



Congratulations on an outstanding season and welcome to the 2021 USSSA Southeast National Championship. This event will be held July 5-11, 2021 in Hendersonville, TN.

Opening Day Events

Monday July 5, 2021

TIME: TBA

Coaches Meeting / Check In

Location: TBA

Note: More information will become available as tournament time draws nearer.

TIME: TBA

Opening Ceremonies: Pin trading, games, parade of teams etc..

Location: TBA

Tournament Format and Schedule

This event will be a 5 Game Guarantee event, three pool games followed by double elimination. The teams will play a combination of 3 pool games on Tues & Wed. Example: 1 pool game on Tues & 2 on Wed or 2 pool games on Tues & 1 on Wed. Teams will not play 3 pool games in one day, even if requested to do so. **Pool play schedule will try and be released one week prior to the event. No promises, but we will try. No special requests for pool game times will be granted.**

***Daily Activity & Game Schedule**

Monday July 5th – Opening Ceremonies

Tuesday July 6th – Pool Play Will Begin

Wednesday July 7th – Pool Play Continues

Thursday July 8th – Bracket Play Begins

Friday July 9th – Bracket Play Continues

Saturday July 10th – Bracket Play Continues

Sunday July 11th – Championship Day

***Gift Exchange Information**

There will be a non-mandatory team gift exchange after your first pool game. Teams wishing to participate should bring something that is representative of their home area, the value of which is not important. It is recommended that teams bring a minimum of 16 gifts to exchange. Some example of gifts to exchange are spray bottle, neck wraps, insulated water bottles, water flavor packets, gum, softball necklaces, etc. (NO SEEDS)

***TOURNAMENT RULES INFORMATION**

All playing rules shall be governed by the official USSSA Fastpitch Softball Rule Book and national by-laws. Note that the rulebook online at www.ussa.com will always supersede the latest printed version if a discrepancy exists.

*Teams will be seeded into pool play by USSSA points and geographical location.

*Teams will be seeded into bracket play based on pool play results.

*Game balls will be furnished by the tournament

*Teams will flip for home team in pool play and the higher seed will be home team in bracket play.

*Protest fee is \$200 cash and is refundable if upheld by the tournament director or UIC. All protests must be made prior to the next pitch.

***ROSTER/COVID WAIVERS**

All teams must have their rosters completed online by logging into your USSSA account, clicking your team name and then clicking on "Manage My Players". Covid-19 waivers must be approved by your parents to make your players eligible. If you are not sure how to do this and are an out of state team, you will need to contact your state director. Teams are allowed to pick up guest players.

***QUALIFYING INFORMATION**

You will need to check with your team's USSSA State Director with regards to qualification requirements to attend this event.

***ENTRY INFORMATION**

To guarantee your team a spot in this event, your team will need to complete the online entry process. All entries must be made through the USSSA website. You will be required to submit your entry and payment online. Official entry and payment must be completed no later than June 25th, 2021.

***INSURANCE/BIRT CERTIFICATES**

A copy of your insurance will need to be emailed to us. Your birth certificates need to be in your possession at all times in case another team protests the age of one of your players.

***TEAM GATE FEE**

There will not be an individual gate fee at this event, instead there will be a \$450 team gate fee implemented that will be in place. This is a huge savings compared to the original \$50 weekly pass per person that everyone would have had to pay at the gate. It's less stress on the parents, not having to keep up or worry about wearing wristbands. Plus, your whole family can attend without having to pay an individual gate fee. Team gate fee must be paid through venmo at no additional charge or it can be paid through paypal at a 7% additional charge fee.

***HOTEL INFORMATION**

This is **NOT** a stay to play event. However, we do work with the Chamber Of Commerce & the Sumner County visitor bureau to get the cheapest rates possible for the teams. We are in the process of communicating with the hotels and these listings will be posted on our website very soon. We ask that you stay at one of the hotels that are listed as these are the preferred tournament hotels and they help us out by giving us comp rooms for our umpires who are traveling from out of town to work this event. The more teams that stay at the preferred hotels the more comp rooms we receive. If teams reach out to the hotels themselves and try to get comp rooms for their teams, there will be a \$100 fee put in place.

***T-SHIRTS**

Will be sold at opening ceremonies and at the event each day. It's possible we will pre sale them and if so we will communicate this to the teams at a later time.

***NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

Music City Sports and USSSA has in place a no tolerance policy for any coach, parent, player or fan that physically or verbally abuses a staff member, director, umpire or park official. Anyone abusing this policy will be asked to leave the park for the day and possibly the weekend depending on the severity of their actions.

***REFUND POLICY**

*No entry or gate fee refunds will be issued if a team drops once a division becomes full (Unless we find another team to replace yours), if a team drops out one week prior to the event or if a team drops out once the schedule has been posted (For any reason).

*A 100% entry fee & gate fee will be issued to teams that don't play any games because of weather related issues.

*A 50% entry fee refund will be given to teams starting less than ½ of its scheduled games.

*No entry fee refund will be given to teams starting ½ or more of its scheduled games.

*No gate refund will be given if one game or more is played.