

Registration Procedures

A community's League Director is the liaison between the softball teams and the MRPA-USSSA. The League Director receives all registration forms and other softball information from the MRPA and is responsible for filling out all forms and distributing pertinent information to all league teams.

Fees and Forms:

Adult (slow): \$21 Youth (slow): \$15

Complete the MRPA-USSSA team registration form(s) and return with the team sanctioning fees to the MRPA. Forms and fee deadline: May 15 (late fee is \$5 per team).

MRPA/USSSA Materials & Services:

Materials Packet:

The following materials are available from MRPA to League Directors and teams after registering:

- Team Registration Cards. Cards can be printed out on the National website.
- One Score Book
- All league mailings
- Liability and/or Accident Insurance purchase option is available to all member teams, cities, complexes, and counties.
- \$1 Million Liability Insurance for Tournament, League or Association Directors and registered Umpires working your games. Umpires are also covered by a limited Accident Insurance Policy.
- Visit the USSSA National Web Site at www.usssa.com and Minnesota's USSSA website at www.mnussa.com

Distribution of USSSA Materials:

• Score Book Pick-up

League Directors are responsible for distribution of materials to teams. One copy of each book is available to each team that a sports community guarantees. These books may be picked up at the MRPA office. Please call in advance. Packets can be mailed to League Directors who are unable to come to the office (shipping fees will be charged).

USSSA Services:

- All members compete under uniform playing and classification rules as established by MRPA and the USSSA.
- **Annual Rules Interpretation Clinic** is required attendance for all qualified officials (MRPA / USSSA umpires). New and commonly misunderstood rules are discussed and an umpire test is administered and graded. Lists of umpires who attend our clinic are sent to every League Director. MRPA also provides clinics specifically designed for first year (new) umpires.
- **Championship Competition.** The MRPA-USSSA conducts Regional and State Tournaments. From these, tournament berths are awarded to USSSA teams to advance to USSSA National and World Championships. Teams earn eligibility to compete in these tournaments through their registration with the MRPA-USSSA.
- **Sanctioned Weekend Invitational Tournaments.** Registered teams are eligible to participate in the MRPA-USSSA Weekend Sanctioned Invitational Tournament Program.
- **National and World Invitational Qualifiers.** MRPA-USSSA offers National and World Qualifying Tournaments in various classifications. Winning these tournaments allows teams to advance to national or world play without winning a state championship.
- Promote Slo-Pitch Softball nationally. By registering with MRPA-USSSA, your team and/or league helps our organization improve and promote the great game of slo-pitch softball by way of affiliation with the USSSA, a national organization for Slo-Pitch Softball.

Team Roster Deadlines:

Team rosters must be on file with the community's local recreation or community education department by the first game. **Deadline:** first game. Tournament teams must also have their roster online at www.ussa.com

Non-MRPA-Members and Independent Teams:

Independent teams and leagues that are not run by MRPA-member recreation or community education departments must submit their rosters directly to the MRPA. **Deadline:** June 15.

Roster Changes:

Absolutely no roster changes will be accepted after **Deadline:** June 15 or when a team qualifies for a National or World Tournament, roster changes may be made through the State Director in accordance with the USSSA Constitution.

Regional / State Tournament Registration:

Entry Forms:

League Directors receive a Regional/State Tournament Entry Form after registering. This form, completed by the League Director, must indicate the number of awarded berths the league will accept. **Deadline:** July 8, June 17 for youth with payment. The number of berths awarded is strictly based on the number of teams registered.

Berth Awards:

4-7 teams = 1 berth

8-15 teams = 2 berths

16-23 teams = 3 berths

24+ teams = 4+ berths

Tournament host community = 1 additional berth

Reclassified teams = 1 berth

Additional Berths:

Additional berths may be requested by League Directors. Requests are placed on a waiting list in order received and honored if a team cancels out of a tournament or if teams are needed to round out a draw. Requests that include the entry fee are given first priority.

Tournament Packets:

Will be e-mailed to the league director and brackets put on website at www.mnussa.com one week prior to tournament

Mark Your Calendars:

May 15 - Team Registration Forms deadline

June 15 - Team Rosters deadline for non-recreation/
non-community education department-run leagues

June 17 - Regional/State Tournament Entry Form deadline for youth tournaments

July 8 - Regional/State Tournament Entry Form deadline for adult tournament