

USSSA

presents the 15th Annual

“Early Bird”

GIRLS B/C YOUTH FAST PITCH World Series Qualifier

May 27-28, 2017

hosted by



CINCINNATI, OHIO

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"EARLY BIRD" MEMORIAL GIRLS
YOUTH B/C FAST PITCH WORLD SERIES
QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT
8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under,
14 & Under, and 16 & Under

YOUR TEAM IS BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 15TH ANNUAL USSSA "EARLY BIRD" MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GIRLS FAST PITCH WSQ CHAMPIONSHIP! Minimum 6 games!!!

CONTACT: Tournament Site - Expressway Park - (513) 831-2273
Field Conditions - Field Condition Hotline - (513) 786-6964
Web Site: www.expresswaypark.com - **e-mail:** expressway@expresswaypark.com

WHERE & WHEN: Expressway Park, Cincinnati, Ohio - May 27-28, 2017. The tournament will begin at 8:00am, Saturday, May 27. All teams will be expected to be available to play at this time.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Limited openings due to format. Please register ASAP to guarantee your team a position. Teams will be taken on a first paid-first in basis.

ENTRY FEE: \$450.00 Entry fee (8U \$295.00- 4 games) - Teams that do not have a current year USSSA registration number must register their team with USSSA on-line at www.ussa.com two weeks prior to the tournament. Teams will not be considered in tournament without a USSSA team registration number. Teams previously sanctioned must list USSSA sanction number and classification on entry blank. All fees must be paid by certified check money order, Discover, Visa, or MC. Make payable to: USSSA and mail to: Expressway Park, P.O. Box 402, Milford, Ohio 45150 or call the park at 513-831-2273 with cc information. Teams may also enter and pay fees on-line at www.ussa.com. No refunds will be given after registration deadline unless tournament is cancelled in it's entirety due to inclement weather (no games played).

FORMAT: 6 Game Minimum - weather permitting - format based on team entries. Ex: 3 team divisions will play 2 game pool and advance to two game elimination bracket and consolation - 4 team divisions will play 3 game pool advancing to a single elimination and consolation. - 5 team divisions will play 4 pool advancing to single elimination. Expressway Park and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to change format due to team entries or inclement weather.

PAIRINGS: First game times will be posted Wednesday prior to the tournament by 7pm. Remaining pool play game times will be posted Thursday after 6pm on www.expresswaypark.com. Managers must confirm receipt of game time by calling 513-831-4663 or emailing: expressway@expresswaypark.com by Wednesday 11pm. Teams will be paired in even age groups (EX: 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16U) unless number of entries warrant single age group bracket (Min 8 per age group).

AWARDS: Each age group will compete for a minimum of 4 overall team awards and a minimum of 3 sets of individual awards based on tournament format.

BERTHS: Two A and two B World berths will be awarded in each age group. Combined age groups will be awarded four World Series berths in each age group (Ex: 14U Division with 13 and 14 year old teams will be awarded two 14U A World Series berths and two 14U B World Series berths and two 13U A World Series berths and two 13U B World Series berths).

ADMISSION: Admission during the tournament will be \$3.00 per person per day. This charge includes everyone except rostered players, manager, and two coaches in UNIFORM and children 16 and under. Admission for Senior 62 and over will be \$2.00 per day. Managers are responsible to inform their players and fans of admission policy prior to the tournament. NO refund of gate admission will be given for any reason including inclement weather.

ROSTER/WAIVER: The official USSSA "Early Bird" Memorial Fast Pitch tournament roster/waiver enclosed in this packet must be completed and entered on-line at www.ussa.com and given to the tournament director prior to first game as a condition of participation in the USSSA "Early Bird" Memorial Fast Pitch N.I.T. No other roster may be submitted. Roster/waiver must be signed by parent or guardian, participant, and manager. **Roster must be on-line prior to the tournament at www.ussa.com to receive USSSA team points for this event.**

UMPIRES: 2 USSSA Fast Pitch certified umpires per game will be used for this event. 1 USSSA Fastpitch umpire in 8U.

UNIFORM CODE: Teams are encouraged to wear identical uniforms. Caps are optional, however, when worn they must be alike. Uniform code will be non-protestable.

BALLS: USSSA approved Optic Yellow fast pitch softballs will be used for this event.

PLAYING FIELDS: Expressway Park in Milford on Route 50 at I-275 will host the USSSA "Early Bird" Memorial Fast Pitch National Invitational Tournament. Expressway Park is a full featured, five diamond complex with every possible feature. From the north or south, take I-275 east to the Hillsboro exit (exit #59b), go to Route 50 turn left at the light. The Expressway Park driveway entrance is approx. 1.5 miles on the left.

HOTELS: As a convenience, you may book your rooms directly through our website and receive the Expressway Park softball rate. Visit our website: www.expresswaypark.com and click on accommodations or if you contact Holiday Inn Eastgate direct be sure to ask for the Expressway Park Softball rate. Please contact Expressway Park at (513) 831-2273 for an up to date listing of hotels hosting this tournament. Please call all hotels at least 3 weeks in advance to ensure the best rates possible for your team.

CONDITIONS: The tournament committee reserves the right to change any game time, playing fields, or dates, or make any changes to conduct the tournament, including changing the tournament format if necessary. No refunds of entry fees will be given after tournament cutoff date. The tournament director, sponsor, and hosts assume all players are competing at their own risk and will not be liable for any accidents or injuries. Entry into the tournament constitutes agreement to these conditions.

PROTESTS: No protest fee for player eligibility or rule interpretations.

FOOD & DRINK: Ohio State Liquor laws & the Board of Health Regulation prohibit any food or beverage including sodas, bottled water, and sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, etc) from being brought onto park property, including the parking lot. Please do not attempt to bring food or drink into the Park. **Water coolers are permitted but will be checked at the gate and must contain water only. Please NO bottled water or sports drinks or energy drinks permitted to be brought into the Park.** The Park has a full-service concession area offering these concession items at very competitive prices. Persons violating this policy will be ask to leave the Park for the remainder of the tournament.

MANAGERS: *Please advise your players and spectators of our admission and food and drink policies.* These are necessary for Expressway Park to continue to operate as one of the finest softball facilities in the Mid-West.

The tournament committee, sponsors, and Expressway Park look forward to your visit with us this weekend, and if we can do anything to make your visit more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes and may the best team win!



**“EARLY BIRD” MEMORIAL
GIRLS YOUTH FAST PITCH INVITATIONAL
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**



Check Appropriate Age Classification:

8 U 10 U 12 U 14 U 16 U

Check Appropriate Team Classification:

B C

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Team: _____
(Name your team is officially registered under for current season)

USSSA National Sanction Number _____ **Director** _____
Attach Copy of Team Registration Receipt or Registration Card.

Hometown (Location of Sponsor): _____

League Organization: _____ **League Director:** _____

Manager's Name: _____

Manager's Complete Mailing Address: _____
_____ Zip _____

Manager's Phone Number(s) - Home () _____ **Work** () _____

Manager's e-mail address: _____

Has Team qualified for USSSA World Tournament? YES NO (Please circle one)

Entry fee of \$ _____ is enclosed. Include USSSA registration fee if not registered for current season.

Certified check, money order, or USSSA Directors check only!

Current Season's Record: Won _____ Lost _____

Current Season's Championships Won: _____

Last Year's Record: Won _____ Lost _____

Past Championships Won: _____

Team Travel Data: Date of Arrival _____ / _____ / _____ Time of Arrival _____ AM/PM

Motel _____ Motel Address _____

Registration Name _____ Motel Phone # _____

Total Rooms _____ Total Room Nights _____ Room #'s _____



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RELEASE

I, the undersigned, manager of a team known as _____
_____ hereby state that the team represented by the attached roster, is a voluntary participant in a tournament known as as **USSSA “Early Bird” Girls Youth Fast Pitch WSQ Championship** to be held from **May 27, 2017** to **May 28, 2017**. Which tournament is sanctioned by the USSSA and hosted by Expressway Park, Inc. In consideration of the acceptance by the USSSA and Expressway Park, Inc. of our application to participate in said tournament I do hereby release and forever discharge the USSSA and Expressway Park, Inc. of and from all liabilities, claims actions, and possible causes of actions whatsoever that may accrue including death, that may be sustained by person or property while in, about, or route into and away 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 it’s manager hereby voluntarily assumes all risks from accident or damage to person or property and hereby releases the USSSA and Expressway Park. Inc. from every claim, liability, or demand of any kind for or on account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained or caused by the negligence of the USSSA, Expressway Park, Inc., or its sponsors or otherwise.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING RELEASE.

MANAGER’S SIGNATURE: _____

MANAGER OF _____



U. S. S. S. A.
OFFICIAL YOUTH TEAM ROSTER
Release and Waiver Agreement



NAME OF TEAM: _____

AGE GROUP: _____

TEAM IS FROM: _____,
 (City) (State)

CHECK ONE
 GIRL'S SLOW PITCH
 GIRL'S FAST PITCH

NATIONAL REGISTRATION NO: _____ TEAM CLASSIFICATION: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S AGREEMENT AND PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE

PLEASE READ WAIVER/RELEASE BELOW AND ON OTHER SIDE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

I, parent or guardian of the below named player, do hereby, in consideration of permitting said player to participate in the Youth Program of the USSSA, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims that I might have against the USSSA, EXPRESSWAY PARK, INC., its sponsors, their agents, or representatives, for any and all injuries or losses sustained, arising out of any injuries or losses suffered by said player while competing in or in connection with the play of USSSA, and hereby contract and agree to hold the USSSA harmless and to indemnify it from and an account of any damage suffered or sustained by USSSA by reason of said player being injured.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE SHOULD BE ON THE SAME NUMBERED LINE AS PLAYER'S NAME APPEARS ON THIS ROSTER.

By signing this roster, parent, or legal guardian agrees to the waiver/release above and wavier/release on other side, and verifies that the date of birth is correct. Parent or legal guardian of each youth player must sign below.

PRINT OR TYPE PLAYER'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE	RELATIONSHIP
1		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
2		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
3		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
4		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
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18		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
19		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	
20		I HAVE READ THE WAIVERS/RELEASES ON BOTH	

IMPORTANT - Each team manager shall be responsible to keep copies of birth certificates and emergency information consent forms.

TEAM MANAGER'S AFFIDAVIT

I, the manager, of the above team, do hereby state that all of the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that all of the parents or guardians signed the above in their own handwriting. I agree that each player is eligible to complete with my team in the USSSA Youth Program in accordance with the USSSA rules governing youth play. I agree to keep copies of birth certificates and emergency consent forms in person at all times.

Signature of Manager: _____

Manager's Name (Please Print): _____

Manager's Mailing Address (Please Print): _____
 (Street) (City, State, and Zip)

Manager's Home Telephone: _____ Manager's Business Telephone: _____

USSSA DIRECTORS APPROVAL

The above team is registered with the USSSA and has qualified to participate in this event. Signed: _____

USSSA Youth Director

MAX DIXON'S EXPRESSWAY PARK, INC.
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of my minor child/ward, named on this roster, being allowed to participate at Expressway Park, in any way in the **USSSA Early Bird Memorial Girls Fast Pitch W.S.Q.**, related events, and activities, I, the parent/legal guardian, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The parent/legal guardian is instructed that prior to participating in any Expressway Park, Inc. activity and regularly thereafter, that he or she should inspect the facilities, equipment, and fields to be used, and if he or she believes anything is unsafe, the parent/legal guardian should immediately advise the Park Director of such condition and refuse to allow their minor child to participate.

2. Fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) The sport of softball is dangerous; (b) There are risks and dangers associated with participation in softball activities, including but not limited to those of bodily injury, partial and/or total disability, paralysis, and death; (c) the social and economic losses and/or damages, which could result from those risks and dangers enumerated in item 2(b) could be severe; (d) There may be other risks not known to us or are not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

3. Accept such risks and responsibility for the losses and/or damages following such injury, disability, paralysis, or death.

4. I, myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE THE other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, Expressway Park, Inc., and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, and("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child/ward's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any an all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these program, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest permitted by law.

6. It is agreed that this Waiver and Release Agreement covers each and every activity at Expressway Park and fully understand that the "Releasees" are released as to each and every activity.

7. The parent/legal guardian upon reading the waiver and release, understands that he or she will give up substantial rights by signing the tournament roster/waiver and sign it voluntarily without inducement and failure to sign the roster/waiver prohibits their child/ward from participating in any activity at Expressway Park.