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Team Classification Workbook: visit www.mnrpa.org web site

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association 200 Charles Street NE Fridley, MN 55432

# 2015 USSSA Slow-pitch Softball League Directors Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2015 @ 1:00 P.M.



Fridley Community Center 6085 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE Fridley, MN 55432

(694 to University Avenue, North on University to 61st Street, East on 61st Street)

- Presented by the MRPA and State Softball Staff
  - Pick up your score books
    - Electronic Registration
  - Learn the Do's and Don'ts of Registration
    - Learn the State and National Rules
  - Share Ideas with Other League Directors
  - Enjoy an Afternoon of Talking Softball

Any questions please contact Troy Mickelson @ 763-571-1305 x108 E-Mail - mickelson@mnrpa.org



#### February 2015

Dear Softball League Director:

Although snow is still on the ground, the softball season is coming soon. We want to share the most current softball information with you within this packet and at the annual league director meeting. Our league director meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Thursday-March 26 at the Fridley Community Center. You will be able to pick-up your score books at that time. (see attachments). Here is some information for the 2015 season:

**Bats:** All bats for the 2015 season used in league and tournament play must have the "new" USSSA logo on its tapered end. Approved bats can be found here: <a href="http://www.usssa.com/sports/Announcements.asp?Sport=17&AA=517">http://www.usssa.com/sports/Announcements.asp?Sport=17&AA=517</a>



THE OFFICIAL BAT shall be round in cross section, straight in length and measure not more than 34 inches long, including tape or other grip additions to the bat, shall have a knob at the end of its handle, and not more than 2 ½" inches in diameter at its largest part. Its weight shall not exceed 31-ounces, including tape or grip addition to the bat. The bat shall have a grip of tape or some other material to facilitate holding the bat during the batter's swing. The grip shall be not less than ten inches (10") long, nor extend to touch the taper or barrel of the bat. All key graphics, including USSSA and BPF markings, must be permanent and cannot be applied as decals or by any other method that would allow the key graphics to be easily removed or added to the bat.

**A. Material.** The bat may be made of hard wood of one piece, or laminated from sections of hard wood bonded together with adhesive in such a way that the grain directions of all the pieces are essentially parallel to the length of the bat. The bat may also be made of aluminum or other metals, fiberglass, graphite or composite materials.



**B. Construction.** The bat may be made in pieces from different materials but must have a closed barrel end, a handle and a taper. The bat may be modular with interchangeable parts, subject to additional safety and tampering requirements as set forth in the standard USSSA Bat Licensing Agreement. The knob portion must be welded or mechanically attached to the bat. Only USSSA approved bats, USSSA approved weighted bats or USSSA approved bat weigh attachments, may be used by the on deck batter while loosening up on the field.

**C. Official Softball.** Authorized bat manufacturers shall mark their products with the words "Official Softball."

- **D. Other Criteria for Legal USSSA Bats.** Bats will be legal for USSSA sanctioned play only if the bat is manufactured by an approved USSSA bat manufacturer on the USSSA approved bat manufacturer list (kept by USSSA and published and made available by means including, but not limited to, the USSSA website) and has the new USSSA mark (kept by USSSA and published and made available by means including, but not limited to, the USSSA website) on the taper of the bat. Wood bats made on the approved USSSA bat manufacturer list shall be legal without regard to this section D.2.
- **E.** Altered Bat Director Inspection and Suspension. A USSSA Director may at any time ask to inspect a bat that has been brought into the location of a USSSA sanctioned event or any other USSSA facility. The owner and/or user may either: 1. Withhold the bat from inspection and accept an immediate two (2) year (automatic life for second time offenders under EI and/or E) suspension from USSSA sanctioned activities with no right to appeal; or,
- 2. Allow the Director to inspect the bat and reach a conclusion as to whether or not the bat might be altered.



**Dudley:** In all programs that utilize the 12" softball, the Dudley .40 COR Classic M Optic Yellow ball will be used in our postseason tournaments. The Blue Stamped or Stitched ball is the USSSA ball. This ball should be used in all of our leagues and tournaments. The .40 COR Classic M 12" ball is the men's ball and the Classic W 11" ball is the women's ball. These balls have an optic yellow cover.

The Minnesota Recreation and Park Association web site is <a href="https://www.mnrpa.org">www.mnrpa.org</a> The Minnesota USSA website is <a href="https://www.mnusssa.com">www.mnusssa.com</a> and should be completely updated by mid-March. All the information that was included in the guide/tournament book is now online. The national website is <a href="https://www.usssa.com">www.usssa.com</a>

#### **Sanction Fees and Tournament Fees for the 2015 Season:**

Adult slow-pitch softball teams: \$21 Adult slow-pitch softball post-season tournament fees: \$170 Youth slow-pitch softball teams: \$15 Youth slow-pitch softball post-seasons tournament fees: \$170

Team registration spreadsheets are due to the State Director by Friday, May 15 for processing and invoicing to be issued an eleven (11) digit team registration number. Teams are required to have a team registration number in order to participate in any USSSA sanctioned tournaments. Team registration spreadsheets can be found on the MRPA web site at <a href="https://www.mnrpa.org">www.mnrpa.org</a>, and completed spreadsheets can be emailed to me at <a href="mickelson@mnrpa.org">mickelson@mnrpa.org</a>.

#### **USSSA Softball Team Registrations Information:**

- USSSA requires electronic team registration
- USSSA has provided a simple Team Registration Worksheet which requires the use of at least Microsoft Excel 97.
- MRPA/MN-USSSA has 7 worksheets for team registrations:
  - o Men's worksheet
  - Women's worksheet
  - Mixed worksheet
  - Church worksheet
  - o Corporate/Industrial worksheet
  - o Boys' worksheet
  - o Girls' worksheet
- A cover worksheet is also included for league(s) and the league director contact information and to summarize team registration and payment information.
- A complete Team Classification Code Guide is attached for referencing when completing the team worksheet.
- Please note age changes to the youth softball Team Classification Code Guide. Youth ages are as follows: 19u, 16u, 13u, 10u, 8u and 6u.

#### **Getting started with Electronic Softball Team Registrations:**

- Make sure you have at least Microsoft Excel 97.
- If you do not receive the 2015 template by email by April 15, you can find the worksheets on the MRPA web site at <a href="www.mnrpa.org">www.mnrpa.org</a> or contact your state director, Troy Mickelson at <a href="mickelson@mnrpa.org">mickelson@mnrpa.org</a> for the latest version.
- The softball team registration workbook will be emailed to you as an attached file within a few days of your request. Download the attached file as per instructions of your e-mail program.
- When ready to enter softball team registrations, open Microsoft Excel, then open the 2015 Softball Team Registration file. A workbook with nine (9) worksheets will open.
  - o Team worksheets: Men's, Women's, Mixed, Church, Corporate/Industrial, Boys' and Girls'
  - o Team Classification Code Guide
  - o Cover Worksheet

- If you receive a message from your computer saying "This workbook you are opening contains macros..." click on the "Enable Macros" options to open the workbook.
- Complete all areas of the Cover Worksheet. The Cover Worksheet asks you to describe the team type (ex. Men's Women's, Mixed, etc.) you are registering. Enter only teams which fall under this type on the Team Worksheet.
- Complete the Team Worksheet for the perspective league. Enter data in all fields except the Team ID Number field.
- When entering phone numbers into the team registration worksheets; please do this format: 763-571-1305 and not this format: (763) 571-1305, 7635711305, 763.571.1305 or 763/571-1305. USSSA-ISTS does not recognize parentheses, periods, back slashes and any other symbol. USSSA-ISTS software registration program only recognizes hyphens when entering phone numbers. If the phone number is entered incorrectly on the worksheet the team will not have a phone number associated with the team and/or manager.
- The Team Classification Guide worksheet provides full descriptions of the Team Classification Codes requested on the Team Registration Worksheet.
  - o **Saving your work**: When team data entry is complete, save the updated workbook under a new name using the "Save As" feature under the file menu. For example, call the workbook "Mens2015" or "Girls2015". This will preserve the file as your blank template for future use.
- Print a copy of the Cover Worksheet to send with your payment to MRPA.
- Team registration spreadsheets are due to the State Director by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for processing and invoicing to be issued an eleven (11) digit team registration number.
- Email the completed workbook to Troy Mickelson at <a href="mickelson@mnrpa.org">mickelson@mnrpa.org</a> by attaching the file to an e-mail message, or copy the file to a flash/thumb drive and mail to MRPA. If e-mailing, write "Softball Team Registration" in the subject line of the email message.

Umpire Pay: \$21 per game

Umpire Registration Fee: \$60 or a late fee of \$70 will be assed four (4) days prior to the clinic or the day of.

Umpires must be registered USSSA, USSSA certified and attended an USSSA umpire clinic in order to officiate any sanctioned USSSA leagues and/or tournaments.

#### **Central Division National Tournament Sites in Minnesota**

Men's Class "C" in Blaine, MN at Airport and Aquatore ball fields on August 22-23, 2015. Women's Class "B/C" and "D" in Blaine, MN at BeBops Sports Venue on August 29-30, 2015.

#### **Men's Homerun Limits:**

Division	Player Gender	Classification	Number of Homeruns Allotted
Men's		A	8
Men's		В	6
Men's		С	4
Men's		D	2 – New for 2015 season
Men's		Е	0 – with an inning ending out and offensive ejection
Women's		A	Unlimited
Women's		В	Unlimited
Women's		С	3
Women's		D	0
Mixed	Male	С	4
Mixed	Female	С	4
Mixed	Male	D	2
Mixed	Female	D	2
Mixed	Male	Е	0 – with an inning ending out and offensive ejection
Mixed	Female	Е	0 – with an inning ending out and offensive ejection

The following home run limits will be used in Men's "C/D" National Invitational Tournaments: when a Men's "C" Team plays another Men's "C" Team, the "C" home run rule will be used. When a Men's "C" Team plays a Men's "D" Team, the home run limit will be 3 home runs per game, per team. When a Men's "C" Team plays a Men's "E" Team, the home run limit will be 2 home runs per game, per team. When a Men's "D" Team plays another Men's "D" Team, the home run limit will be 2 home runs per game, per team. When a Men's "D" Team plays a Men's "E" Team, the home run limit will be 1 home run per game, per team. When a Men's "E" Team plays another Men's "E" Team, the home run limit will be 0 home runs per game, per team with an inning ending out and offensive ejection.

In the Men's Class "E" and Mixed "E" Programs, any batter who hits an untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory will be declared out and it will be an inning ending out. Each subsequent time that position in the lineup is due to bat, the batter shall automatically be declared out. The player shall remain in the game for defensive purposes only. This applies to any substitute in that batting position. If the player appears in the batter's box after hitting a home run, he shall be ejected from the game and the team must continue short-handed.

**State Tournament Play that Advances to National Competition:** A minimum of nine players can start a game. However, an out shall be declared when the 10<sup>th</sup> position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A 10<sup>th</sup> player may be added any time before the end of the game. Any team that starts a game with 10, 11 or 12 players may drop to the minimum 9 players to finish the game. All vacant spots in the lineup will be declared an out every time that lineup position is due to bat. If the team starts with 9 or 10 players, they are not allowed to add the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> player at a later time.

All Youth State Tournaments and Programs that Do Not Advance Teams to National Tournaments: You may start and finish the game with nine players. You may bat 10, 11, players or your entire roster, and you may use courtesy runners. If someone is injured while batting your entire roster, you can skip over that spot in the lineup without penalty.

**Pitching:** The pitcher may pitch from the pitcher's rubber or from an area the width of the pitcher's rubber and up to six feet behind the pitcher's rubber.

**Baselines:** 70' baselines will be used in all adult programs. Hopefully all of our parks and complexes will have their bases at 70'. This will give the fielders extra reaction time and put more defense into the game.

**USSSA World Tournaments:** All world tournaments will have a 3 game guarantee and all champions crowned will receive Jostens's rings. There needs to be a minimum of eight (8) teams registered in order to receive World Series rings.

#### Player/Team Classifications:

Men's Program: Individual player classifications can be found on the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association web site at <a href="www.mnrpa.org">www.mnrpa.org</a>. Player classifications will include any "B" player and above who played on a "B" world tournament team in 2014. Those teams are as follows; T's 13, Xtreme/Miken and H. Auto LLC. Any team or roster with four (4) or more "B" players cannot play below "B" classification, in addition any players listed on the USSSA Major player or Major Watch list cannot play below "B" (per National rule) unless the player in affect appeals his own classification and needs approval by the CC and state director. If approved by the state director the team affected will be eligible for "C" worlds only.

Team classifications are divided into three (3) tiers; **COMPETITIVE**, **RECREATIONAL** and "E".

The *COMPETITIVE* division consists of any team that is interested in playing any post season tournaments. Teams in this division are highly competitive, have several years of experience playing competitive softball and have a high level of tournament experience that prefer to compete at a high level but not at the highest level. Teams are heavily skilled in the fundamentals of softball. Teams in this division have the capability to hit home runs, have speed on the bases and out in the field. Errors are limited on defense, usually few overthrows or missed plays. Base runners are very aggressive and persistent on the bases. Teams are fundamentally sound on both defense and offense with situation acumen. The Classification Committee has identified the following teams as Men's "C" teams for the 2015 season; **Outpost, All Season/DSTI, and Team Stoop** and possibly more to follow.

The *RECREATIONAL* division is the most popular. These teams do not have an interest in playing in the world tournament. However if these teams do want to continue onto post season play they can be reclassified to play up in the "D" or down in the "E" world tournament. Teams in this division are semi-competitive and have little experience in recreational softball. Teams have knowledge of softball and want to compete at a higher level and want to have fun. Several players on the team can hit home runs, have an aggressive defense but not all players have a high skill level. Base runners are aggressive. Teams played at least some recreational softball in the past and are looking to play for the enjoyment of the game. Men's "D" Recreational teams may have the opportunity to play down in the Men's "E" program at the discretion of the state director. Those tournaments will be identified on the 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA tournament schedule. If approved by the state director to play down, tournament will played under "E" rules.

The "E" division is best described as a beginner division. Teams in this division are still learning the game of softball, have little experience in softball, or cannot compete in the competitive division, but play for the enjoyment of the game. Usually the best league for those teams that will be playing in their first season of organized softball. Teams have minimal knowledge of softball and want to compete at an equitable level in a recreational environment. Teams participating in the Men's "E" program are provided an opportunity to participate in post season play.

Any player who has been classified on a competitive team cannot play down in the recreational program unless that player appeals/petitions his/her case in the form of an email to the classification committee and state director. Players who participate and are on a team roster in the recreational program; can play up in the competitive program but once he/she makes that transition that player now becomes frozen in the competitive program.

Minnesota USSSA Men's Competitive Softball Program, teams may consist of:

- 1. Men's Class "C" program: No more than four (4) class "B" players from the previous year and/or current season.
- 2. Men's Class "D" program: No more than four (4) class "C" players from the previous year and/or current season.
- 3. Men's Class "E" program: No more than four (4) class "D" players from the previous year and/or current season.

Women's Program: The Women's softball teams will be classified by strength of team roster; "B" (TC/Combat and MN Ice), "C" (The Free Agents and Buff Nutrition), and all other teams playing the program are classified as "D" teams. These classifications have been set at the USSSA National level. Any ASA women's teams wanting to crossover or participate in any MRPA/MN-USSSA softball tournaments, rosters will need to be reviewed by the classification committee and approved by the USSSA state director.

Minnesota USSSA Women's Softball Program, teams may consist of:

- 1. Women's Class "C" program: No more than four (4) class "B" players from the previous year and/or current season.
- 2. Women's Class "D" program: No more than four (4) class "C" players from the previous year and/or current season.
- 3. Women's Class "E" program: No more than four (4) class "D" players from the previous year and/or current season.

**Mixed Program:** The Mixed program features three (3) divisions: "C", "D" and "E".

Mixed Class "C", "D" or "E" teams shall not be allowed to have any male player whose name appears on the USSSA Major Players List, USSSA Major Players Watch List or who competed during the season in a Men's "A" team or higher.

Mixed Class "C" teams will be allowed to have three (3) players who played on Men's or Women's "B" teams from the previous year and/or the current season (this could be three (3) male or three (3) female players or any combination thereof, but only a total of three (3) players). Any exceptions will be reviewed by the State Director.

Mixed Class "D" teams shall not be allowed to have any players who played on Men's or Women's "B" teams or higher the previous year and/or the current season. Mixed "D" teams will be allowed to have three (3) players who played on Men's or Women's "C" teams from the previous year and/or the current season (this could be three (3)

male or three (3) female players or any combination thereof, but only a total of three (3) players). Any exceptions will be reviewed by the State Director.

Mixed Class "E" teams shall not be allowed to have any players who played on Men's or Women's "C" teams or higher from the previous year and/or the current season. Any exceptions will be reviewed and approved by the State Director.

Flip Flop Rule: The flip flop rule will be used in all programs.

Use of Improper Language and Players outside the Dugout Area: These are two topics that will again be emphasized at all umpire clinics. It is a MUST that you, as a league director, go over this in your team manager and local umpire meetings.

**Team Registration ID #s:** All teams will receive an eleven digit ID#. All tournament reports must include the team ID# and game scores.

**Rosters Online:** All teams that play in USSSA tournaments and leagues must put their roster online at <a href="https://www.usssa.com">www.usssa.com</a>.

Minnesota Concussion Law: All youth leagues must be aware of and abide to the Minnesota concussion law.

Thank you for following procedures and taking special notice when things are due. We're looking forward to a great 2015 Softball Season. If we can help, just call, e-mail or stop by.

Sincerely,

Troy Mickelson Minnesota USSSA State Director





Yes, I will be attending the March 26 meeting.
No, I will not be attending the March 26 meeting – I will coordinate with MRPA to arrange a time to pick-up scorebooks

Everyone Must Return This Form!

### **Softball League Director Information**

Association/Organization:			·····
League Director Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	:
Work Phone	Cell Phone	Home Phone	
E-mail Address		Web Site Address	
Number of Scorebooks Need	ed:	(Total Number of Teams)	

Please send completed form to: MRPA/MN-USSSA

Troy Mickelson 200 Charles Street NE Fridley, MN 55432 mickelson@mnrpa.org 763-571-5204 (Fax)



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# **2015 MN-USSSA/MRPA Tournament Sanction Application**



Please type or print legibly
One Weekend Sanction Request per Application

Tournament	Name				
Tournament	Location (City)	Tournam	nent Date(s)		
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Men's Competitive	□ "A/B" □ "B/C" □ "C/D" □ "D/E"	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
Men's Recreational	□ "D" □ "E" □ "Church" □ "Corporate"	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR	1 2 3 4	\$
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Mixed 11/12	□ "C" □ "D" □ "E"	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
Mixed 11/12	□ "C/D" □ "D/E"	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
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Boys' 16u Girls' 16u	Competitive Recreational	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
Boys' 14u Girls' 14u	Competitive Recreational	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
Boys' 12u Girls' 12u	Competitive Recreational	SE SEC DE I	DEC B3 B4 RR		\$
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SPMBC	Men's "B" Competitive	SPB8	Boy's 19u Competitive	2	SE	Single Elimina	
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SPMER	Men's "E" Recreation	SPR3	Boy's 13u Recreation		B4	Bracket – 4 Ga	me Guarantee
SPWB	Women's "B"	SPB0	Boy's 10u Competitive	2	RR	Round Robin	
SPWC SPWD	Women's "C" Women's "D"	SPR0 SPG9	Boy's 10u Recreation Girl's 19u Competitive	3			
SPWE	Women's "E"	SPZ9	Girl's 19u Recreation				
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SPXD	Mixed "D"	SPZ6	Girl's 16u Recreation				
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### 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA Softball Tournament Bid Contract

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В.	Representative	
C.	Mailing Address	
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F.	Zip Code	
G.	Work Phone	
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2. TOURNAMENT(S) DESIRED	CLASSIFICATION	DATES
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A.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA Spring Fling	Men's Competitive	April 25-26, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
		Women's "B/C"	
		Women's "D"	
B.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Men's Competitive	May 9, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
		Mixed "C/D"	
C.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Men's Competitive	May 16-17, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
		Women's "B/C"	
		Women's "D"	
D.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Men's Competitive	May 30-31, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	_
		Mixed "C/D"	
E.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA-GSL Dual Super Qualifier	Men's Competitive	June 6-7, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
F.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Girls' 10u	June 13-14, 2015
		Girls' 12u	
		Girls' 14u	
		Girls' 16u	
		Girls' 19u	
		Women's "B/C"	
		Women's "D"	
G.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Men's Competitive	June 27-28, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	_
		Mixed "C/D"	

Н.	☐ MRPA/MN-USSSA	Men's Competitive	July 11-12, 2015
		Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
		Women's "B/C"	
		Women's "D"	
		Mixed "C/D"	
I.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Girl's State Tournament	Girls' 10u	July 11-12, 2015
J.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Girl's State Tournament	Girls' 12u Competitive	July 11-12, 2015
		Girls' 12u Recreational	
K.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Girl's State Tournament	Girls' 14u Competitive	July 11-12, 2015
		Girls' 14u Recreational	
L.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Girl's State Tournament	Girls' 16u Competitive	July 11-12, 2015
		Girls' 16u Recreational	
M.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Girl's State Tournament	Girls' 19u	July 11-12, 2015
N.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Church	August 1, 2015
		Industrial	August 2, 2015
0.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Mixed "C" & "D"	August 1-2, 2015
P.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Men's Competitive	August 8-9, 2015
Q.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Men's Recreational	August 8-9, 2015
R.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Men's "E"	August 8-9, 2015
S.	MRPA/MN-USSSA Midnight Mayhem	Men's Competitive	August 14-15, 2015
	(Will need lights from 8:00pm – 6:00am)	Men's Recreational	
		Men's "E"	
		Women's "B/C"	
		Women's "D"	
		Mixed "C/D"	
T.	MRPA/MN-USSSA State Softball Tournament	Women's "B/C"	August 16, 2015
		Women's "D"	
U.	USSSA Central Division National Tournament	Men's "C"	August 22-23, 2015
V.	USSSA Central Division National Tournament	Women's "B/C"	August 29-30, 2015
		Women's "D"	
W.	☐ Hall of Fame Mixed Fall State Tournament	Mixed Competitive	October 3-4, 2015
		Mixed Recreational	
X.	Hall of Fame Men's Fall State Tournament	Men's Competitive	October 10-11, 2015
	Hall of Fame Men's Fall State Tournament	Men's Recreational	October 10-11, 2015
	Hall of Fame Women's Fall State Tournament	Women's Open	October 10, 2015
	SPECIFICATIONS		
Α.	What is the number of fields?		
В.	Are the fields all in one complex?		
C.	How are the fields identified?		
D.	How many fields have lights?		
Ε.	What is your base distance for adult leagues?		
F.	What is your base distance for youth leagues?		
G.	What is your pitching distance for adult leagues?		
H.	What is your pitching distance for youth leagues?		

LIST	fields in order of quality (1 = best field / $10 = w$				_
	Complex Name	Field #	Fence Distance	Ligi	hts
				☐ Yes	□ No
				☐ Yes	☐ No
				☐ Yes	□No
				☐ Yes	□ No
				Yes	□ N
				Yes	N
				Yes	N
				☐ Yes	
				□Yes	
				☐Yes	□N
I.	Which field(s) has water or an obvious lost-ball ar	ea hehind it	s outfield fences?		
••	Willest field(s) flus water of all obvious lost ball at	ca bermia n	s outher reflees.		
J.	Where is the location for team check-in?				
•	Where is the location for team check in.				
۸CI	LITY INFORMATION				
<u>A.</u>	What is the distance to the nearest hospital?				
B.	How many parking spaces in your parking lot?	1 .2			
<u>C.</u>	How many handicap parking spaces in your parki				
D.	Check the following boxes that apply at your facil	ity:			
	Restrooms				
	First-aid cabinet				
	Trained first-aid personnel				
	☐ Tournament headquarters				
	Concessions				
	☐ Youth play ground				
	☐ Drinking water fountains				
	Splash pad				
	☐ Pavilions				
	☐ BBQ grills				
	☐ Dog park				
E.	What is the earliest game time?	What is the	e latest game time?	?	
F.	When do ball field lights need to be off?	What	time does the park	close?	
G.	How many restaurants are within five miles of you			l	
H.	How many hotels/motels are within five miles of y				
I.	List any other features at your site which would en				
	List any other reatares at your site which would ex	manee year	5.4.		
	76				*11 *:
J.	If you are charging an admission or parking fee (y	ou may not	cnarge for both), l	now much	will it
	be?				
K.	Would the MRPA/MN-USSSA need a permit to se	ll its mercha	andise at your site?	)	
1	Is the sale of beer permitted in your park?				

#### 5. MRPA/MN-USSSA AGREES TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING

- **A.** Retain all entry fees.
- **B.** Pay game officials.
- **C.** Pay the tournament director and UIC/rules interpreter upon completion of their duties.
- **D.** Provide tournament awards. No other awards may be given unless authorized by MRPA.
- **E.** Provide game balls unless otherwise agreed upon.
- **F.** Make the tournament draw and disseminate pertinent information to all teams through league directors.
- **G.** Provide a tournament bracket sheet measuring two feet by three feet.

#### 6. HOST ORGANIZATION/LEAGUE DIRECTOR AGREES TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING

- A. Along with MRPA/MN-USSSA appoint a tournament director who is responsible for the overall operation of the tournament.
- **B.** Retain proceeds from the sale of concessions, programs, t-shirts, tickets, and any other type of income unless otherwise specified in this agreement.
- c. Provide MRPA/MN-USSSA with a tournament cover letter, a list of lodging and eating establishments, a map to the tournament site and practice fields, and a description of procedures to be used in case of an emergency. This description must include the location of the first aid kit and the name and phone number of the emergency contact person. The cover letter must include a description of the facilities, the location of the tournament headquarters, and a brief public relations message. Hosts charging for parking or admission must also state the amount they are charging in this cover letter. This information must be supplied to MRPA/MN-USSSA at least one month before the tournament.
- D. The host has the option of charging spectators either for admission or for parking, but not both. The maximum charge is \$5 per car for parking or \$5 per person for admission. Players, umpires and tournament personnel may not be charged for either, so if there is a player in a car, parking may not be charged.
- **E.** Provide tournament headquarters where the tournament director will conduct the team check-in.
- **F.** Provide MRPA/MN-USSSA with a list of the top fifty percent (50%) of their community's registered officials. The tournament umpire-in-chief (UIC) will use this list to complement his regional list when making game assignments.
- **G.** Provide facility/park maintenance including field dragging, watering, chalking, painting foul lines and other maintenance as needed to make the fields suitable for play. This must be done a minimum of every third (3<sup>rd</sup>) contest or more often if so requested by the tournament director.
- **H.** Provide first-aid equipment, emergency ticket-taking, parking supervision, concession sales, and any other jobs as requested by MRPA/MN-USSSA prior to the tournament.
- **I.** Provide drinking water and adequate rest facilities within a short walking distance of the fields.
- J. Conduct a first class awards presentation using a public address system. This P.A. system should also be used for the championship game.
- **K.** Cannot conduct any additional contests, e.g. homerun derby, etc., without permission from MRPA/MN-USSSA.
- L. The host site may take one dollar (\$1) for every t-shirt sold at their tournament.
- M. Secure a team picture of the tournament winner (with the appropriate banner) and submit to MRPA/MN-USSSA.
- **N.** If beer is sold at the tournament, the only beer sold will be that of MRPA/MN-USSSA corporate sponsor.

- O. Along with MRPA/MN-USSSA, designate a tournament umpire-in-chief (UIC) who will decide all rule protests. He/she will make all game assignments under the guidance of the state and/or area umpire-in-chief (UIC). If competent registered officials are available, the host community will be entitled to a minimum twenty-five percent (25%) of the game assignments.
- P. If the size of the tournament requires more fields, the host organization agrees to staff and maintain the additional facilities.

#### 7. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AGREES TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING

- A. Be responsible for the overall operation of the tournament, including team check-in and the awards presentation. He/she will also be4 responsible for ruling on all eligibility protests.
- **B.** Make arrangements with MRPA/MN-USSSA for pick-up and return of tournament supplies, equipment, and all balls (both new and used).
- C. Provide pre-tournament and post-tournament news releases to the local media. This includes reporting scores of at least the final three (3) games of the tournament to:

  Star Tribune at 612-673-4447

Saint Paul Pioneer Press at 651-228-5516

- D. Submit a tournament report to MRPA/MN-USSSA within five (5) days after the conclusion of the tournament. This report must include a completed bracket sheet with all scores listed, the final results sheet properly filled out, state tournament rosters, all-tournament team, offensive/defensive player, overall MVP of the tournament, and the officials pay sheet. No money will be paid out until this report, the balls, awards, t-shirts, and other equipment returned to MRPA/MN-USSSA.
- **E.** Attend a tournament directors meeting.

On behalf of my organi	zation, I agree to the above conditions:		
Signature of Host Organization/Community Park and League Director		 Date	
Tournament Director			
Mailing Address			
City			
State			
Zip Code			
Work Phone			
Cell Phone			
E-mail Address			
Web Site Address			

MRPA/MN-USSSA State Director's Signature

Date

Tournament bid contracts must be returned no later than February 28, 2015 to:

MRPA/MN-USSSA Softball Tournament Bid

OR

mickelson@mnrpa.org

200 Charles Street NE Fridley, MN 55432

2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA Softball Tournament schedules attached.



#### 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA Sanctioned Softball Tournaments



**Red tournaments 2 game guarantee (Double-Elimination)** 

Blue tournaments 3 game guarantee (Double-Elimination / Consolation)

\* Weather permitting \*

Late registrations add \$25

(NIT - \$275) (Dual Super Qualifier - \$275) (Money - \$250)

(Equipment - \$220) (Qualifier - \$200) (League - \$180) (Pool Play - \$175)



DATE	TOURNAMENT	CLASSIFICATION	TYPE	CITY	PARK	F	==
	1	T			T	1.	
* April 25-26, 2015 *	MN-USSSA/MRPA Spring Fling	Men's Competitive	Qualifier	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue		200
* April 25-26, 2015 *	MN-USSSA/MRPA Spring Fling	Men's Recreational	League	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	+	180
* April 25-26, 2015 *	MN-USSSA/MRPA Spring Fling	Men's "E"	Qualifier	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue		200
* April 25-26, 2015 *	MN-USSSA/MRPA Spring Fling	Women's "B/C"	Qualifier	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	+	200
* April 25-26, 2015 *	MN-USSSA/MRPA Spring Fling	Women's "D"	Qualifier	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	200
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May 9, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Competitive	Money	TBD	TBD	_	250
May 9, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Recreational	League	TBD	TBD	+	180
May 9, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's "E"	Money	TBD	TBD		250
May 9, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Mixed "C/D"	Qualifier	TBD	TBD	\$	200
May 16-17, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Competitive	NIT	Edina	Van Valkenburg Park	\$	275
May 16-17, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Recreational	League	Edina	Van Valkenburg Park		180
May 16-17, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's "E"	NIT	Edina	Van Valkenburg Park	+ -	275
May 16-17, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "B/C"	NIT	Edina	Van Valkenburg Park	+	275
May 16-17, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "D"	NIT	Edina	Van Valkenburg Park		275
May 10-17, 2013	MIN-0333A) MIN A	Women's D	I III	Luma	van valkenburg raik	*	213
May 30-31, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Competitive	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	250
May 30-31, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Recreational	League	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	+	180
May 30-31, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's "E"	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	+	250
May 30-31, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Mixed "C/D"	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue		250
May 30-31, 2013	MIN-0333A/ MINT A	Wilked C/D	Wolley	Dianie	bebops sports venue	-	230
June 6-7, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA - GSL Dual Super Qualifier	Men's Competitive	NIT	Fridley	Fridley Community Park	\$	275
June 6-7, 2016	MN-USSSA/MRPA - GSL Dual Super Qualifier	Men's Recreational	League	Fridley	Fridley Community Park	\$	180
June 6-7, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA - GSL Dual Super Qualifier	Men's "E"	NIT	Fridley	Fridley Community Park	\$	275
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June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Girls' 10u	Pool Play	Saint Paul	Dunning Sports Complex	\$	175
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Girls' 12u	Pool Play	Saint Paul	Dunning Sports Complex	\$	175
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Girls' 14u	Pool Play	Saint Paul	Dunning Sports Complex	\$	175
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Girls' 16u	Pool Play	Saint Paul	Dunning Sports Complex	\$	175
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Girls' 19u	Pool Play	Saint Paul	Dunning Sports Complex	\$	175
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "B/C"	Qualifier	Saint Paul	Rice & Arlington Sports Complex	\$	200
June 13-14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "D"	Qualifier	Saint Paul	Rice & Arlington Sports Complex	\$	200
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June 27-28, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Recreational	League	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	180
June 27-28, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's "E"	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	250
June 27-28, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Mixed "C/D"	NIT	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	275
July 11-12, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Competitive	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	250
July 11-12, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's Recreational	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	250
July 11-12, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Men's "E"	Money	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	250
July 11, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "B/C"	Money	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	250
July 11, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Women's "D"	Money	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	250
July 12, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA	Mixed "C/D"	Money	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	250
August 14-15, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA Midnight Mayhem	Men's Competitive	Equipment	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Park	\$	220
August 14-15, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA Midnight Mayhem	Men's Recreational / "E"	Equipment	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Park	\$	220
August 14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA Midnight Mayhem	Women's "B/C"	Equipment	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Park	\$	220
August 14, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA Midnight Mayhem	Women's "D"	Equipment	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Park	\$	220
August 14-15, 2015	MN-USSSA/MRPA Midnight Mayhem	Mixed "C/D"	Equipment	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Park	\$	220





#### **2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA State and National Softball Tournaments**

**State tournaments 2 game guarantee (Double-Elimination)** 

National tournaments 3 game guarantee (Double-Elimination / Consolation)





DATE	TOURNAMENT	DIVISION	CITY	PARK		EE
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	10u	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	170
July 11-12, 2016	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	12u Recreational	Champlin	Andrews Park	\$	170
July 11-12, 2017	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	12u Competitive	Champlin	Andrews Park	\$	170
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	14u Recreational	Oakdale	Richard Walton Memorial Park	\$	170
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	14u Competitive	Oakdale	Richard Walton Memorial Park	\$	170
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	16u Recreational	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	170
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	16u Competitive	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	170
July 11-12, 2015	Girls' State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	19u	Champlin	Andrews Park	\$	170
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August 1-2, 2015	Mixed State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"C" & "D"	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	170
August 1, 2015	Men's Church State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	Church	Champlin	Andrews Park	\$	170
August 2, 2015	Men's Industrial State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	Corporate/Industrial	Champlin	Andrews Park	\$	170
August 8-9, 2015	Men's Competitive State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	Competitive	Brooklyn Park	Noble Sports Park	\$	170
August 8-9, 2015	Men's Recreational State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	Recreational	Woodbury	Bielenberg Sports Complex	\$	170
August 8-9, 2015	Men's "E" State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"E"	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Parks	\$	170
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August 16, 2015	Women's "B/C" State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"B/C"	Eagan	Northview Park	\$	170
August 16, 2015	Women's "D" State Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"D"	Eagan	Northview Park	\$	170
August 22-23, 2015	Men's "C" Central Division National Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"C"	Burnsville	Lac Lavon Ballpark	\$	340
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August 29-30, 2015	Men's "D" Central Division National Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"D"	Waterloo, IA	TBD	1	ГВD
August 29-30, 2015	Men's "E" Central Division National Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"E"	Bridgeton, MO	TBD	1	ГВD
August 29, 2015	Women's "B/C" Central Division National Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"B/C"	Blaine, MN	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	340
August 29, 2015	Women's "D" Central Division National Slow-pitch Softball Tournament	"D"	Blaine, MN	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	340
October 3-4, 2015	Hall of Fame Mixed Competitive Fall State Tournament	Competitive	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	170
October 3-4, 2015	Hall of Fame Mixed Recreational Fall State Tournament	Recreational	Blaine	BeBops Sports Venue	\$	170
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October 10-11, 2015	Hall of Fame Men's Competitive Fall State Tournament	Competitive	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Parks	\$	170
October 10-11, 2015	Hall of Fame Men's Recreational Fall State Tournament	Recreational	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Parks	\$	170
October 10, 2015	Hall of Fame Women's Open Fall State Tournament	Open	Blaine	Airport/Aquatore Parks	\$	170



# 2015 Slow Pitch World Series Dates & Locations

Division	Location	Complex	Date	Director
Men's "A" World	Kissimmee, FL	Fortune Road	Sept 18-20, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's Major World Series	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 23-27, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's "B" World	Kissimmee, FL	Fortune Road	Aug 21-23, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's "C" World	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 24-27, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's "D" World (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 17-20, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's "E" World - East (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Oct 1-4, 2015	National Headquarters
Men's "E" World - North	Sterling Heights, MI	Liberty Park	Sept 18-20, 2015	Tony DeDonatis
Men's "E" World - West	Las Vegas, NV	Big League Dreams	Sept 17-20, 2015	Tom Pfundstein
Women's Major World Series (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 18-20, 2015	National Headquarters
Women's "B" World (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 25-27, 2015	National Headquarters
Women's "C" World (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 24-27, 2015	National Headquarters
Women's "D" World (3GG)	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Sept 24-27, 2015	National Headquarters
Mixed Major World Series	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Oct 16-18, 2015	National Headquarters
Mixed "C", "D", "E" World	Kissimmee, FL	ESPN WWOS	Oct 16-18, 2015	National Headquarters
Mixed "C", "D" & "E" - West	Cathedral City, CA	Big League Dreams	Oct 9-11, 2015	Sean Melvin
Boys & Girls Youth - East		TBD		
Boys & Girls Youth - West	Clovis, NM	Guy Leeder Complex	July 17-19, 2015	Roger Jackson
Men's & Women's Military World	Columbus, GA	South Commons Complex	Aug 6 - 9, 2015	Dustin Roberts
Men's & Women's Black American World	Chattanooga, TN	Summit Complex	Sept 11-13, 2015	Clay Dickey
Men's & Women's Church World	Cary, NC	Thomas Brooks Park	Aug 15-16, 2015	Andy Richards
Men's & Mixed Corporate World	Valdosta, GA	Freedom Park	31-Oct-15	Jeff Miller
Men's & Women's Seniors - East				
(40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65)	N Branford, CT	Connecticut Sportsplex	Aug 22-23, 2015	Jon Brandt
Men's Seniors - Central				
(40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65)	Sherwood, AR	Sherwood Complex	October 23-25, 2015	Billy Lee Yarbrough
Men's & Women's Seniors - Midwest				
(40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65)	Louisville, KY	EPS Sawyer Park	September 11-15, 2015	Wally Lefco
Men's & Women's Hispanic World	Gilbert, AZ	Big League Dreams	June 13 - 14, 2015	Elliot Clark

#### 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA Umpire Registration Application & Code of Conduct



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#### CHI INE CONCUSSION THANNING/CENTIFICATION

#### **Minnesota Concussion Law**

The Minnesota Legislature's "Concussion Law" Requires Online Training for All Coaches and Officials and Concussion Education for all Parents and Athletes (began in the fall of 2011).

The Minnesota Legislature passed a "Concussion Law" which requires any municipality, business, school district or nonprofit organization that organizes a youth athletic activity and charges a fee to follow the statute's requirements, including implementing concussion training and education to improve player safety and establish safe return-to-play policies for athletes who sustain a concussion.

#### The law mandates that:

- All coaches (head and assistants) and officials receive concussion training and education by September 1, 2011, and then at threevear intervals thereafter.
- Coaches must remove an athlete from activity if they exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion and/or are suspected of sustaining a concussion.
- The law also requires an appropriate health care professional's signature to return to play if an athlete is removed due to a concussion or is showing signs or symptoms of a concussion.

The concussion education course we recommend for coaches and officials is the online video training session developed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Federation of State High Schools. This course requires registration but is free. Over 200,000 coaches and officials have already successfully completed this course. The training process involves watching a video and then successfully completing a quiz. The entire training module can be completed in a little over a half an hour and then participants can print out a certificate on their desktop or print and scan the certificate to create a digital file.

To complete the free on-line course, go to the following web site: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/concussi">http://www.cdc.gov/concussi</a>	on/headsun/trair	ning/headsunconcussion html			
	on/neadsup/train	mig/neadsupconcussion.num			
Umpires officiating youth games are required to complete this training.					
Certificates of Completion must be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the MRPA office prior to yo	our first game.				
<b>Parents and athletes</b> do not have to complete the training but should access and review the information available at CDC's website: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/youth.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/youth.htm</a>		vareness and educational			
Please call 763-781-2220 for details and/or clarification.					
I am Minnesota concussion certified Date of completion:					
☐ I am NOT Minnesota concussion certified and do NOT plan on officiating youth softball	until I become	concussion certified.			
☐ I am officiating youth slow-pitch softball games and recognize that I need to be certified	in Minnesota (	Concussion training.			
I will take the training to become Minnesota Concussion certified  Date of cor	npletion:				
UMPIRE REGISTRATION:					
MRPA/MN-USSSA REGISTRATION	REES	AMOUNT REMITTED			
Pre-registration (Received in the MRPA office 4 days prior to the clinic you're attending)	\$60.00	\$			
Registration the day of the Umpire Clinic (Late add \$10)	\$70.00	\$			
Registration after April 30, 2015 (Late add \$10)	\$70.00	\$			
Registration for youth umpires 18 years or younger	\$40.00	\$			
Registration after April 30, 2015 for youth umpires 18 years or younger (Late add \$10)	\$50.00	\$			
Grand Total Remitted		\$			
UMPIRE WAIVER:  I herewith make application to register as a recreational sports official with the Minnesota R abide by the established rules and regulations which govern registered officials.	ecreation and I	Park Association and agree to			
Applicants Name (Signature) Applicants Name (Print)		Date			
A check or money order payable to the MRPA must accompany this application OR payregistration along with your code of conduct to the MRPA office.  Umpire Application, Minnesota Concussion Certificate of Completion and Code of Conduct MRPA/MN-USSSA Umpires OR Emailed to: mickelson@mnrpa.org  Attn: Troy Mickelson  200 Charles Street Northeast Fridley, MN 55432 Application fee is Non-refundable					
MRPA Office use ONLY:					
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☐ MRPA Binder       ☐ Copy of Receipt       ☐ Entered into Excel         ☐ Registration Form Submitted       ☐ Code of Conduct Submitted       ☐ Minnes		ered into USSSA ISTS n Certificate Submitted			
Missing the following:					

## 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA UMPIRE CODE OF CONDUCT



#### I therefore agree:

- 1) Umpires shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of USSSA softball competitions.
- 2) Umpires shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
- 3) Umpires shall master rules of the game nationally and locally and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
- 4) Umpires shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, administrators, and the public.
- 5) Umpires shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
- 6) Umpires shall recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
- 7) Umpires shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately to, during and from a contest; and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
- 8) Umpires shall work with fellow officials and the Association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue. Observe other umpires, and strive to improve your performance at all times. You as an umpire have an obligation to treat other umpires and staff with professional dignity and courtesy and recognize that it is inappropriate to criticize them publicly.
- 9) Umpires shall not smoke or use any form of tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing area, nor drink any alcoholic beverages or use any drugs while in uniform before, during or after any game(s) you are assigned to work on the day of the contest.
- 10) Umpires shall not; when observing a game, publicly criticize or demean other officials as they officiate a softball contest. Cooperate and be professional in your association with fellow umpires. Do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
- 11) Umpires shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
- 12) Umpires shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself.
- 13) Umpires shall never participate in any form of social media, which should be broadly understood for purposes of this policy to include blogs, wikis, microblogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newsletters, online forums, social networking sites, and other sites and services that permit users to share information with others in a contemporaneous manner. It is highly recommended that umpires keep USSSA, MRPA, league directors and their communities' related social media accounts separate from personal accounts, if practical. As an umpire you need to consider social media as a public forum at all times. Please be mindful of what you put out there. Act accordingly. Do not use this forum to discuss specifics about your assignments, other officials, tournament directors, umpire-in-chiefs, coaches, players or any related personnel.
- 14) Umpires shall not try to "out talk" or argue with players and managers. Explain your call, if questioned reasonably, then play ball.
- 15) Umpires shall not let players, managers and spectators become abusive to anyone. Conduct yourself in such a way that spectators' attention is directed to the game and players.
- 16) Umpires shall not go on the field with a chip on his/her shoulder.
- 17) Umpires shall never touch any player or manager. Keep your cool and don't add to a bad situation keep your temper under control.
- 18) Umpires shall not make false or misleading statements regarding their qualifications, rating, credentials, experience, training or competence.
- 19) Don't listen to everything said on the playing field. React only to those things important to the game itself. Remember be FIRM not overbearing, be POSITIVE not rude and be DIGNIFIED not cocky.
- 20) Umpires shall accept responsibility for all actions taken. Study why bad situations arise and work to correct them.

I have read and understand that I may be reprimanded/suspended for a violation of the Umpire Code of Conduct.

To be submitted with Umpire Registration Application				
Umpire's First and Last Name - Print	Umpire's First and Last Name - Sign	Date	Davig and Data 2/2/2015	



#### 2015 MRPA/MN-USSSA Umpire Clinic Schedule

Date	Day	Type of Clinic	Location	Time
March 16, 2015	Monday		Blaine City Hall 10801 Town Square Drive Northeast Blaine, MN 55449	6:30 P.M.
March 18, 2015	Wednesday		Maplewood Community Center 2100 White Bear Avenue Maplewood, MN 55109	6:30 P.M.
March 26, 2015	Thursday		New Hope City Hall 4401 Xylon Avenue North New Hope, MN 55428	6:30 P.M.
March 30, 2015	Monday		Brooklyn Center Community Center 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway Brooklyn Center, MN 55430	6:30 P.M.
April 1, 2015	Wednesday		Minnetonka Community Center 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard Minnetonka, MN 55345	6:30 P.M.
April 4, 2015	Saturday	(1) & (2) See below	Blaine City Hall 10801 Town Square Drive Northeast Blaine, MN 55449	9:00 A.M.
April 6, 2015	Monday		Woodbury Bielenberg Sports Center 4125 Radio Drive Woodbury, MN 55129	6:30 P.M.
April 8, 2015	Wednesday		Rosemount Community Center 13885 South Robert Trail Rosemount, MN 55068	6:30 P.M.
April 11, 2015	Saturday	(1) & (2) See below	Apple Valley Community Center 14603 Hayes Road Apple Valley, MN 55124	9:00 A.M.
April 14, 2015	Tuesday		Burnsville City Hall 100 Civic Center Parkway Burnsville, MN 55337	6:30 P.M.
April 16, 2015	Thursday	(2) See below	Saint Louis Park Recreation Center 3700 Monterey Drive Saint Louis Park, MN 55416	6:30 P.M.
April 28, 2015  Pending	Tuesday		Brooklyn Center Community Center 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway Brooklyn Center, MN 55430	6:30 P.M.
TBD	TBD		Hibbing City Memorial Building 400 East 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street Hibbing, MN 55746	TBD
TBD	TBD		Grand Rapids	TBD
TBD	Saturday		Buffalo House 2590 Township Road 5494 Duluth, MN 55810	9:30 A.M.

#### All Minnesota USSSA Umpires must attend one of the above listed clinics

- (1) NEW Umpire Clinics: Attendance at one of these clinics is mandatory for anyone who is a first (1st) or second (2nd) year umpire are required to attend these two (2) clinics.
- (2) Two (2) Person Umpire Mechanics Clinic: Attendance for this clinic is only for veteran/senior skilled umpires. Also for any umpire(s) that aspire to learn more about two (2) person umpire mechanics. No rookie umpires please. Emphasis of this clinic will focus on two (2) person umpire mechanics.
- (3) USSSA Umpire Uniform Sales: We will have a representative from BOOMBAH at these clinics with a large stock of the new USSSA Umpire uniforms for sale at <a href="https://www.boombah.com">www.boombah.com</a>

## **2015 TEAM CLASSIFICATION CODES**

Team Code	Class Name
SPMM	Class Name
SPMO	Slow-Pitch Mens-Major
	Slow-Pitch Mens-Open Slow-Pitch Mens-A
SPMA	Slow-Pitch Mens-B
SPMB	
STBD	Slow-Pitch Mens-Conference TBD
SPMC	Slow-Pitch Mens-C
SPMD	Slow-Pitch Mens-D
SPME	Slow-Pitch Mens-E
SPM+	Slow-Pitch Mens Rec+
SPM-	Slow-Pitch Mens Rec-
8701	GSL - Mens Major
8702	GSL - Mens Open
8703	GSL - Mens A
8704	GSL - Mens B
8705	GSL - Mens C
8706	GSL - Mens D
8707	GSL - Mens E
8708	GSL - Rec +
8709	GSL - Rec -
747	Slow-Pitch Mens Incrediball
SPLE	Slow-Pitch Mens Law Enforce A
SPPB	Slow-Pitch Mens Law Enforce B
7670	Slow-Pitch Mens Firefighter Comp
7671	Slow-Pitch Mens Firefighter Rec
7672	Slow-Pitch Mens Firefighter Friends/Fallen Comp
7673	Slow-Pitch Mens Firefighter Friends/Fallen Rec
8710	GSL - Mens 35+ Upper
8711	GSL - Mens 35+ Lower
8724	GSL - Mens 50+
8729	GSL - Mens 55+
8760	GSL - Mens Church Upper
8761	GSL - Mens Church Lower
8845	GSL - Mixed A
SPVA	Slow-Pitch Mens Military Varsity A
8846	GSL - Mixed B
SPVB	Slow-Pitch Mens Military Varsity B
8847	GSL - Mixed C
SPAI	Slow-Pitch Mens Military Intermurl
758	Slow-Pitch Mens Military Over 40
8848	GSL - Mixed D
8849	GSL - Mixed E
SPCA	Slow-Pitch Church Mens Major
SPCB	Slow-Pitch Church Mens Comp
SPCC	Slow-Pitch Church Mens Rec
SPBH	Slow-Pitch Church Mens Black Amer
SPCM	Slow-Pitch Church Ministry
SPMU	Slow-Pitch Mens Union A
8860	GSL - Womens A
SPIA	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate A
8861	GSL - Womens B
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SPIB	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate B
8862	GSL - Womens C
8860	GSL - Womens A
SPIA	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate A
8861	GSL - Womens B
SPIB	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate B
8862	GSL - Womens C
SPIC	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate C
8863	GSL - Womens D
SPBI	Slow-Pitch Mens Corporate Black Amer
8864	GSL - Womens E
SPBM	Slow-Pitch Mens Black Amer Major
SPBC	Slow-Pitch Mens Black Amer Comp
SPBR	Slow-Pitch Mens Black Amer Rec
SPAB	Slow-Pitch Mens Hispanic Competitive
SPHD	Slow-Pitch Mens Hispanic Recreation
SPHE	Slow-Pitch Mens Hispanic E
SPIN	Slow-Pitch Mens Native American
MNTV	Slow Pitch Mens Tavern
OHA	Slow-Pitch Mens Overhand A
ОНВ	Slow-Pitch Mens Overhand B
SPI6	Slow-Pitch Mens 16inch Indoor
SPID	Slow-Pitch Mens Indoor
SPMI	Slow-Pitch Mixed Indoor
SP3M	Slow-Pitch Mens 35 & Over Comp
712	Slow-Pitch Mens 35 & Over Rec
714	Slow-Pitch Mens 40 & Over Major Plus
SP4M	Slow-Pitch Mens 40 & Over Comp
716	Slow-Pitch Mens 40 & Over Rec
SP45	Slow-Pitch Mens 45 & Over Major Plus
721	Slow-Pitch Mens 45 & Over Comp
722	Slow-Pitch Mens 45 & Over Rec
724	Slow-Pitch Mens 50 & Over Major Plus
SP5M	Slow-Pitch Mens 50 & Over Comp
SP5A	Slow-Pitch Mens 50 & Over Rec
729	Slow-Pitch Mens 55 & Over Major Plus
SPM5	Slow-Pitch Mens 55 & Over Comp
SPA5	Slow-Pitch Mens 55 & Over Rec
734	Slow-Pitch Mens 60 & Over Major Plus
SP6M	Slow-Pitch Mens 60 & Over Comp
SP6A	Slow-Pitch Mens 60 & Over Rec
739	Slow-Pitch Mens 65 & Over Major Plus
SPTM	Slow-Pitch Mens 65 & Over Comp
SPTA	Slow-Pitch Mens 65 & Over Rec
SPO7	Slow-Pitch Mens 70 & Over Rec
742	Slow-Pitch Mens 70 & Over Major Plus
742	Slow-Pitch Mens 70 & Over Comp
SP1M	Slow-Pitch Mens 16 Inch AAA-Major
SP1A	Slow-Pitch Mens 16 Inch A
SPB8	Slow-Pitch Boys 19 & Under Comp
SPR8	Slow-Pitch Boys 19 & Under Rec
SPB6	Slow-Pitch Boys 16 & Under Comp
SPR6	Slow-Pitch Boys 16 & Under Rec
	Slow-Pitch Boys 14 & Under Comp
SPB3	1 310W-PHCH BOX 14 A UNDELLOWN

SPB3	Slow-Pitch Boys 12 & Under Comp
SPR3	Slow-Pitch Boys 12 & Under Rec
SPB0	Slow-Pitch Boys 10 & Under Comp
SPR0	Slow-Pitch Boys 10 & Under Rec
SPU8	Slow-Pitch Boys 8 & Under Comp
SP8R	Slow-Pitch Boys 8 & Under Rec
SPU6	Slow-Pitch Boys 6 & Under Comp
SP6R	Slow-Pitch Boys 6 & Under Rec
SPYB	Slow-Pitch Boys Black American
SBBC	Slow-Pitch Boys Church
SPXA	Slow-Pitch Mixed A
SPXB	Slow-Pitch Mixed B
SPXC	Slow-Pitch Mixed C
SPXD	Slow-Pitch Mixed D
SPXE	Slow-Pitch Mixed E
858	Slow-Pitch Mixed Rec
749	Slow-Pitch Mixed Incrediball
844	Slow-Pitch Mixed Black Amer Comp
SPBX	Slow-Pitch Mixed Black Amer Rec
SPXH	Slow-Pitch Mixed Church
SPXI	Slow-Pitch Mixed Corporate
7680	Slow-Pitch Mixed Firefighter Comp
7681	Slow-Pitch Mixed Firefighter Rec
7682	Slow-Pitch Mixed Firefighter Friends/Fallen Comp
7683	Slow-Pitch Mixed Firefighter Friends/Fallen Rec
SPHX	Slow-Pitch Mixed Hispanic Comp
SPHM	Slow-Pitch Mixed Hispanic Rec
MMix	Slow-Pitch Mixed Military
SP1R	Slow-Pitch Mixed 16 Inch
SPXY	Slow-Pitch Mixed Youth
SXYC	Slow-Pitch Mixed Youth Church
SPWA	Slow-Pitch Womens-A
SPWB	Slow-Pitch Womens-B
SPWC	Slow-Pitch Womens-C
SPWD	Slow-Pitch Womens-D
SPWE	Slow-Pitch Womens-E
748	Slow-Pitch Womens Incrediball
SPWM	Slow-Pitch Womens 35 & Over
871	Slow-Pitch Womens 40 & Over
\$45W	Slow-Pitch Womens 45 & Over
SPW5	Slow-Pitch Womens 50 & Over
SP5W	Slow-Pitch Womens 55 & Over
SP6W	Slow-Pitch Womens 60 & Over
SP66	Slow-Pitch Womens 65 & Over
SP70	Slow-Pitch Womens 70 & Over
WNTV	Slow Pitch Womens Tavern
WCHC	Slow-Pitch Church Womens Comp
WCHR	Slow-Pitch Church Womens Rec
SPW6	Slow-Pitch Womens 16 Inch
SPAW	Slow-Pitch Womens Military
SPHW	Slow-Pitch Womens Hispanic Competitive
SPHR	Slow-Pitch Womens Hispanic Recreation
SPBW	Slow-Pitch Womens Black Amer Comp
SPWR	Slow-Pitch Womens Black Amer Rec

SPNW	Slow-Pitch Womens Natvive American
WCPA	Slow-Pitch Womens Corporate A
SPG9	Slow-Pitch Girls 19 & Under Comp
SPZ9	Slow-Pitch Girls 19 & Under Rec
SPG6	Slow-Pitch Girls 16 & Under Comp
SPZ6	Slow-Pitch Girls 16 & Under Rec
SPG3	Slow-Pitch Girls 14 & Under Comp
SPZ3	Slow-Pitch Girls 14 & Under Rec
SPG3	Slow-Pitch Girls 12 & Under Comp
SPZ3	Slow-Pitch Girls 12 & Under Rec
SPG0	Slow-Pitch Girls 10 & Under Comp
SPZ0	Slow-Pitch Girls 10 & Under Rec
SP8U	Slow-Pitch Girls 8 & Under Comp
SP8Z	Slow-Pitch Girls 8 & Under Rec
SP6U	Slow-Pitch Girls 6 & Under Comp
SP6Z	Slow-Pitch Girls 6 & Under Rec
SCHG	Slow-Pitch Girls Church
SPGB	Slow-Pitch Girls Black Amer
FPMA	Modified Mens A
FPMB	Modified Mens B
WMWA	Modified Womens A
WMWB	Modified Womens B
717	Kickball Mens
718	Kickball Mixed
719	Kickball Womens