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**BLACK AMERICAN**  
*World*  
*Tournament*  
**2012**



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## **USSSA Black American World Tournament**

**Congratulations** on an outstanding season and welcome to the **2012 USSSA Black American World Tournament**. The tournament will be played in **Shreveport & Bossier City, LA** **September 14 – 16, 2012**. For more information on our city and this tournament please see:

<http://www.shreveport-bossier.org/usssa>

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### **DIVISIONS OF PLAY**

- Black American Men's Competitive Division
- Black American Men's Recreation Division
- Black American Women's Competitive Division
- Black American Women's Recreation Division

All divisions will be participating in these facilities- Cargill Complex (Host), Southern Hills Complex and Tinsley Park.

### **QUALIFYING**

Teams will have to participate in at least two USSSA Black American qualifying tournaments to be eligible for the USSSA Black American World Tournament. In the event there is not any qualifying tournaments in your area a team may request to play in the Black American World Tournament after playing in three USSSA sanctioned events. Teams must play in their respective State Tournament if one is offered. Any exceptions must be approved by the Black American National Director.

### **ENTRY**

A completed Entry Form, a copy of your on-line roster, and the entry fee of \$350.00 must be sent to your Black American State Director, State Director or to the World Tournament Director by September 5, 2012. ALL Certified Checks and Money Orders must be made payable to:

USSSA Black American Softball  
P.O. Box 1028  
Cedar Hill TX, 75106

### **ROSTERS & WAIVER FORMS**

Each team's qualified frozen and approved roster must be posted on the USSSA website at [www.USSSA.com](http://www.USSSA.com). Changes may only be made in accordance with USSSA eligibility rules in Article III, Section 9 of the Official USSSA By-Laws. Contact your State Director for assistance.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR USSSA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REGARDING ROSTER CHANGES!**



**On-line registration to the World Tournament will be available at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Credit cards will be accepted using this method of registration. Personal checks will not be accepted.** However, if you registered on line it is the responsibility of the team manager, coach, and/ or sponsor to forward all necessary paperwork to the appropriate officials. A listing of State Directors and their addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers, may be found at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).

#### **PAID BERTHS**

Teams that have won paid berths must forward the necessary paperwork to the appropriate officials by the tournament entry deadline.

#### **CONDITIONS**

The tournament will be scheduled utilizing a double elimination format. The National Director/Committee reserves the right to change the format i.e., locations of fields, game times and dropping of loser's bracket due to inclement weather or conditions. The conversion to single elimination or format changes would only occur at the point where it would be mathematically impossible to complete the tournament on Sunday on a double elimination basis. Upon entry into this tournament, all players, coaches, representatives, and spectators accept full responsibility to themselves for any injuries which may result from competing or any accidents at the tournament. Tournament sponsors, USSSA Officials, Umpires, and facility representatives will not be liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur. Entry into the tournament constitutes an agreement to the conditions above.

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

**All players participating in USSSA tournament play shall have photo ID available in accordance with the USSSA Rule Book.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in a forfeit, allowing *Rule 4, Sec. 11-A 4-5* in the USSSA Rule Book to be applied. The offending team loses the game, is ejected from the tournament, placed last in the standings, and forfeits all awards, sponsor travel money, and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

- **EXCEPTION:** If the loss incurred by the offending team was its first loss of the tournament and if the player(s) in question can subsequently furnish a valid photo ID prior to their next scheduled game, the offending team may remain in tournament.
- **EXCEPTION:** It is solely the responsibility of the individual players to prove their ethnic orientation. A notarized letter is acceptable proof.

**Tournament Headquarters:** Cargill Sports Complex - Information concerning the World Tournament will be posted at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com). Please check in upon arrival so that we know you are here, where you are staying, and make sure all your papers are in order. Check in will be held Friday, September 14, 2012, 8am -12 noon at **Holiday Inn West- Financial Plaza (Host Hotel) 5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA 71129.**

**Your team cannot play until your team has checked in and registered.** Bracket schedules will not be mailed out in advance. You must go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com), to find out when your team is unofficially scheduled to begin play Tuesday, September 11, 2012. All teams must be available to play Friday, September 14, 2012. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

There will be a Manager's Meeting at 10 am, Friday, September 14, 2012 in the **Holiday Inn West- Financial Plaza (Host Hotel)**. All teams should have a representative in attendance. The official schedule for teams playing will be distributed at that time.

**There will be a Home Run Derby for men and women with great prizes  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 AT 7:30 PM – CARGILL SOFTBALL COMPLEX.**

### **PARKING**

**Tournament parking passes can be purchased for \$10.00 for the weekend.**

Each team is allowed one (1) cooler for water, drinks and fruit for the team dugout.

### **Tournament Balls**

**Each team will be given Four (4) balls to start the tournament. Additional ball can be purchased for \$6 each or 4 for \$20 or 12 for \$50**

### **UNIFORMS**

The USSSA uniform code will be enforced. Teams must wear similar uniforms. Caps are optional; however, when worn, they must be worn properly. Uniform violations are not grounds for protest. **Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.**

### **Hotel Reservations:**

Refer to the Hotel Information sheet in this package. Excellent room rates have been negotiated for teams. Please identify yourself as a USSSA World Tournament team when you make a reservation.

### **Tentative Itinerary:**

***Thursday, September 13, 2012***

***7pm -9pm -Early Team Check-In***

Holiday Inn West- Financial Plaza (Host Hotel). **Your team cannot play until your team has checked in and registered**

***Friday, September 14, 2012***

***8:00 am -12 noon – Team Check-In***

Holiday Inn West- Financial Plaza (Host Hotel). **Your team cannot play until your team has checked in and registered.**

***10:00 am -12 noon - Manager's Meeting***

Holiday Inn West- Financial Plaza (Host Hotel)

***3:00 pm World Tournament Play Begins***

Cargill Complex (Host), Southern Hills Complex and Tinsley Park.

***7:00 pm – 7:30 pm – Opening Ceremony***

Cargill Complex

***7:30 pm – Home Run Derby***

Cargill Complex

***Saturday, September 15, 2012***

8:00 am World Tournament Play Continues

***Sunday, September 16, 2012***

8:00 am World Tournament Play Continues

TBA World Tournament Championship Games & Awards Presentation

## **AWARDS PER DIVISION**

### **16 USSSA World Championship Rings**

- 1. Championship Team Award** plus 16 Embroidered World Tournament Champions Jackets, 16 Championship T-Shirts
- 2. Runner-Up Team Award** plus 16 Embroidered World Tournament Championship Jackets, 16 World Tournament T-Shirts
- 3. Third Place Team Award** plus 16 Embroidered World Tournament Pullovers, 16 World Tournament T-Shirts
- 4. Fourth Place Team Award** plus 16 Embroidered World Tournament Pullovers, 16 World Tournament T-Shirts
- 5. Most Valuable Player Award** – Easton MVP Package, , Batting Gloves, TPS Z1000 Bat
- 6. Outstanding Offensive Award** – Batting Gloves, TPS Z1000 Bat
- 7. Outstanding Defensive Award** - Batting Gloves, TPS Z1000 Bat
- 8. All World Awards –**
  - Championship Team** – Most Valuable Player Award, Outstanding Offensive Award and 3 All World Awards - Fielder's Glove and Dudley Bat Bag
  - Runner-Up Team** - Outstanding Defensive Award and 2 All World Awards - Fielder's Glove and Dudley Bat Bag
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - 2 All World Awards - Fielder's Glove and Dudley Bat Bag
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place** - 1 All World Award - Fielder's Glove and Dudley Bat Bag
- 9. Manager of the Year Award**

## **AWARDS VALUED OVER \$5,000 PER DIVISION**

## **PARKS**

- [\*\*Cargill Complex\*\*](#)

7710 Lotus Lane, Shreveport, LA 71108

- [\*\*Tinsley Park\*\*](#)

Tinsley Blvd, Bossier City, LA 71111

318-741-8450

- [\*\*Southern Hills\*\*](#)

1002 Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, LA 71118

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**USSSA BLACK AMERICAN WORLD TOURNAMENT  
2012 ENTRY FORM**

Men's Competitive  
 Women's Competitive

Men's Recreation  
 Women's Recreation

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

From (City and State): \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Season's Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

Past National or World Titles Won:

**Release and Code of Understanding**

1. This entry form, along with the entry fee, must be submitted to your Black American or Open Sate Director.
2. Teams will not be allowed to forward entry forms directly to the World Tournament Director.
3. The World Tournament Director is under no obligation to accept an entry that arrived after the bracket is drawn.
4. All teams must be completely uniformed alike when competing in a World Tournament.
5. Any team that submits a bad check for payment of entry fee or motel bills will be subject to disbarment.
6. Any team destroying property or involved in theft of property will be subject to disbarment.
7. My team stands ready to play on Friday Morning if so scheduled.

I agree with above code of understanding. I, the undersigned, manager of the team shown on this entry form hereby state that the team represented by its roster, is a voluntary participant in this tournament which is sanctioned by the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). In consideration of this acceptance of our application to participate in said tournament we do hereby release and forever discharge USSSA of and from all liabilities, claims, actions and possible causes of action whatsoever that may accrue to us or to our heirs from every and any loss and injury including death that may be sustained by our person or property while, in, about, or in-route to and from said tournament. AND WHEREAS, the undersigned is aware of the dangerous nature of our undertaking as it relates to loss of life and/or limb; therefore, it is agreed as follows: That in consideration of being allowed to participate in said tournament, the undersigned team through its manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for on an account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, its sponsors or otherwise.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND CODE OF UNDERSTANDING.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL INFORMATION SHEET**  
BLACK AMERICAN WORLD TOURNAMENT

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Competitive   | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Recreation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Competitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Recreation |

PLEASE FILL OUT THE TRAVEL INFORMATION DATA SHEET AND MAIL IT  
IMMEDIATELY TO:  
USSSA TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS  
P.O. BOX Shreveport, LA

***THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND MUST NOT BE  
OVERLOOKED. YOUR TEAM WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE  
TOURNAMENT IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY USSSA WORLD  
TOURNAMENT OFFICE!***

Name of Team: \_\_\_\_\_ REG # \_\_\_\_\_

From: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ (AM/PM)

Method of Travel:

NAME OF HOTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(See Enclosed List AND Be Specific!)

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY  
(Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_\_\_\_

If a Rental Home or Condo, Number of Bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations Under –

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIRMED WITH YOUR CHOICE OF HOST HOTEL

Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome to Shreveport and Bossier City, LA 2012 USSSA BLACK AMERICAN WORLDS SLOW PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP

For more information on our city and this  
tournament please see:

<http://www.shreveport-bossier.org/ussa>

Here you will be able to find  
Hotel Rates, Restaurants, Attractions, Nightlife and Special  
Discounts while you are here. We look forward to seeing  
you this year. If you have any questions please contact us.

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# 2012 Black American World Tournament Hotel List

(Click on Hotel for direct link to Hotel site)

## **Hotels – Financial Plaza exit off I-20**

- **Host Hotel** - **Holiday Inn Shreveport West** \$92 - King or Doubles
- 5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport LA 71129 (318) 688 -3000
- **Homewood Suites** 5485 Financial Plaza, Shreveport LA 71129 (318) 549-2000
- Studio King or One Bedroom King Suites - \$119.00 plus tax per night
- Two Bedroom King with King Suites or 2 Queen Suites - \$189.00 plus tax per night
- **Jameson Inn of Shreveport** \$70 – King or Doubles
- 6715 Raspberry Lane, Shreveport LA 71129 (318) 671-0731

## **Hotels - Downtown**

- **Holiday Inn Downtown** (318) 222-7717
- 102 Lake Street, Shreveport, La 71101 \$92.00 - King or Doubles

## **Hotels - Monkhouse exit off I-20**

- **Days Inn of Shreveport** \$48.00 - Deluxe Doubles
- 4935 W. Monkhouse Dr, Shreveport LA 71109 (318) 636-0080
- **Candlewood Suites - Shreveport** \$67.95 Studio or Two Bed Studio Suite
- 5020 Hollywood Ave, Shreveport LA 71109 (318) 635-8062
- **Ramada - Shreveport** \$59.99 Doubles
- 5101 Westwood Park Dr, Shreveport LA 71109 (318) 631-2000
- **Best Western Richmond Suites** \$71.99
- 5101 Monkhouse Dr, Shreveport LA 71109 (318) 635-6431

## **Hotels - Bossier City**

- **The TownPlace Suites by Marriott** 1009 Gould Rd (318) 741-9090
- Studio King Suites -\$109.00 or Studio Queen/Queen Suites - \$119
- **The Hampton Inn** \$89.00
- 1005 Gould Rd, , Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 752-1112
- **Quality Inn and Suites** \$89.95
- 2717 Village Lane, Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 742-7890
- **Microtel Inn and Suites** \$79.95
- 2713 Village Lane, Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 742-7882
- **Country Hearth Inn** \$75.95
- 1984 Airline Dr, Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 742-6000
- **Rodeway Inn and Suites** \$62.95
- 3033 Hilton Dr, Bossier City, LA 71112 (318) 747-2400

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