TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

The USSSA Director's Website continues to be updated. The process will continue making updates and improvements. The Help Site continues to update and show different features that have been added. That link is available below.

Tournament Directors- must list Tournaments on http://dc.usssa.com This was new last year. Tournament Directors will list tournaments, post rules that are tournament specific, update pool play scores, bracket scores, update pitching game by game and update order of finish. This will award USSSA Points.

Director Help Site http://help.usssa.com

Director Information and Resource Center. Built to provide training materials and other resources need for directors.

- Centralized Location for Program Resources, Forms, etc.
  - Forms
  - Images & Marketing Materials
- Training Materials for USSSA Programs and Websites.
  - Articles
  - Videos
- Communication
  - Sport Communication from Vice Presidents
  - Association Updates and News
  - Announcements and Offers

Tournaments:

If they are on the National Website, they have been or will be approved. If they are not on the National Website, they are not USSSA Sanctioned Events.

News From The National Convention Meeting:

Two notable changes posted in the rule book involve the DH Rule being allowed in all ages and hurdling a defender has been addressed in the rule book CLICK HERE. NOTE: Nebraska will NOT be using the new DH rule until World Series events. Rule changes are highlighted in yellow.

USSSA Tournament Point System

NEBRASKA USSSA TEAMS AND COACHES:

If you haven’t updated your Team/Coach Information on the State Website, CLICK HERE

If you haven’t registered/sanctioned your team for 2019 on the National Web Site, CLICK HERE
If you need Team Name Change, birthday edits, start with me. [Click Here] to e-mail. I’ll work with the National Office if need be.

Insurance, Registrations, Rosters, Questions in general, best you work through me individually on topic. I’ll do whatever I can to help you or get the answers you need. [Click Here] to e-mail.

**Classifications:**

Every year we get asked, How do I get my team registered at the “A” classification level. “A” teams must register “AA” first and then have entire roster online to request a move to “A” by contacting State Director. If you feel your team is “A”, contact the State Director so he can review with the Classification Committee.

Teams need to start where they finished last year. Some teams were moved up for the start of 2019.

ANY TEAM THAT WON THE 2018 STATE TOURNAMENT OR FINISHED THE 2018 SEASON WITH 1100 POWER POINTS WERE MOVED UP.

**Nebraska USSSA** highly recommends if you find your team in the 1000 to 1100 range during the season that you make sure to play tournament games in the higher classification to provide us information in making classification decisions. Otherwise expect a move up.

8u Classifications, only “AAA” this year. For the State Tournament, the 8u age group will remain as “AAA” but we will split into 2 or 3 skill levels using USSSA Points plus Power Points. The splits may or may not be equal numbers depending on the complexes that we have to play and the numbers we have at the 8u level. After we split into skill levels we will seed each using USSSA Points plus USSSA Power Points. All others age groups are “A”, “AA”, “AAA” & Major.

**MISC-**

All Tournaments that have been approved will show on the National Website. Teams that would like to play in a USSSA WS or a Global WS must play in a USSSA Qualifier or Global Qualifier and their State Tournament. [Click Here] to e-mail if you have questions about playing Post Season. If you play in a Qualifier or NIT & State, you are eligible to enter WS not matter what your final finish. If you want to play in Global WS, you must play in Global NIT & Global State or State.

**Tournament REQUIREMENTS-** All in Nebraska must Track Pitching online. NIT’s and Global NIT’s must use two umpires for 11-14. We have lifted the requirement of two umpires for 8-10 age groups. Please let me know if anyone uses one at age above for USSSA sanctioned events.

Teams looking for games link will become available March 15th.

Teams seeking players link is already active and has been for quite a while.

9th Annual Nebraska All State Showcase- [JULY 20] We need volunteer coaches. If you would like to coach a team in this event, [Click Here] to e-mail.
Battle of the Borders- The 1st- 4th place teams from each age and classification received the first opportunity to represent. If an age group had Gold/Silver, the Gold teams had the first opportunity.

**Nebraska Double Point Weekends- May 10-12 & May 31-June 2...**

5th year: Global State. **Global State is now worth 400 pts.** Major/AAA Global State will be May 18-19 AA/A Global State will be May 25-26. 8u AAA Global State will be held May 25-26 weekend.

**Nebraska USSSA State Tournament Sites & Dates-** [Click Here]

Sites & Dates are subject to change.

Locations on some may change. Many times it depends on how many enter and who is hosting.

Entry Deadline, Seeding date, Gold Silver split date will be posted on the State Website.

**AGAIN THIS YEAR**- If a classification and age group needs to be split Gold/Silver, we will use USSSA Points plus Power Points to make that split. That split may not always be equal numbers. Sometimes the complexes we use and the number of teams we have dictate the numbers we need when making a split. There is an outside chance that we may have to go to a Gold/Silver/Bronze split in some age and classifications. After the split, we will seed using criteria listed below.

Seeding for State will use USSSA Points plus USSSA Power Points.

State locations are tough, but we will announce changes as soon as we can if needed. Others sometimes have to wait until after the Gold/Silver split takes place. We can’t commit to a location early and then find out that team that is going to host is not in that classification split, thus we have to wait. Gold/Silver/Bronze is always a possibility in some age groups.

If a team is dropped in classification, they must play in Gold. A Silver team may not request to play up, or vice versa.

Post Season Play has been announced on [www.usssabaseball.org](http://www.usssabaseball.org) Make sure to double check dates if you are interested in one.

**11AA, 12AA, 13AA World Series &14AAA 60/90 World Series will be held in the Omaha / Council Bluffs Metro.** [Click Here] to e-mail and let me know if you plan to attend. I encourage you to enter now or as early as possible. It will encourage others from a distance to see the interest in these events. If it ends up not working out, we will give you a full refund.