the purpose of USSSA Baseball to conduct the best possible Tournament from all aspects. To achieve this objective USSSA must have

the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

We are the guest in the city that the tournament is conducted and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city or USSSA Baseball. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

- 1. Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.**
- 2. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult the game official. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.**
- 3. Managers, coaches, and players are not to fraternize with the spectators while on the playing field. At no time will participants be allowed to smoke on the field or in the coaching box.**
- 4. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while in the dugout, coaching bases, or on the playing field during the course of the game.**
- 5. Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike conduct or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation from developing that would be harmful to the tournament.**
- 6. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors, and teams are liable for the suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games, tournament, or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.**
- 7. A player, coach, manager, or sponsor may be suspended for fighting, abusive tactics, or unbecoming acts that are detrimental and not in the best interest of USSSA baseball and tournament play.**
- 8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no actions occur that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team, or region. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon your team and the game of baseball.**
- 9. Any report of destruction or abuse of property by hotel or motel management where any team competing in USSSA play is staying will be dealt with sternly. Team managers and sponsors will not be warned other than through this notice. Failure to pay hotel or motel bills can result in the team disbarment from future USSSA play.**
- 10. Any teams submitting bad checks to the USSSA will be subject to disbarment.**