



# 2027 Season Age Classifications

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>7U</b>	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018
<b>8U</b>	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017
<b>9U</b>	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016
<b>10U</b>	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015
<b>11U</b>	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014
<b>12U</b>	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013
<b>13U</b>	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012
<b>14U</b>	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011
<b>15U</b>	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010
<b>16U</b>	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009
<b>17U</b>	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008
<b>18U</b>	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007



# MN USSSA Social Media

- Facebook: Minnesota USSSA Fastpitch
  - Instagram: mnussafastpitch or Minnesota USSSA Fastpitch
  - X: mnussafp or Minnesota USSSA Fastpitch
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- Tournament Results, Team Pictures, All American Games, All State Games



# NEW EVENT: Liberty Cup



- We will be forming 1 Minnesota team for each 12U, 14U, 16U & 18U with the TOP players from our State to compete against other states' best for a National Title - This is a TRUE all star team.
  - 2027 Ages
  - 12-15 players per roster, max of 3 players from the same team
- January 15-18, 2027
- Space Coast Complex in Viera, Florida
- 5 Game Guarantee - 4 Pool Play Games into Single Elim
- Skills & Drills, Classroom Sessions



# Coach Nominations

- Coaches can nominate themselves/apply if interested and available BY MAY 31st
  - Coaches must be good representatives of MN USSSA Fastpitch, no recruiting
    - National Office will cover coach hotel room cost
    - Coaches will also get a tumbler, lizard skin and medal
- June 5: MN State Office selects Coaches to coach each team
- June 6-21: Selected Coaches choose & contact their players
- MN State Office submits roster to National Office
- National Office sends out registration links to players

Coach Nominate/Apply: <https://forms.gle/RYJTBzYoFYL7GDmq9>



# Player Nomination



- Directors/Coaches nominate Players
  - Players must be considered a top player in their position in their age group for 2027.
  - Players should only be nominated after they have indicated they're interested and available
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Player Nominations: <https://forms.gle/gnKH4JpdwBrbt5aRA>



# Powered by Marucci

- Each Player will receive:
  - 2 Custom State Jerseys
  - Marucci Batting Gloves
  - Marucci Bat Bag
  - Lizard Skins
  - Liberty Cup Custom Medal
  - Custom Liberty Cup Tumbler
  - 1 90 minute practice with their team
  - Minimum (5) 90 minute games
  - Off the field classroom training sessions with former college/pro athletes





# How to Win the Liberty Cup

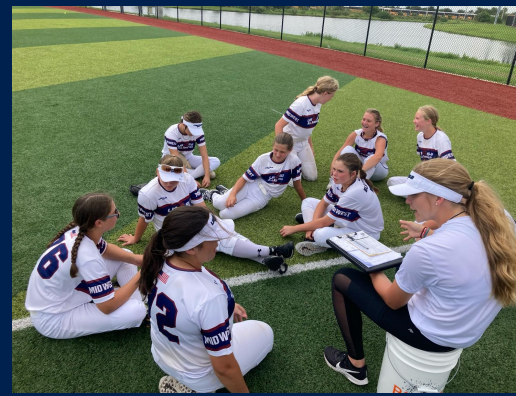
- The State that accumulates the most cumulative points between all age groups will determine the overall Champion of the event and have their State name placed upon the Cup.
  - 1st Place: 300 points
  - 2nd Place: 225 points
  - 3rd Place: 200 points
  - 4th Place: 175 points
  - 5th-6th Place: 155 points
  - 7th-8th Place: 130 points
  - 9th-12th Place: 110 points
  - 13th-16th Place: 70 points
  - 17th-24th Place: 40 points
  - 25th-32nd Place: 20 points
  - 33rd-50th Place: 10 points





# All American Games

- The Games in Florida July 27-August 1
  - Space Coast Stadium in Viera
  - Pro Instructional Clinics
  - Team Practices, 5 GG
  - Team Bonding
  - Opening Ceremonies
  - Skills Competitions
  - Parade
  - 1200+ athletes with 100+ teams



# MN All State Games - 12U-18U



- August 8 at Sand Creek Park in Coon Rapids
- Nominated throughout the Summer Tournaments by Coaches
- Double Header
- Play with new players, play against teammates
- Coach for Every Team
- Jerseys, Bags, Trading Cards, Poster Signing, Pictures
- Lots of Fun!!
- 2024: 255 Athletes
- 2025: 316 Athletes



# All State Games - 2025



# All State Games - Nominations



- Coach/Manager gets Email after Qualifying USSSA Tournament
- Players/Families get an automatic email that they've been nominated and to register
- Gold Bracket
  - 1st Place: 6 Nominations
  - 2nd Place: 5
  - 3rd Place: 4
  - 4th Place: 3
  - 5th Place and below: 2
- Silver, Bronze Brackets
  - All teams get 2 nominations



# All State Games - 2026 Qualifying Tournaments



- Big Opener – May 29-31
- June Jamboree – June 5-7
- Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown – June 12-14
- S&C Summer Showcase – June 19-21
- USSSA Southern State Tournament & National Qualifier – June 19-21
- Lakeville Summer Grand Slam – June 26-28
- TNT Blast – June 26-28
- Peppers Classic – July 5-7
- Metro Top Tier State Championship – July 12-14
- Cloquet USSSA Northern State Tournament – July 12-14
- MN Apex Mid Summer Meltdown – July 17-19
- MFA Summer Classic – July 18-19



# National All State Games



- Participate in MN Games: invite to the National All State Games
- Space Coast Stadium in Viera, Florida
- December 28-31
- Pro Camp
- All State Live Show
- Team Practices
- Ceremonies & Parades
- Pool Play & Bracket Play Games
- 2024: 1,200+ athletes competed, 23 MN athletes



# National All State Games - 2024



# Bulk Team Insurance Opportunities

1. You Register your Program Teams in USSSA
2. Get your Head Coach entered and passed a Background Check
3. Send us your Team Name, Head Coach Name, and Team Registration Number
  - a. Registration Number can be found on USSSA Team Page
4. We will bulk insure the teams at a discounted rate



# Guest Player Process

1. Sign in as Manager/Head Coach of Team on USSSA
2. Click on Team
3. Click on Manage Guest Players
4. Select Event
5. Add Guest Player

The screenshot displays the 'TEAM MANAGEMENT' dashboard. At the top, a 'Background Check' status is shown as 'Cleared On: Aug 14, 2024 1:25:11 AM' with a '2025 Fastpitch' tag. Below this, the 'YOUR TEAMS' section is visible, listing various teams under 'FASTPITCH' and 'FASTPITCH - USAES'. The 'FASTPITCH' list includes teams like 'Minnesota Vortex 13U National', 'Minnesota A's 15U', and 'Minnesota A's Smith'. The 'FASTPITCH - USAES' list includes 'Minnesota Vortex 14U Blue' and 'Wayzata 14U Gold'. To the right, the 'Team: Minnesota Vortex 13U National (Reg#:9254103208596)' is selected, showing a menu of management options. The 'Manage Guest Players' option is highlighted with a yellow box. Below the menu, an 'Insurance' section for '2025 Minnesota Vortex 13U National (13 & Under A)' is shown, including a table with policy details and buttons for 'Brochure', 'Claims Forms', and 'View Certificate'.

Year	Class	Team
2025	13A	Minnesota Vortex 13U National
2024	14A	Minnesota Vortex 14U National
2023	15A	Minnesota A's 15U
2022	16A	Minnesota A's Smith
2022	14C	Test Team Smith 2
2021	14A	MN Vortex 14U Gold Smith
2020	14A	Minnesota Vortex 14U Blue
2019	14A	Wayzata 14U Gold

Year	Class	Team
2020	USAES	Minnesota Vortex 14U Blue
	14U	

Policy	Start	Expires
<b>Fastpitch 2025</b> S18GL01833-241 - Liability & \$500 Deductible Medical	08/13/2024	08/12/2025



# Points Race

- National Office will send team rings to the winning team in the Midwest Region for each Age Group and Level
- A few MN teams won last season!

Sport: Baseball Fast Pitch Season: 2025

Search By: Region State National West South Midwest Great Lakes Northeast Southeast

Age / Class: 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 18 USAES A B C

Submit

**2025 FAST PITCH - MIDWEST REGION - 16U A**

Rank	Team	Location	Points	Power Rating	Class Record	Overall Record	Avg Runs	Avg Allowed
1	Iowa Elite Force 16U Howell	Des Moines, IA	1960	1132	9-2-2	43-13-4	6.5	4.4
2	Iowa Arles CE	Altoona, IA	1675	724	6-9-1	34-26-2	5.8	4.5
3	Alliance Select Dicks	Bondurant, IA	1515	1239	15-3-1	28-8-1	6.1	2.4
4	Nebraska Venom National 16U Stortz	Eikhorn, NE	1475	168	0-2	37-8	7.2	2.3
5	Alliance Select Gold	Ankeny, IA	1364	251	0-1	10-13	5.6	5.8
6	CIK 08s	Dike, IA	1335	1109	5-0	29-8-2	5.1	1.9
7	Thunder Softball Club 15U Black	North Liberty, IA	1246	1052	5-3	27-11-2	6.2	3
8	Eastern Iowa Cheetahs	Coggon, IA	1155	1132	8-1	28-10-1	6.2	4
9	Iowa Gold Mathews	Des Moines, IA	1000	1247	7-2	17-11-1	6.5	4.3
10	NGSA 16u	Kaukauna, WI	885	792	1-1	5-1	7.5	1
11	Minnesota A's 16U National	Plymouth, MN	860	1403	13-1	22-1	6.3	1.3
12	Diablas 16U	Ankeny, IA	810	968	2-1	19-4	9	4
13	Rebels 16uB	Burlington, IA	797	597	2-4-1	23-13-1	5.6	4.1
14	Sdm Jis	Des moines, IA	760	112	0-1	16-13	6.2	4.6
15	Renegades 16u Blue	North Liberty, IA	738	452	1-6-1	21-15-3	5.4	4.8
16	Kansas Renegades Enfield	Wichita, KS	705	0	0-0	17-7	6.5	3.1
17	Barracuda Aces 16u-Akkey	Waukee, IA	635	807	5-7-2	7-11-2	3.9	5.2



# Power & Points Calculator

## USSSA FASTPITCH POINT SYSTEM (UPS)

Place	World Series	National Championships	Super Regional	Fall/Winter Nationals	State	State GP	State Level 2	NIT	State Qualifier	One Day	Showcase	League	Indiv Event	USA ES World FP Championships	USA ES WFC Qualifier	USA ES Non Qualifier Showcase	USA ES Non Qualifier Invit	All American Game Fastpitch
1st	650	450	450	1000	300	300	180	225	75	50	100	100	100	650	225	100	75	75
2nd	500	300	300	800	225	225	140	165	55	40	100	100	100	500	165	100	55	55
3rd	450	250	250	600	200	200	120	135	45	30	100	100	100	450	135	100	45	45
4th	400	225	225	535	175	175	110	120	40	25	100	100	100	400	120	100	40	40
5-6th	350	200	200	465	155	155	100	105	30	25	100	100	100	350	105	100	30	30
7-8th	300	175	175	400	130	130	90	90	25	20	100	100	100	300	90	100	25	25
9-12th	250	150	150	335	110	110	80	75	20	20	100	100	100	250	75	100	20	20
13-16th	200	125	125	265	70	70	70	60	15	10	100	100	100	200	60	100	15	15
17-24th	150	100	100	135	40	40	60	30	10	10	100	100	100	150	30	100	10	10
25-32nd	100	50	50	100	20	20	0	20	10	5	100	100	100	100	20	100	10	10
33-100th	50	25	25	70	10	10	0	20	10	5	100	100	100	50	20	100	10	10

Double Point Weekends (NIT & Qualifiers & Global Qualifiers) contact state director for details



# Power & Points Calculator

## EVENTS POINTS STRUCTURE

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### Pool Play Points

- Teams will receive 10 Points per Pool Flight Game Win
- Teams will receive 10 Points as the Pool Winner

### Bracket Play Points

- Teams will receive Points per Bracket Flight Game Win (Based on the type of bracket)
  - Brackets will be designated Gold/Silver/Bronze based upon the ranking of the bracket
  - Additionally, Bracket Points are awarded differently for Championship Bracket game winners and Consolation Bracket Game winners.
  - Byes are awarded as a Bracket Win for Championship/Winner's Brackets only
- Bracket Point Structures is as follows:
  - Gold Designated Flights
    - Championship Bracket Game Winners: 15 Points
    - Consolation Bracket Game Winners: 7 Points
  - Silver Designated Flights
    - Championship Bracket Game Winners: 7 Points
    - Consolation Bracket Game Winners: 3 Points
  - Bronze Designated Flights
    - Championship Bracket Game Winners: 3 Points
    - Consolation Bracket Game Winners: 1 Point

### Additional Information

- In-Event Points do not multiply on Double Point Weekends, NIT, State or any other stature



# Power & Points Calculator

## ADDITIONAL RANKING SYSTEM

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### POWER RATING SYSTEM

Who is the best by record and strength of teams played.

The system was designed to fairly rank teams (of the same class) that have not played near the same number of games.

### THE SYSTEM USES

- Teams winning percentage
- Teams beaten winning percentage
- Teams lost to winning percentage
- Number of games played
- Number of wins and loses

### THE SYSTEM DOES NOT USE

- Game played between teams of different class
- Score of game
- Head to Head results
- Wins or loses by forfeit

### FAQ

**Can my teams power rating change even if my team is not active?**

Yes, anytime results are entered for any team you have faced, (in your class) your teams power rating will change.



# Team Classifications

- **A Classification**
  - This division is for highly competitive travel ball teams looking for the best competition. At the older age, this division features athletes aspiring to play collegiately.
- **B Classification**
  - This division is for teams who are looking for good competition but not at the highest level within USSSA. Teams in B generally play a limited to moderate travel schedule
- **C Classification**
  - This division is reserved for teams looking to play competitively and some limited travel ball and often an introduction to tournament play. Teams cannot self-register C. They must register B and contact their respective State Director and request to be moved to this classification.



# Team Classifications

- The State Office will make final classification adjustments around the middle of June each season.
- Please note that teams may be reclassified at any time by the USSSA Minnesota State Office or by the National Fastpitch Committee.
- The term "competitive" is and always will be subjective. A team that plays a little below or above .500 in any classification is competitive. A team that loses every game by one run is also competitive.
- The class system of play works if you are part of the accountability mechanism.
- USSSA is the only organization in the country that can make class play work as it should and monitor it.





# WHY SANCTION USSSA?

- DIRECTOR BENEFITS
- SERVICES
- TOOLS

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[WWW.USSSA.COM](http://WWW.USSSA.COM)

## EVENT SUPPORT

### ONLINE REGISTRATION TOOLS

- Registration Portal
- Credit Card Processing

### COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- E-mail Marketing Tools
- Text Service
- Event Portals

### EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOLS

- Scheduling Software
- Event Financial Management
  - Payment Tracking
  - Refund Management
  - Credit Card Processor
  - Credit Extension

### CUSTOMER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TOOLS

- National network of teams
- Information storage and retrieval
- Roster Management
- Historical Data

### AWARD PARTNERS OFFERING SPECIALIZED AWARDS AND PACKAGES AS WELL AS DISCOUNTS

- Success Promotions
- Crown Awards

## ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

### ASSOCIATION INPUT AND VOTING RIGHTS

- Voting Delegate Rights
- Financial Rewards

### SAFESPORT & BACKGROUND CHECKS

- Background Checks
- Validation and Verification

### SPORT MANAGEMENT

- Rulebook & Rules Standards
- Equipment Standards & Testing
- Sport Competition Structure
- National Ranking and Point Structure
- Multi-Sport Sanctioning

## BUSINESS SUPPORT

### CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM & PR SUPPORT

#### LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

- SafeSport Compliance
- Insurance Lawsuit Representation

### DIRECTOR & TEAM SERVICES

- HelpDesk
- SafeSport
- Director Support Services

### INSURANCE

- Business
- Event Coverage (w/ addt'l named insured)
- General Liability Coverage
- Abuse & Molestation Coverage
- Covid-19 Waiver