

2014 EASTERN WORLD SERIES Salisbury/Ocean City, Maryland

Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2014 USSSA Fastpitch Eastern World Series Tournament. The World Series Tournament will be held in Salisbury/Ocean City, Maryland. Games and festivities will be played at the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex and other nearby parks as needed. Below are the dates for each age division and class.

<u>Age</u>	Class		<u>Date</u>
10U – 12U	Open	Week 1:	July 16 – 20
10U – 12U	C		July 16 – 20
14U	A & B	Week 2:	July 22 – 27
14U	С		July 22 – 26
16U – 18U	Open	Week 3:	July 28 – Aug 2
16U – 18U	С		July 28 – Aug 1

Tournament Director

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Website

The event website is

www.salisburychampionships.org/worldseries.html

Check it frequently for updates.

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Online Entry

To participate in the tournament, your team <u>must</u> complete the online entry through <u>www.usssa.com</u> and submit an online payment at that time. Ultimately your registration in the tournament will be subject to approval by your state director. Official entry and payment process must be completed **no later than**Tuesday, July 1 for Weeks 1 & 2 and no later than Monday, July 7 for Week 3. The nationwide entry fee for the 2014 World Series will be \$465.

All team rosters must be on the USSSA website and must be the one that was in effect when your state director approved your World Series entry. Any subsequent changes to your roster from that point is subject to state director approval, otherwise your entry may be subject to withdrawal.

All players participating in USSSA Fastpitch youth tournaments shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date.

Hotels & Stay to Save Rebate - NEW!

Enjoy new, Stay-to-Save hotel deals! Your team can save over \$250 by booking your reservation through our housing service. Benefits of using the housing service include:

- the lowest possible rates from participating hotels
- \$100 coupon for area restaurants
- \$250 team rebate off of the team gate fee

Here's How it Works: When your team stays, your team saves. It's that simple.

To qualify, rooms must be reserved through the housing service in 1 of 2 ways:

- Contact the event Housing Coordinator at 410-548-4914 ext. 109 or email hotels@wicomicocounty.org. For your convenience, the event Housing Coordinator can set up a group block for your team and issue a special link for individuals in your group to access the room block and pay for their rooms.
- 2. Book your individual room(s) directly through the housing service: https://www.mmx2reservations.com/wicomico/pc/USSSA

Please note that your team must book a minimum of 18 total room nights (# of rooms x nights stayed = total room nights) through the system to qualify for the refund. Once your stay is verified at the conclusion of the event, a \$250 refund check will be processed and mailed to your team!

Note: Individual hotels have their own cancellation policies/minimum night stay policies that are not governed by the event --- hotel general terms and conditions should be read prior to booking.

Setting Up a Group Block is Easy

Once your team is prepared to book rooms, email hotels@wicomicocounty.org or call 410-548-4914 ext. 109 with the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Phone Number
- Name of Team
- Age Division and Class

- Desired Check In Date
- Desired Check Out Date
- Number of Rooms You'd Like to Block
- Hotel Preferences

Once your team room block has been set up, you will receive an email confirmation along with booking instructions.

If you need assistance using this system or have additional questions about accommodations, please email hotels@wicomicocounty.org or call 410-548-4914x109.

Stay to Save Rebate - Frequently Asked Questions

How does my team qualify for the Stay to Save Rebate?

To be eligible for the Stay to Save Rebate, your team must book and stay for a minimum of 18 room nights during the event.

of hotel rooms booked x # of nights staying = # of room nights EXAMPLE: 6 rooms booked x 3 nights stay = 18 room nights

You can use any combination of rooms and nights to be eligible, as long as the final for your team is 18 room nights or more. We have found that this is far fewer room nights than most teams use during this event.

Who is the rebate check sent to?

At team check-in, your team representative will be asked to complete a brief rebate form. They may designate a point person at that time to receive the rebate check.

What happens once I set up a room block?

When reserving a group block through the event Housing Coordinator, your team will receive a special link via email along with detailed instructions/deadlines in order to complete your reservation. Only members of your group will be able to access this block of rooms within the given deadlines.



How do you know which reservations are associated with my team?

When individual persons book their reservation on our website, they must fill in their team name, age group and class. Please ensure that they fill this information out completely and accurately so that your team gets credit for the reservation.

How will I know if we qualify for the refund?

Final eligibility of stay to save rebates will be determined after your team checks out of the hotel.

When will we receive our refund?

After your team has checked out of the hotel we will verify that your team booked the minimum 18 room nights and then begin to process the refund check. The refund check process typically takes 3-4 weeks.

If we check out early, are we entitled to the refund?

If your hotel allows you to check out early, you are still eligible for a refund, as long as your team has stayed 18 room nights or more.

What if my team is renting a beach house/condo or my hotel is not on the list of participating hotels on the website? Can I still get a refund?

No. Refunds will only be issued to teams staying in hotels on the event website.

What if I can't find a hotel?

Please email hotels@wicomicocounty.org describing the problem or call 410-548-4914 ext. 109. Include your check-in and check-out dates and we would be happy to assist you in finding a housing solution.

Team Gate Fee (\$800 Flat Fee Payable Per Team) – NEW! Early Bird Discount

First introduced in 2013 and due to overwhelming demand, this year's gate admission will again be a flat fee payable per team. This one-time fee covers admission for team players, coaches and spectators to all parks, the opening ceremony and any other activity directly in conjunction with this event. The form to submit your team's gate fee is included in this packet (see page 12). All teams must register for the event through USSSA.com and submit their team admission form and fee to Wicomico County by July 1 for Weeks 1 and 2, July 7 for Week 3.

Ways to Save (Early Bird Discount and Stay to Save Rebate Offers Potential Savings of \$400!)
Early Bird Discount \$50: Mail your payment prior to April 30th and pay only \$750 per team.
Stay to Save Rebate: Receive a \$250 rebate for using our housing service plus \$100 coupon for area restaurants.



Cooler Policy

The most popular feature of the Eastern World Series, for the third year in a row the cooler policy will be waived for everyone's benefit. In other words, aside from alcoholic beverages there will be no restrictions on the food or drink that teams bring to the park. However, teams will be responsible for supplying their own drinks in the dugout in order to keep properly hydrated throughout the event. We ask that you keep the coolers to a respectable size (i.e. no large fishing coolers) and please continue to patronize our concessionaires.

General Information

Tournament Headquarters

Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex – 711 Naylor Mill Road, Salisbury, MD 21801

Rules

All playing rules shall be governed by the official USSSA Fastpitch softball rulebook and national by-laws. The rulebook online at www.usssa.com will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

Awards

Awards Package sizes will be based on the number of teams in the tournament. Below is the full size package that will be awarded for divisions with more than 32 teams.

- 1. Team trophies to the top six teams
- 2. Individual awards to the top six teams
- 3. Team Sportsmanship award
- 4. Outstanding Pitcher award
- 5. Outstanding Offensive Player award
- 6. Outstanding Defensive Player award
- 7. MVP award

Parks

The primary location will be the **Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex**, 711 Naylor Mill Road, Salisbury, MD 21801. Other parks within the Salisbury/Ocean City area will be used as needed. The tournament website listed above provides driving directions and park information for each facility. The daily park assignments for each age/class bracket will not be known until very shortly before the event and are always subject to change.



Practice Fields

Teams may reserve practice fields once they are officially entered into the tournament (i.e., once their entry fee and gate fee have been submitted). Managers may reserve a field at the manager's check-in or in advance by calling Wicomico County Recreation, Parks & Tourism, at 410-548-4900, x105 between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST. Fields will be allotted in 1:45 increments. The cost per session is \$25 to be paid at team check-in by cash or check only.

Softball & Bats

The tournament ball will either be the Worth Dream Seam or USSSA Pride ball, yellow leather cover, .47 cor. All bats must bear the new USSSA logo with a manufacturer's stamp of 1.20 BPF and must be in accordance with the 2014 bat regulations.

World Series Merchandise

USSSA World Series apparel and souvenirs, such as t-shirts, World Series pins and program books will be sold during the manager's check-in, Opening Ceremonies and at each park throughout the tournament. All teams registered by June 14 will be given instructions on how to pre-order their tournament t-shirts.

Manager's & Team Check-In

Required Materials – Team Roster

All managers will be required to check in their team prior to the event. At this check-in, it is <u>mandatory that</u> the manager turn in a USSSA official roster, **fully signed by players and parents**, and proof of team insurance.

Stay to Save Rebate

Teams participating in the Stay to Save Rebate will complete brief paperwork and receive their coupons for participating.

Gift Exchange

There will be an optional team gift exchange. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is usually in the +/-\$10 range. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange. The team manager will inform our staff at the manager's check-in that their team brought a gift to participate in the gift exchange. At check-in teams will be paired up at which point the team representatives can coordinate a time that is best for both teams to meet and exchange gifts.



Tournament Program Book

We are planning a very extensive tournament program with lots of information, including all the brackets, directions to parks and other important facilities, valuable coupons for local businesses, good luck ads and team rosters and pictures. This program book will be provided **FREE** to every player in the tournament as part of the team gate fee.

Once your team is registered online, the team manager/administrator should submit a list of players and a team photo for complimentary inclusion in the program book. Lists of players and photos are due no later than Monday, July 1st for Weeks 1 and 2. They are due Monday, July 7th for Week 3.

Download a roster submission template and instructions from:

http://www.salisburychampionships.org/worldseries.html. Information submitted after the deadline cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the tournament program. Photo submissions should accompany the player list and not be sent separately. For best print quality, photos should be 300 DPI, JPEG and horizontal/landscape in layout. Photos are printed in black and white. Photos will be cropped to 1.24" high x 3.75" wide.

Please direct questions to Kelsey at 410-548-4914 or email <u>wicomicosports@gmail.com</u>.

Good Luck Program Ads

Family, friends and team supporters can use the form included in this packet to submit a Good Luck Ad to be included in the tournament program book. Ads are \$15 for a 15-word mention, \$25 for a 1/8 page ad with 20 words and \$50 for a 1/4 page ad with either 15 words and a picture/logo (JPEG format or similar) or 30 words with no picture/logo. Deadline for submission of Good Luck Ads is July 1 for Weeks 1 and 2 and July 7 for Week 3. The form to submit your team's gate fee is included in this packet (see page 14).

Attractions

There are plenty of things to do off the field during your stay. For information on area attractions, please visit www.SalisburyChampionships.org. Make sure you visit fabulous Ocean City, Maryland - the East Coast's premier summer beach resort offering miles of white sandy beach, boardwalk, amusements, shopping, golf, restaurants, nightlife, fishing, water sports and much more! For more information, visit: www.ococean.com









Week 1: 10U -12U "Open" & 10U-12U "C" - July 16-20

Tentative Schedule

Wed July 16	9:00 – 11:00 am	Manager's check-in at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (WYCC) -
, ,		500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury MD 21804, in Lobby.
Wed July 16	9:00 – 12:00 pm	T-shirt pre-order pick-up at the WYCC, in Lobby
Wed July 16	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Umpires' Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, Room TBD
Wed July 16	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Manager's Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, in Arena
		(maximum of 2 coaches per team)
Wed July 16	9:00 – 12:00 pm	Planner's Hospitality Expo at the WYCC
		Find out where to eat, shop and play during your stay! Local vendors will be
		on site sharing information throughout the Expo. A 20-minute presentation
		will be offered beginning every ½ hour including a Q&A session.
Wed July 16	5:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies at Arthur Perdue Stadium, home of the Delmarva
		Shorebirds minor league team. The theme is "State Olympics," so dress to
		represent your State! (Gates open at 4:00, teams report by 4:30)
Thurs July 17	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play begins
Fri July 18	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play concludes – Bracket Play begins
Sat July 19	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play continues
Sun July 20	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play concludes

Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance per national policy. The pool play and double elimination brackets will be given to coaches during the manager's check-in. Player, coach and other pretournament items will also be distributed at the manager's check-in.

Note that all times are subject to change. Please verify itinerary during the manager's check-in. Once the tournament begins, managers must check the main bracket board for any changes in game times, field assignments or other items related to tournament play or functions.

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Week 2: 14U "A" & "B" - July 22-27 14U "C" - July 22-26

Tentative Schedule

Tues July 22	9:00 – 11:00 am	Manager's check-in at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (WYCC) -
		500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury MD 21804, in Lobby
Tues July 22	9:00 – 12:00 pm	T-shirt pre-order pick-up at the WYCC, in Lobby
Tues July 22	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Umpires' Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, Room TBD
Tues July 22	11:30 – 1:00 pm	Manager's Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, in Arena
		(maximum of 2 coaches per team)
Tues July 22	9:00-12:00 pm	Planner's Hospitality Expo at the WYCC
		Find out where to eat, shop and play during your stay! Local vendors will be
		on site sharing information throughout the Expo. A 20-minute presentation
		will be offered beginning every ½ hour including a Q&A session.
Tues July 22	6:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (Doors open at
		5:00, teams report by 5:30). The theme will be "State Olympics," so dress to
		represent your State!
Wed July 23	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play begins
Thurs July 24	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play concludes – Bracket Play begins
Fri July 25	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play continues
Sat July 26	8:00 am	"A" & "B" Bracket Play continues, "C" Bracket Play concludes
Sun July 27	8:00 am	"A" & "B" Bracket Play concludes

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Week 3: 16U - 18U "Open" - July 28 - Aug 2 & 16U - 18U "C" - July 28 - Aug 1

Tentative Schedule

Mon July 28	8:30 – 10:30 am	Manager's check-in at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center (WYCC) -
		500 Glen Avenue, Salisbury MD 21804, in Lobby
Mon July 28	8:30 – 11:30 am	T-shirt pre-order pick-up at the WYCC, in Lobby
Mon July 28	11:00 – 12:30 pm	Umpires' Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, Room TBD
Mon July 28	11:00 – 12:30 pm	Manager's Meeting & Lunch at the WYCC, in Arena
		(maximum of 2 coaches per team)
Mon July 28	8:30 – 11:30 am	Find out where to eat, shop and play during your stay! Local vendors will be
		on site sharing information throughout the Expo. A 20-minute presentation
		will be offered beginning every ½ hour including a Q&A session.
Mon July 28	12:45-1:45 pm	College Recruiting Seminar at WYCC presented by Margie Knight of
		Salisbury University, in the Midway room. Session will focus on the
		"do's and don'ts" of the recruiting process and the differences between DI, DII
		& DIII. Free to all players, parents & coaches.
Mon July 28	3:00-5:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies will be a party on the beach in Ocean City with a theme
		of "State Olympics," so dress to represent your State (teams report by 4:00).
		From 3 PM to 4 PM teams are encouraged to come out to enjoy music and
		games on the beach. More details to follow at a later date.
Tues July 29	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play begins
Wed July 30	8:00 am	World Series Pool Play concludes – Bracket play begins
Thurs July 31	8:00 am	World Series Bracket Play continues
Fri Aug 1	8:00 am	16U-18U "Open" Bracket Play continues, 16U-18U "C" Bracket Play concludes
Sat Aug 2	8:00 am	16U-18U "Open" Bracket Play concludes

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2014 USSSA World Series Host Hotel:





WS Checklist for Managers/Team Administrators

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	Register for the World Series event online at <u>www.usssa.com</u> and submit entry fee upon registering.
	Due by July 1 for weeks 1 & 2 event and July 7 for week 3.
	Book hotel accommodations. See page 2-4 of this packet for information on booking hotel rooms and
	the new Stay to Save Rebate.
	Submit Team Gate Fee Form. See page 12 of this packet for form and instructions on how to submit.
	Due by July 1 for Weeks 1 & 2 and July 7 for Week 3.
	Enter team roster online at www.usssa.com, print official USSSA roster, and obtain all player and
	parent signatures. Bring a copy of signed roster to manager's check-in to turn into staff.
	Obtain proof of insurance certificate and bring a <u>copy</u> of certificate to manager's check-in to turn into
	staff.
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	Submit Good Luck Ad. See page 13 of this packet for information – Due by July 1 for Weeks 1 & 2 and
	July 7 for Week 3.
	Submit team photo and player list to be included in program book. See page 7 of this packet under
	Tournament Program Book section. Due by July 1 for Weeks 1 & 2 and July 7 for Week 3.
	Submit tournament t-shirt pre-order form. Teams registered online by June 14 will be emailed the t-
	shirt pre-order form.
	Book practice field time. See page 6 of this packet under Practice Fields section for information.
	Requests due no later than manager's check-in.
	Prepare gifts for team gift exchange. See page 6 of this packet under Gift Exchange section for
	information.



Team Gate Fee Form

eam Name (please list as officially registered):
lead Coach:
Please select which week your team is competing in:
Please select which age group your team is competing in:
Person responsible for fee submission:
treet Address:
City:Zip:
Day Phone () Evening Phone () Cell Phone ()
mail #1 (required) Email #2 (optional)
tem Cost # of Teams Total Due Team Admission \$800 per team x team(s) = \$ Tearly bird discount: Pay \$750 per team if payment is postmarked by April 30 th .
Payment Type: Check (make payable to Wicomico County) Credit Card (Visa / MC Only) Visa Mastercard
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- 1. Week-long and daily tournament passes are no longer required. Each team must submit a team gate fee. No exceptions can be made.
- 2. Teams must register for this World Series event on the national website, <u>www.usssa.com</u>, before submitting this form.
- 3. Make check payable to **Wicomico County** (\$50 fee applied to returned checks).
- 4. Mail check/credit card information and order form to Wicomico County Tourism, ATTN: Linda Lyons, P.O. Box 2333 Salisbury, MD 21802 or fax to ATTN: Linda Lyons at 410-341-4996. If paying by credit card, email form to llyons@wicomicocounty.org
- 5. Payment must be received by July 1, 2013 for Weeks 1 and 2, July 7 for Week 3. No refunds on team admission fees due to late withdrawals.



Good Luck Ad Form

Wish your child and her team "Good Luck" during this year's USSSA World Series in Salisbury, Maryland!

Good Luck Ad Rates:	
15 Word Program Mention	\$15
1/8 Page Ad (Up to 20 words)	\$25
1/4 Page Ad (Up to 30 words)	\$50
1/4 Page Ad (Photo OR Team Logo in .JPG Format and up to 15 words)	\$50
nstructions:	
Please complete the form below and submit with payment no later than	July 1. Photos (only for 1/4 page ads)
must be submitted in an electronic format on CD-ROM or via e-mail (Pho	otos will not be returned). Label photo
with player's last name and team name. Email photos to <u>wicomicosports</u>	@gmail.com or mail CD with form
and payment. Payment accepted by check only. Make checks out to Wic	•
Please note ads are subject to availability. Checks will be returned if ads	sell out.
Please complete and mail back with payment and photo (if appropriate	e). Please print.
Contact: Player's Name:	
Contact Email: Contact Phone:	
Геат Name:	
Please circle which week your team is competing in: Week 1	Week 2 Week 3
Please check ad size (below):	
15 Word Mention (\$15)1/8 Page Ad/20 Words ((\$25)
1/4 Page Ad/30 Words (\$50) 1/4 Page Ad/15 words +	•
Message (Print Clearly):	
Deadline for Payment/Contract: July 1, 2013	
Contact: Kelsey at 410-548-4914 or wicomicosports@gmail.com. Ma	il completed form and payment to:
Wicomico County Recreation, Parks & Tourism	. , , , , ,
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Attn: Good Luck Ads

Salisbury, MD 21802

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