



USSSA is excited to announce the formation of the Conference USSSA Fastpitch program. This program is designed to offer 14 & Under teams an opportunity to compete on designated weekends against the top level teams in from Eastern Pennsylvania, Central/Western Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. There is a similar program being run among teams in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska. We hope to expand the concept to a nationwide program in 2011 with additional age groups.

### ***Conference Membership***

In 2010 all 14U teams may apply for Conference status but only 8 will be chosen from each state. First priority will be given to "A" classified teams. These 48 teams will compete against one another over the season at various events for a shot at the Conference USSSA crown. Teams will not be required to submit a fee for Conference USSSA membership. However for a team to be selected as a Conference team they must commit to participating in a minimum of two Conference USSSA regular season tournaments.

### ***Regular Season***

The Conference play will be divided into two seasons. The regular season will take place at six events across the region.

The regular season Conference USSSA tournaments will also be open to teams not originally selected to be part of the Conference. This is a way for non-Conference teams to challenge themselves against the very best of the region and possibly elevate their team to Conference status. 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. Additionally, any non-Conference team that participates in three or more Conference USSSA events may become eligible for the Conference USSSA Regional Championship.

Each regular season event will award teams Conference USSSA points. These points will be given based on a team's order of finish as well as bonus points for participation and levels of success.

### **Conference USSSA Point System**

<b>Final Placing</b>	<b>Point Value</b>
1st Place	50 points
2nd Place	40 points
3rd Place	30 points
5th Place	20 points
9th Place & below	5 points
Participation	25 points
Pool Winner	10 points

### **Regular Season Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Complex</b>
May 15-16	Heat at the Beach II	Rehoboth Beach, DE	Rehoboth Little League
May 22-23	Conference USSSA NIT	Laurel, MD	Fairland Regional Park
May 29-30	Memorial Day NIT	Sterling, VA	Potomack Lakes Park
June 5-6	Diamond Nation Express	Flemington, NJ	Diamond Nation
June 12-13	Jaguars Qualifier	Mifflintown, PA	Walker Township Park
July 3-4	Firecracker Spectacular	Lansdale, PA	Schweiker Park

### **Post Season Conference Championship**

At the end of the regular season, the Top 24 teams will be invited to the Conference Regional Championship. This event will be held at the **Ripken Sports Academy in Aberdeen, MD on July 17-18, 2010**. Teams will be seeded into the tournament based on their overall Conference USSSA points.

### **Conference USSSA Prize Packages**

#### **Trophies**

Individual and team awards given to top two teams.

#### **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 champion and the post-season tournament champion. The regular season champion will receive 1/3 of the travel fund and the tournament champion will receive 2/3 of the travel fund.

