



USSSA is proud to announce the formation of the Conference USSSA Fastpitch program. This program is designed to offer teams an opportunity to compete on designated weekends against the top level teams in each age group from their Region. This inaugural season will be comprised of teams from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska.

This Conference will operate in the 14U, 16U, and 18U age groups. An invitation will be extended to the Top 8 teams in each state to join the Conference. These 40 teams will compete against one another over the season at various events for a shot at the Conference USSSA crown.

Regular Season

The Conference play will be divided into two seasons. The Regular Season will take place at eight events across the region. These regular season events will be open to Conference USSSA teams, and to teams outside of the selected Conference members. This is a way for non-Conference teams to challenge themselves against the very best of the region.

For these events, the Conference teams will be seeded based on Conference USSSA Points. After the Conference teams have been seeded, then all non-Conference teams will be seeded based on USSSA Points. Each Regular Season event will award teams Conference USSSA points. These points will be given based on a teams' order of finish as well as bonus points for participation and levels of success.

The Conference USSSA events will be open to teams not selected to be part of the Conference. For these teams, each Conference USSSA tournament will be an NIT event. This means that each event will have additional World Series Berths and will be a Double Point event.

<i>Conference USSSA Point System</i>	
Final Placing	Point Value
1st Place	50 points
2nd Place	40 points
3rd Place	35 points
4th Place	30 points
5th Place	25 points
7th Place	15 points
9th Place & below	5 points
Participation	25 points
Pool Winner	10 points





Regular Season Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Complex
March 26-28	Adair Pre-Season NIT	Independence, MO	Adair Park
April 9-11	Spring Thaw Out NIT	Ankeny, IA	Prairie Ridge SC
April 16-18	NS Spring Fling NIT	Eldridge, IA	Sheridan Meadows
April 23-25	Conference USSSA 18U NIT	N. Des Moines, IA	NDM softball Comp.
April 23-25	Conference USSSA 14/16 NIT	Ankeny, IA	Prairie Ridge SC
April 30-May 2	Midwest Showdown 16/18 NIT	Ankeny, IA	Prairie Ridge SC
May 8-9	Iowa USSSA State 16/18***	Fort Dodge, IA	Harlan Rogers SC
May 7-9	Spring Blast NIT	Bellevue, NE	Hall of Fame Fields
May 28-30	Memorial Day Madness NIT	Bellevue, NE	Hall of Fame Fields
May 28-31	Memorial Day NIT***	Shawnee, KS	Mid America West
June 4-6	Swinging Into Summer NIT	Liberty, MO	Fountain Bluffs
June 11-13	St. Louis Fusion USSSA NIT	St. Louis, MO	BMAC
June 18-20	Father's Day Classic NIT	Shawnee, KS	Mid America West
June 18-20	MN Irish Showcase NIT	Rosemount, MN	Erickson Park
June 25-27	Minnesota USSSA State***	Rosemount, MN	Erickson Park
July 9-11	Kansas USSSA State***	Shawnee, KS	Mid America West
July 9-11	Nebraska USSSA State***	Lincoln, NE	LYSA
July 9-11	Missouri USSSA State***	Independence, MO	Adair Park
July 9-11	Missouri USSSA East State***	St. Louis, MO	

***Memorial Day/State Tournament Events will award Conference Points out of that event to the Conference Member teams, but will not allocate money from those entries due to an existing prize pool.

Post Season Conference Championship

At the end of the regular season, all Conference teams from each age group will be invited to the Conference Championship Festival. This event is to be held in Kansas City on July 16-18, 2010.

On Friday, July 16, we will invite the top 24 players in each age group to compete in an All-Star game . These players will be chosen and designated as Conference All-Stars, and will be se-





lected throughout the season. The night will begin with each player being recognized as a Conference USSSA All-Star. The 14U & 16U All-Star Games will play simultaneously with the 18U All-Star Game playing at the conclusion of the 14U & 16U games.

Saturday and Sunday will hold the Conference Championship tournament. This event will be a three game guarantee bracket format to determine the overall Conference Champion. Teams will be seeded into the bracket based on their overall Conference USSSA points.

Conference USSSA Prize Packages

Championship Rings

Each player on the Championship team for each age group will be awarded Conference USSSA Championship rings.

Travel Money

Of the regular season entry fee, we will allocate \$25 from each team entry towards a travel fund to be distributed to the Conference Champions. This travel fund will be awarded to both the Regular Season Conference Champion and the Post-Season Conference Tournament Champion. For the Regular Season Conference Champion, we will award 30% of the travel fund and for the Conference Tournament Champion we will award 70% of the travel fund for their age group.

Travel Money Allocation Example:

14 & Under A	10 Events Average of 12 teams/event
Travel Fund	\$3000
Regular Season Champion	\$900
Conference Tourney Champion	\$2100

This is based on a total of 120 teams participating in 10 total Conference events. If all 40 teams play the minimum of 2 events, that would be 80 team participations. It is easy to see how quickly this travel fund could grow in excess of \$5000. For the total division pot to reach \$5000, it would take 200 teams or just 20 per event. Both Conference and Non-Conference teams will be calculated in this travel fund.





State Points Leader—USSSA State Tournament Berth

The Conference USSSA Points leader from each state in the Conference will receive a Paid USSSA State Tournament Berth to be used in their respective class.

Conference Membership

For Conference USSSA membership, teams will not be required to submit a membership fee. What will be required is a minimum of two Conference USSSA tournament commitments. Teams will be allowed to participate in more, but at a minimum two events throughout the Conference season.

Teams will be required to participate in their sanctioned age group for each event.

Roster Rules

For the Conference USSSA Season, a team's roster will be frozen at the first tournament. There will be two rostering periods for the season. The first period will be up to Memorial Day Weekend, and the second will be following Memorial Day Weekend.

Teams will be given the opportunity to add 4 additional players during the pre-Memorial Day period. Teams will then be given the opportunity to add 3 additional players during the post-Memorial Day period.

Exposure Roster

For these Conference tournaments, teams will be asked to place their complete roster on USSSA.com. Previously, the USSSA roster was only an official tournament roster. With new fields added, it can now be used to generate a Showcase Roster that can be used by the team. It gives USSSA directors the ability to consider any tournament a Showcase event because they have your roster online.

After your team is sanctioned, you will be able to add your roster with the traditional method by choosing "Roster Adds & Updates" from your ISTS menu. Please input all demographic information here. This information will be how the college coaches contact your players for recruiting purposes. Once this information is logged, go to "Advanced Roster" to input the remaining information. Please be sure to complete both steps to get all of your information for the college recruiter's book.

