

# 2015 USSSA Men's Class "C" Central Division National Tournament

## August 22 & August 23

### Lac Lavon Ballpark Burnsville, Minnesota

### Extensive Awards Program Includes:

Winning "C" team receives a paid berth and \$300.00 expense money towards participation in the USSSA Men's Class "C" World Tournament to be held in Kissimmee, Florida on September 24-27, 2015.

(If the top finishing "C" team already has a paid berth, the berth then will default down to the next highest finishing "C" team who has not received a paid berth to the World Tournament.)

Any Men's "D" teams participating in the Men's "C" National Tournament will receive double points. The top finishing "D" team will receive \$400 expense money towards participation in the USSSA Men's Class "D" World Tournament to be held in Kissimmee, Florida on September 17-20, 2015.

- Team awards for championship and runner-up teams
- Individual awards for all players on championship and runner-up teams
- Awards for members on the all-tournament team
- Most Valuable Player Award
- Most Valuable Offensive Player Award
- Most Valuable Defensive Player Award

**and Much, Much, Much More!!!!**



**2015 USSSA Men's Class "C"**  
**Central Division National Championship**  
**August 22 – August 23, 2015**

Dear National Qualifier,

Congratulations to you and your team on qualifying for the Central Division National Class "C" Championship Tournament to be held in Burnsville, Minnesota, on the weekend of August 22 – August 23, 2015. We are looking forward to seeing your team in action. We know you will be very satisfied with the Lac Lavon Softball Complex. The complex is located just minutes away from downtown Minneapolis, the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, the world famous Mall of America, gaming casinos and horse racing.

In this packet, you will find a great deal of information about both the tournament and the Burnsville and Minneapolis/Saint Paul metro area. Please take the time to read it carefully and comply with any requests that are made. If each team cooperates in this regard, we will be better able to accommodate everyone and make your stay in Minnesota more enjoyable.

Please return the entry form, roster, team information sheet, and entry fee to your State Director by August 17, 2014, so that the letter of transmittal may be prepared and forwarded with your entry to my office. Your entry will not be accepted until all requested information is received. Your entry will not be accepted until all requested information is received.

This is a very busy weekend in the Twin Cities area and hotel/motel space is limited. Make your reservations early.

Once again, congratulations on qualifying for this tournament. We hope you will enjoy the opportunity to visit our fine community and enjoy the hospitality of its residents. Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any way prior to this event.

Sincerely,

Troy Mickelson  
Minnesota USSSA State Director

**2015 Men's Class "C"**  
**Central Division National Championships**  
**Tournament Deadlines, Rules and Policies**

**BERTHS & TRAVEL AWARD:**

For National travel award, teams can only win the travel award from a National Tournament once each year. Each team must comply with all normal travel award requirements as set forth by USSSA National Headquarters.

**Event must have more than twelve (12) teams participating in a National to award travel.** Any situation that occurs regarding travel award that is not addressed here or at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) will be decided upon by USSSA National Headquarters.

- Highest finishing Class "C" team only receives \$300 travel award\*.
- Highest finishing Class "D" team only receives \$400 travel award\*.
- \*Must have twelve (12) teams participating in a National Tournament to award travel.
- One (1) paid entry to the Class "C" world tournament awarded to the highest finishing Class "C" team that has not already earned a paid entry.

**DEADLINE:**

- **Friday, August 17, 2015 - All information must be submitted to your State Director.**
- No entries will be accepted nor will any refunds be made after the entry deadline.
- Pairings will be available on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.
- Managers may find out their game times by calling the MRPA office between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., Wednesday through Thursday. (Phone: 763-571-1305 x108 - Midwest Toll Free: 800-862-3659 x108)
- Brackets will also be posted at [www.mnrpa.org](http://www.mnrpa.org) and [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)

**FORMAT:**

- Three (3) Game Guarantee

**ROSTERS:**

- All rosters must be online @ [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Your State Director will print it out, sign it and send it to me with your entry. Changes can only be made through your State Director.

**ENTRY FORMS AND FEES:**

- Each team's manager must complete the attached USSSA Tournament Entry Form and send it with a cashier's check or money order for \$340.00, payable to MRPA, to your State Director. The State Director will then forward these items along with a letter of transmittal and your official roster to:

**Minnesota USSSA**  
**Attn: Troy Mickelson**  
**200 Charles Street NE**  
**Fridley, MN 55432**

**UNIFORMS:**

- Teams participating in National or World Tournaments, including the World Series, teams must wear similar uniforms.
- Non-duplicating numbers on all jerseys will be required. The numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches in size and clearly visible.

**RULES:**

- The tournament will use a three game guarantee format. The run rule is 25 after 3 innings, 20 after 4 and 15 after 5.

- Dudley is the official softball of the tournament.
- All lineups must be submitted to the official scorer at least 15 minutes before game time. Lineup cards which will make three copies will be supplied at the tournament. Lineup information requested will be first and last names, positions and numbers. The home team will be determined by a coin flip with the umpire before each game. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- Any protest must be made before the next legal pitch. It will be ruled on at that time by the tournament director and/or umpire-in-chief.
- The tournament will begin Saturday morning, August 22, 2015. Game time is forfeit time. We ask the teams to hustle on and off the fields as quickly as possible since we are on a strict time schedule. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the format of the tournament; i.e., location of games, game time, dropping the loser's bracket, or any other method deemed necessary for an orderly conclusion of the tournament in the case of any rain delay.
- No practice will be allowed on the game fields.

#### **AWARDS:**

- Team plaques/trophies will be given to the top four teams. Each member of the championship and runner-up teams will receive a plaque. Three MVP awards - one for the tournament's top offensive player, one for the top defensive player, and one for the overall MVP. Each member of the all-tournament team will receive an award. The tournament winner will receive \$300.00 in travel expense money at the World Tournament. The highest finishing two teams without a berth will qualify for the World Tournament. Teams must inform the Tournament Director before leaving the tournament whether they will be able to participate in the World Series.

#### **CONCESSIONS:**

- No food or drink of any kind can be carried into the complex area or parking lot. Food, drinks and souvenirs will be sold at the tournament.

#### **TOURNAMENT ADMISSION:**

- Team members will be admitted free of charge to all games. All other adult spectators will be charged \$5.00 per day.

#### **HOTELS:**

- Visit [www.minneapolisnorthwest.com](http://www.minneapolisnorthwest.com) for a complete list of area hotels. Or contact the Crowne Plaza at 763-489-2568 (Elizabeth Kappler). Embassy Suites 763-367-3788 (Amanda Ballard)

#### **MANAGER'S MEETING:**

- A meeting for all managers will be held Friday-August 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Bebops Sports Complex.
- Schedules will be handed out and we will discuss tournament rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Food and beverages will be served.

#### **PLAYER IDENTIFICATION:**

- All players participating in adult USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available. Failure to do so will result in Rule 4, Section 11, A-5 in the USSSA Rule Book (page 28) to be applied. The offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings and forfeits all awards, sponsors travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

*The Tournament Committee, MRPA, tournament hosts and sponsors, and USSSA assume all players are competing at their own risk. We will not be liable for any accidents or injuries. Entry into the tournament constitutes an agreement to the above.*

# 2015 USSSA SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL



Men's Class "C"

Men's Class "D"

## CENTRAL DIVISION CLASS "C" NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY/REGISTRATION FORM

*Please fill out completely  
Type or Print legibly in ink*

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USSSA Registration ID#

Team/Sponsor Name

Team Manger Name

Team Manager Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address

### 2015 USSSA National Softball Tournaments

Division	Tournament Site/Park Location	Tournament Date's
Men's Class "C" Central Division National	Lac Lavon Softball Complex – Burnsville, MN	August 22 – August 23, 2015
Men's Class "D" Central Division National	Hoing Rice Sports Complex – Waterloo, Iowa	August 22 – August 23, 2015
Men's Class "E" Central Division National	BMAC – Saint Louis, MO	August 29 – August 30, 2015
Women's Class "B/C" Central Division National	Bebops Sports Complex – Blaine, MN	August 29, 2015
Women's Class "D" Central Division National	Bebops Sports Complex – Blaine, MN	August 29, 2015

### Tournament Information and Payment

Team Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_ Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

Current Season's Championship Won: \_\_\_\_\_

Past National or World Titles Won: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please attach any publicity data concerning individual or team performances such as newspaper clippings, pictures, etc.

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$ 340.00 to cover our entry fee.

Code of Understanding:

- This entry form, along with the entry fee, must be submitted to your state director. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry.
- In the event a State does not have a state director, then this form must be submitted to your Division Vice-President. Entry Forms will be returned, as unaccepted, to teams that fail to follow this procedure.
- The National Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that arrived after the bracket is drawn.
- Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
- Any teams destroying property or involved in theft of motel property will be subject to disbarment.
- My team stands ready to play on Friday Night if so scheduled.

I agree with above code of understanding.

### **Waiver/Release**

I, the undersigned, manager of the team shown on this entry form hereby state that the team represented by its roster, is a voluntary participant in this tournament which is sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby release and forever discharge USSSA of and from all liabilities, claims, actions and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue to us or to our heirs from every and any loss and injury including death that may be sustained by our person or property while, in about, or route into and away from said tournament. AND WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our undertaking as it relates to loss of life and/or limb; therefore, it is agreed as follows: That in consideration of being allowed to participate in said tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for on an account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, its sponsors or otherwise.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND CODE OF UNDERSTANDING.**

\_\_\_\_\_   
*Manager Name (Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_   
*Manager Name (Sign)*

\_\_\_\_\_   
*Date*

### **MRPA/MN-USSSA Office use ONLY:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check  Credit Card \$ \_\_\_\_\_   
Amount Paid Check #

Visa  Master Card \_\_\_\_\_   
Credit Card # Expiration Date

Berth Awarded/No Charge: \_\_\_\_\_   
(Team Name)

\_\_\_\_\_   
*Account # Receipt # Voucher # Credit/Refund Amount*

# CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL TOURNAMENT TRAVEL DATA SHEET

This is very important and should not be overlooked. Please fill out the Travel Information Data sheet at your earliest convenience.

*Please fill out completely  
Type or Print legibly in ink*

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USSSA Registration ID#

Team/Sponsor Name

Team Manger Name

Team Manager Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Date of Arrival

Estimated Time of Arrival

Name of Hotel/Motel

Number of Rooms

Method of Travel

Will you be attending the Manager's Meeting?  Yes  No If yes, approximately how many will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Name (Print)

Manager Name (Sign)

Date

Please return this travel data sheet to:

Minnesota USSSA  
Troy Mickelson  
200 Charles Street NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
[mickelson@mnrpa.org](mailto:mickelson@mnrpa.org)  
Fax #: 763-571-5204



This Travel Data Form must be received by MRPA no later than August 17, 2015.

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AND PARK ASSOCIATION



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