

**Michigan USSSA Baseball**  
**Lansing Exchange**  
**Lansing, MI**  
**8U and 9U (circle one)**



**Date:** June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**Format:** 3-game guarantee

**Location:** Downtown Optimist Field Lansing, MI  
2949 S. Waverly  
Lansing, MI 48911

**Entry Fee:**

\$400 (payment by CREDIT CARD – Must call in 517-484-9844)  
\$400 (payment by CHECK to tournament director - includes all gate fees)  
Your Associate fee must be paid on line.

**Hotel Reservations Requirement:** Contact: Coach Cavazos 517-484-9844

**CAYSA**  
**4615 N. Grand River**  
**Lansing, MI 48906**  
**517-484-9844**

Email: [CAYSAsports@tds.net](mailto:CAYSAsports@tds.net)

Schedules will be posted at [www.caysalansing.com](http://www.caysalansing.com) one week before the tournament.

**Event Highlights**

- Earn USSSA team rating points by participating, check [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)
- **Up to 8 Teams!**
- **2 Umps per game**
- Full Concessions

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Team ID Number (11digit): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to:

- Abide by the policies/rules of USSSA found on [www.michusssa.com](http://www.michusssa.com) and [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).
  - Enter team roster online at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com).
- Refund Policy: In the event that a tournament is cancelled, for any reason, the following refund policy shall apply: If a Team:
- Does not play a game, the team will be given a credit into another USSSA Tournament
  - Plays one game, (2 games of a 4GG or 5GG). the team will be given a 50% credit into another USSSA Tournament
  - Plays in two or more games, (3 games of a 4GG or 5GG) the team will not be given any additional credit.

**Manager's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



CAYSA USSSA Tournament Rules:

All tournaments shall be played under USSSA Baseball Rules, except where noted.

- 1.) Teams may bat 9 player line-up, a 10 player line-up with an extra hitter (EH), or a continuous line-up for all present uniformed players. Such line-up must be decided before the start of the game and used the entire game.
- 2.) Team insurance is mandatory. Please submit proof of insurance with entry form.
- 3.) Ages: 8-12 will be 6 inning games, All other ages will be 7 inning games.
- 4.) There will be no pre-game batting or infield practice.
- 5.) The tournament director reserves the right amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, format, to accommodate time constraints, weather situations etc.
- 6.) All participants are competing at their own risk and by participating agrees to hold Michigan USSSA, all tournaments officials, all facilities and their owner and directors, all umpires and directors harmless from any liability resulting from participants in the tournament.
- 7.) THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT ON INNINGS PITCHED.
- 8.) Bracket winners will automatically advance to the championship brackets, and will always be higher seed than wildcard team no matter the circumstances. Seeds will be determined by tournament tie-breakers. If a bracket has a wildcard team, the wildcard team will also be determined by the tournament tie-breakers. The wildcard teams will automatically be the last seed.
- 9.) Managers will have a 3 hour window to request a correction in a score posted on the main bracket board. No scores will be changed after the 24 hour time-period has expired. (It's the Managers responsibility to keep on touch with your team's scores that are posted on the main bracket board).

**Fees:**

Tournament Fee: \$450.00 Includes gate fee

The deadline for the fee is June 4th, 2012. Please make checks payable to **CAYSA (Capital Area Youth Sports Association)**.

Birth Certificates and rosters required for all players and teams (15-man maximum roster for tournament). Players turning 9 years of age before 5/01/11 are **INELIGIBLE. NO EXCEPTIONS!** (Will be checked at the coaches meeting)

1. Six (6) innings, one hour and 30 minutes time limit.
2. Maximum of 5 runs per inning, once 5 runs are scored, offensive team goes to defense. **Ever game the last inning due to 6 innings or time restricted will be unlimited runs.**
3. Guaranteed four (4) games.
4. High School Rules w/ some exceptions.
5. Batting: Once your line-up is established it must stay intact
  - a) Entire **bench** roster, only penalty is if a player is injured and has to be removed from the game, it is an automatic out when he fails to come to bat.
6. You can have 4 outfielders.
7. Baseballs: Each team provides two (2) new balls per game. See the umpire **after the game** for your share of balls left.)
8. Home team determined by a flip of coin will be done at the Coaches Meeting (In bracket play; Top seed is considered home team.)
9. Pitcher: cannot pitch more than two (2) innings per game, six (6) innings a day, or no more than fourteen **(14) innings for the weekend**. On the fourth (4) ball, the batting teams (offensive team) coach pitches to the batter. **When the coach is pitching, any pass ball or wild ball or if batter is hit by the pitch-No one can advance. Defensive pitcher must have one (1) foot on the dirt of the mound.**
10. Catcher: dropped ball on third strike is an automatic out. (Runner can advance to second or third base, but they cannot advance or steal home unless on a hit ball.)
  - a.)Once a player is stationary at 3<sup>rd</sup> the player cannot come home unless the ball is hit or if the bases are loaded and the pitcher hits a batter to force in the runner from 3<sup>rd</sup>.
11. Pitching Distance: 44ft.  
Base Distance: 60ft.

12. Stealing and Lead-offs: Yes, there is stealing, but the ball must pass home plate. NO LEADING-OFF.
13. **All players must be in uniform. Coaches must be in uniform or baseball shorts, baseball or tennis shoes. (No tank tops, flip-flops, jeans, etc.) This will be strictly enforced.**
14. ONLY players and four (4) coaches allowed in dugouts. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!! (So, tell your parents to get out!)
15. Tied Game: Only in POOL PLAY will a tied game be considered as such. In BRACKET PLAY - if still tied or time limit, a runner will be placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. (Who is last out of the previous inning).

**Tie Breaker:**

1. Best record in pool.
  2. Head to head.
  3. Runs scored minus runs allowed. (No more than 10 runs for a victory or a loss)
  4. Least runs allowed.
  5. Coin flip.
16. If WEATHER does not permit games, the tournament director has authority to change game times. **Refund Policy:** If the tournament is a total wash out you will receive your money back minus \$25 for administrative cost, if a team plays one game you will receive half of your tournament fee back. If you play 2 games, one-third of your tournament fee will be refunded.
  17. Awards will be: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team trophies and individual medals for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams (15 players maximum)
    - a.) We will be passing out a slip for 2 names to be placed by the opposing coach to be nominate 2 players after every game. At the end of the tournament we will award 10 players who will become the All tournament team and they will be presented a plaque. (must play in all their team tournament games)
  18. **Coaches please relay to all of your parents this rule:** At the baseball complex, concession stands will be available to help the organization financially. **NO outside food or drinks is allowed.** We would like you to patronize our concession stands. THANK YOU for the support. ( NO grilling or picnic scenarios on whole baseball grounds)
  19. **A recent meeting was held and there are additional rules to the field set by the land owner. Pass all rules along to parents, players, and team spectators!!!**

**Please read the following pages. No motor homes are allowed**

## **Additional Field Rules**

**Dear Coaches, Parents, and Baseball fans:**

**It has been brought to our attention that we really need to follow the rules that have been laid out to CAYSA from 40et8:**

1. **The driveway is shared by CAYSA and 40et8 and we need to respect their rights. Do not park on or next to the driveway (on the shoulder). We need to keep all the children from playing on or in the driveway, for the safety of the children.** (There is a lot of traffic that goes in and out)
2. **There is a rope in the parking lot with cones at the Smoltz field (Big Field) The field that is closest to the club. The first three rows near the field are for CAYSA's parking, and the parking on the other side of the rope is "Off Limits".**
3. **We need to be responsible for our trash that is in the parking lot (and at the fields).** Please pick up, do not throw your trash on the ground, there is several garbage cans at the fields for trash.

### **Both fields' responsibilities:**

The morning guy from 40&8 has had to go around and pick up trash the following morning that has been thrown out on the ground from cars or from just being dropped on the ground in the parking lot, it is not their responsibility! **PLEASE PICK UP!!**

**It has been brought up to CAYSA, that there is a huge concern in the areas mentioned above and if it continues they are not going to allow us to use the parking lots and we will need to find alternative parking, we do not want this to be an issue, so please follow these requests and pass them on to others if you see them happening.**

**Any question or concerns please contact Coach Cavazos at 517-484-9844 or 517-749-6125.**

**It is "IMPERATIVE" that we follow these requests.**



CAYSA USSSA POOL PLAY TIE-BREAKERS

- 1.) Head-TO HEAD COMPETITION
- 2.) LEAST TRUNS ALLOWED- TOTAL
- 3.) HIGHEST RUN DIFFERETIAL  
(MAXIMUM RUN DIFFERENTIAL PER GAME -8 OR +8)
- 4.) TEAM WITH MORE USSSA POINTS
- 5.) IF STILL TIED, THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AS TO THE TIE IS BROKEN. (COIN-FLIP, ONE INNING SHOOT-OUT, ETC.)