



## Minnesota USSSA



Dear State Finalist:

Congratulations on your fine summer season. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this USSSA/MRPA post-season softball tournament. I know it will be a fun experience competing against good competition from all over the state of Minnesota. Hopefully your team will do well this year.

Enclosed is tournament information which includes the game pairings, tournament rules and regulations, and your official tournament roster. Please read this information carefully to avoid any problems that may prevent your team from participating.

All team managers must report to tournament headquarters at least one-half hour before their first game. Your official tournament roster will be checked at that time. Please make sure that it is filled out properly and that you have all support materials requested.

As a guest of the host community, we are sure your team will conduct itself in a sportsmanlike and responsible manner during your state tournament stay. Your observance of any special rules that the host has established will assure the tournament's success. Note that there may be an admission charge for spectators at some sites. This is done to help the host community defray some of the costs of putting on a state event. Without communities willing to host tournaments such as these, we would have no state tournament competition for recreational sports in Minnesota. With your help, we can all be assured that our sports program will continue to grow and benefit thousands of participants each year. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Gerry Turnberg  
USSSA State Director  
Central Division Vice President

*Note: See next page for information on check-in, forfeits, protests, and random team/player eligibility check.*

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**A \$250 Deposit** will be required at check-in for all teams with roster violations or incomplete credentials. They must deposit or voluntarily drop out of the tournament. For those teams who choose to post the deposit, their tournament credentials will be checked according to their violation(s). If the credentials check out satisfactorily, the deposit will be returned. However, if the team is found ineligible, they will forfeit the deposit and be suspended for one year from the date the money is received.

**Forfeits and No-Shows:** In all cases, the MRPA will make no refunds once a berth has been accepted. Furthermore, any team who simply fails to appear at the tournament will not be allowed back to an MRPA tournament for one year.

**Protests:** On protests involving player eligibility, the protest must be lodged prior to or during, but not after, a game. The team filing the protest must first prove the eligibility of its entire roster before the protest will be considered. They must then post a \$25/player protest fee. At that time, the tournament director will check the credentials of the player(s) in question and a decision will be made as soon as possible. In a case where eligibility cannot be resolved at the tournament site, the protested team will be given the opportunity to either voluntarily withdraw from the tournament with no further sanction being considered, or they may continue to play (after posting the \$250 deposit) with the understanding that they will be checked and if found in violation, they will lose their deposit and be suspended for one year.

**All Teams** will be required to have their tournament roster signed by their league director, along with a copy of their regular season roster.

**Teams that have won a National Qualifier Tournament:** Your frozen roster will be forwarded to the State Tournament Director by the State Director.

### **USSSA Post Season Random Team/Player Eligibility Check**

During the course of all USSSA post season tournaments, there will be at least three games (involving six teams) where the teams eligibility will be checked.

- All players must have proper identification
- Teams found with roster violations will immediately be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
- Any **player(s) and the team manager** along with the entire team may be suspended up to a year for roster violations.