



2022 Spring Swing

Hosted By The Midwest Smash

Evens – April 22-24

O – 10 A/AA O – 12 A/AA O – 14 Open

Odds – May 6-8

O – 11 A/AA O – 13 A/AA O – 13 AAA

Seward, NE

Seward Sports Complex & Plum Creek Fields

Entry Fee: \$550 (Includes Processing Fee)

All registrations & payment must be completed online

3 game guarantee

Tournament Rules

Tournament Entry Deadline - Tournament entries and payment must be completed online by April 16th, 2022. Late entries may be accepted for any brackets not yet filled. NOTE: All reservations for the tournament require payment of the entry fee.

Tournament Concessions - Concession stand will be available throughout the tournament.

Brackets & Tournament Results - Brackets will be posted on the USSSA website and e-mailed to listed coaches and team contacts one week prior to the tournament. Scores will be posted on the USSSA website immediately upon game completion. Final results will be posted following conclusion of the tournament at the USSSA National site.

Awards - Team Awards will be presented to 1st & 2nd place teams in all Age Divisions. **MVP Awards will be awarded to 1 player from each team in the Championship Game of each Age Division.**

Refunds - Cancellation by teams after the entry deadline results in no refund. Teams that request to withdraw from tournament after payment of the entry fee, may be charged a \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be allowed for official games shortened by weather. If, due to weather conditions, the tournament is cancelled or shortened, refunds may be requested, in writing, for the following amounts:

| No. of Games Played | Refund |
|---------------------|---|
| 0 | \$450 |
| 1 | \$200 – No refund after teams have started the first game |

Appeals - Decision of the head umpire is final, no further appeals will be allowed.

Eligibility and Rosters - Coaches must be able to prove player eligibility as stated in the USSSA Rules. USSSA online rosters will be the official rosters for all teams.

Bases and Pitching

| Age Group | BASE PATHS | PITCHING DISTANCE |
|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| 8U | 60' | 40' |
| 9U-10U | 65' | 46' |
| 11U-12U | 70' | 50' |
| 13U | 80' | 54' |
| 14U | 90' | 60' |

Game Lengths

8U-12U: 6 innings

13U-14U: 7 innings

- No new inning can start after 1 hour 45 minutes. Home plate umpire is official clock.
- No Time Limit in Championship Games!!!
- In case of rain, a complete game is 3 innings for 12U and under and 4 innings for 13U/14U. Games less than 3/4 innings, if suspended due to weather, will be resumed at that point.

Run rules - 15 after 3; and 8 runs after 4 innings for 6 inning scheduled games

15 after 3; 12 after 4; and 8 after 5 for 7 inning scheduled games

Home Team - For Pool play the home team will be determined by a coin flip. For all crossover games the team with the most runs scored is the home team. Home team is the official book and will have the 3rd base dugout (unless agreed upon by both coaches).

Pitching rules – Refer to the USSSA pitching rules for innings allowed. Pitchers innings are to be recorded immediately after each game by the coach. Pitching cards will be provided to each coach and MUST be turned in to the tournament director following each game! Innings pitched records will be posted online throughout the tournament at the USSSA.

Ejection - Any coach or player ejected from the game by an umpire shall be ruled ineligible for the next game of the tournament. If a coach or player is ejected a second time, he is ineligible for the remainder of the tournament. Tournament Director reserves the right to eject any player, coach or spectator for unruly behavior. Failure to comply will mean forfeit from the tournament for the team involved.

Tournament Format – The tournament format will be determined once registration is complete. All brackets will begin with some type of pool play games. The following criteria will be used following pool play to determine seeding order for bracket play:

1. Win/loss record
2. Head-to-head (skip if more than two teams are tied)
3. Runs allowed
4. Run differential (max +8 or -8 per game)
5. Flip of coin

CURRENT YEAR USSSA BAT RULES WILL BE USED

**Playing rules not specifically covered above shall follow USSSA rules

Please contact us with questions at TrekAthletics20@gmail.com