



2016 Conference Package & Tentative Schedule

Welcome to the 2016 Nationwide Conference USSSA. As the 10th year of the Conference season came to a close, I couldn't help but reflect on the growth and how far we have come. With the addition of CBS Broadcasting and MLB, the 2015 Conference USSSA season far exceeded my expectations and I am confident that 2016 will be even better.

Enclosed you will find a Conference USSSA Information sheet detailing what the Conference membership includes as well as the 2016 Tentative Conference Schedule, the Team Commitment form and Team Insurance program information.

Please ***Read This Information Thoroughly*** as there have been changes to the program for 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at usssadd@aol.com

Once you have completed the entry form and team insurance form, please return them along with the applicable fees, in order to secure your place in the 2016 Conference USSSA. You may also include a Tentative Tournament Schedule if you have determined that as well. As a reminder, due to extremely high demand, Conference team membership may be limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis based on receipt of Conference entry fee.

I look forward to hearing from you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don DeDonatis".

Don DeDonatis
Chairman of the Board/CEO

New For 2016:

Player Classification policy and point system. To help us with classifying each team in the Conference, players will now be rated by points.

For Example:

A player on the Major Player list will have a point value of 1.25

A player on the Watch List will have a point value of .75

The total point value **guideline** below should be used in trying to determine your classification. Keep in mind that this is only a guideline and the classification of each team will be determined by the Conference USSSA Classification Committee.

Major - Unlimited

AA (new for 2016): 9 points

A – 6 points

B – 2.5 points

C – No points

The assist you in determining your classification, the current Major Player list and Watch list are available on the USSSA website at <http://web.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/MajorPlayerList1.htm> To appeal placement, a player must email Dale Weiser at Dale.Weiser@ussa.com.

This should eliminate the confusion of team classification throughout the year and make for even better parity amongst teams at our World Tournaments.

2016 Tentative Schedule. There will be only two (2) Dual events this year, Kissimmee, Florida and Kent, Washington. There will be six (6) Conference Tournaments will be designated "Special Point" events and they are Oklahoma, Arizona, Southern California, Little Rock, Minnesota and Louisiana.

The World Tournament dates for 2016 are:

Men's A – August 19-21

Men's AA – September 16-18

Men's Major – September 21-24

Men's C – September 21-23

Men's B – September 23-25



Conference USSSA 2016 Membership Information Based on 45 Teams

Each Conference Team is Eligible For:

- Entry fees for 6 Conference Tournaments
- Conference Championships
- World Tournament participation:
 - Conference "A" teams receive a paid berth to both the USSSA Men's A World Tournament and the Men's "AA" World Tournament.
 - Conference "B" teams receive a paid berth to the USSSA Men's A & B World Tournaments.
- Classification determined by Conference Committee
- Locked rosters to protect your team and players
- Dudley ZN Softballs & Bat Testing at EVERY Conference Tournament
- Premier Umpires
- Select Conference Tournaments Broadcast on ESPN Networks, USSSA Live or equivalent.
- Conference Awards and participation in Men's Major World Series Home Run Derby
- After Miken Last Chance tournament, the Highest finishing "A" and "B" teams will receive 500 points towards their open class point total plus an additional \$500 travel money.

USSSA Conference Championship

After the completion of the “Miken Last Chance” tournament, the top 32 teams by Conference points qualify for the Conference Championships in Kissimmee, FL at USSSA National Headquarters.

- The top 8 teams, regardless of class determined by points, will be invited to the Conference Championship Open Bracket/GSL Major World Tournament. Those 8 teams must play in this event to validate their Major World Series berth.
- The next 24 teams, regardless of class, will be invited to play in the Men’s Major World Series Qualifier Bracket. The winner will earn the 17th seed to the 2016 Men’s Major World Series.
- Top 32 qualified teams will receive 2 Bedroom Condominiums for a total of 14 room nights for the Conference Championships.
- Participation in Conference Championships will give teams the opportunity to earn additional points toward seeding in USSSA Men’s Major World Series based on the bracket they are competing in and their finish. Teams competing in the Open Bracket cannot be seeded lower than 8th in the USSSA Men’s Major World Series. Teams competing in the World Series Qualifier Bracket cannot be seeded higher than 9th in the USSSA Men’s Major World Series.
- HD coverage of Conference Championship by USSSA Live
- Awards Dinner and Ceremony

USSSA Men’s Major World Series

Top 16 Conference teams regardless of class determined by points earn a paid berth to the Men’s Major World Series at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. Each team will receive 2 Bedroom Condominiums for a total of 28 room nights

USSSA Men’s AA World Series

Conference teams placing in the top 32 classified as “AA” will receive 2 Bedroom Condominiums for a total of 28 room nights for the USSSA Men’s AA Tournament in September.

USSSA Men’s A World Series

Conference teams placing in the top 32 classified as “A” will receive 2 Bedroom Condominiums for a total of 14 room nights for the USSSA Men’s A Tournament in August.

Also, if a Conference “A” team placing in the top 32 elects to also play in the Men’s “AA” in September, they could be eligible to receive 14 room nights at the Men’s AA World tournament.

USSSA Men’s B World Series

Conference teams placing in the top 32 classified as “B” will receive 2 Bedroom Condominiums for a total of 14 room nights for the USSSA Men’s B Tournament in September.

Conference Travel Money for World Tournaments

The top 32 Conference teams (regardless of class) determined by points receive \$2,000 Travel Money for applicable class World Tournament***

Excluding Major teams, Conference teams that qualify for the Men's Major World Series by points (top 16) will have the opportunity to receive a total of \$4,000 in travel money if they compete in both the USSSA Men's Major World Series and their applicable class USSSA World Tournament.

***This is based on 45 Conference teams



2016 USSSA Slow Pitch Conference Entry Form

By signing this entry form, I am obligating my team to participate in the Slow Pitch Conference and agree to abide by all the terms of being a Conference USSSA team. I am also enclosing the \$5800 entry fee or a deposit of \$3000. The entry fee includes mandatory team insurance. **The balance of the entry fee is due prior to participating in the first Conference USSSA event.**

2016 Early Payment Incentive

All teams paying the full \$5800 Conference USSSA entry fee by February 15, 2016, will receive a 7th Conference USSSA tournament entry fee at no additional cost.

_____ Yes, I understand and agree to all the terms listed and my team will participate in the USSSA Slow Pitch Conference 2016.

Team Name and State: _____

Team Classification: TBD once roster has been received

Team Manager and/or Point of Contact (please list 2):

Name	Email	Cell Phone #
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Name	Email	Cell Phone #
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Team Statistician: _____

Email	Cell Phone #
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RETURN FORMS AND PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY TO:

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2016 TENTATIVE CONFERENCE USSSA SCHEDULE

March 25 - 27

EASTER WEEKEND

April 1 - 3

6th Annual Louisville Slugger Sin City Classic

Las Vegas, NV

April 8 - 10

10th Annual Space City Classic

Houston, TX

April 14 - 17

USSSA Hall of Fame Classic - Dual Event

Kissimmee, FL

April 22 - 24

OPEN DATE

April 30 - May 1

Cactus Classic

Peoria, AZ

May 6 - 8

4th Annual Columbus BATS Major

Columbus, OH

May 13 - 15

16th Annual Texas Legends

Euless, TX

May 20 - 22

2nd Annual Choo Choo Classic

Chattanooga, TN

May 27 - 29

Peach State Classic/Down 2 Earth Sports

Atlanta, GA

June 3 - 5

Windy City Invitational

Carol Stream, IL

June 9 - 12

The Combat Major - Dual Event

Kent, WA

June 10 - 12

Sooner Invitational

Tulsa, OK

June 17 - 19

34th Annual Dudley/Budweiser

Brooklyn Center, MN

June 25 - 26

TBD

Location in Indiana TBD

Golden State Major

Perris, CA

July 1 - 3

37th Busch Classic

Little Rock, AR

July 8 - 10

48th Smoky Mountain Classic

Maryville, TN

July 15 - 17

17th Cincinnati Men's Major

Cincinnati, OH

July 22- 24

**Rose City Major
38th Annual Cajun Classic**

**Portland, OR
Carencro, LA**

July 29 - 31

**Bash on the Chesapeake
32nd Annual Rocky Mountain Shootout**

**Glen Burnie, MD
Aurora, CO**

August 5 - 7

29th Annual Last Chance Major

Sterling Hgts, MI