2014 Spring Showdown NIT

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2014 Nebraska USSSA

All State Showcase Event

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Quick Hits

2014 Will Be Comprised of Two (2) Weekends:

- Session #1: April 4 – 6, 2014 (8U OPEN and 9U-14U A/AA)
- Session #2: April 11 – 13, 2014 (9U-14U AAA/MAJ)

Please Note: Games May Start on Thursday if Field Space Requires Such a Schedule; IF This is Done, Thursday and Friday Will Be Considered One (1) Day For Pitching Purposes.

All Ages Are Invited to Participate!

Format:

- The Format of this Tournament, While Subject to Change, Will Include Two (2) Pool Play Games With Teams Advancing into Single Elimination Bracket(s).
- 3 Game Guarantee, Weather Permitting

Price:

- $575 Entry Fee + $0 Gate = $575 Total
- **Early Incentive Discounts:**
  - **$500 Entry Fee + $0 Gate = $500 Total (If Received BEFORE January 1, 2014)**

Entry Deadline: March 18, 2013

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Tournament Entry Form

Team Name: _____

USSSA 2014 Sanction Number: _____

Team Coach/Manager: _____

Coach/Manager Address: _____

Coach/Manager Email _____

Coach/Manager Cell Phone: _____

Session: #1: April 4-6 #2 April 11-13

Circle 2014 USSSA Age: 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Circle 2014 USSSA Level: A AA AAA MAJ

Are You Able to Play Thursday? Yes No

Please Note: While We Will Do Our Best to Honor These Requests, It May Be Necessary For Games To Start on Thursday.

Entry Fee Includes:

- 3 Game Guarantee *Weather Permitting*
- USSSA NIT Points For 2014 Season
- Two (2) Umpires Utilized For Every Game

Please Make Checks Payable to: Millard Athletic Association
Attn: Chris Folk
13308 Millard Ave.
Omaha, NE 68137

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Merchandise Options

ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 20th

A / B

C

Note: Design Subject to Change

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Merchandise Pre-Order Form

ORDERS ARE DUE BY MARCH 20th

VERY LIMITED SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TOURNAMENT

Team Name: _____

Circle 2014 Age: 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

		Youth			Adult									
Code	Name	S	M	L	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Qty	Unit Price	Total	Event Price
A	Tournament T-Shirt											$ 14.00		$ 20.00
A	Tournament T-Shirt											$ 16.00		$ 20.00
B	Tournament Dri-Fit											$ 18.00		$ 25.00
B	Tournament Dri-Fit											$ 20.00		$ 25.00
C	Tournament Hoodie											$ 30.00		$ 35.00
C	Tournament Hoodie											$ 30.00		$ 35.00
												Total		

Please include a ***separate check*** made payable to Millard Athletic Association with ***Spring Showdown NIT Tournament Merchandise*** ***AND*** your ***Team Name*** in the memo line.

Please Submit Only One Pre-Order Per Team.

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Baseball Tournament Rules

All Games Will Be Played Under USSSA Rules Unless Otherwise Noted

Game Length

6 Innings – 12U and Younger
7 Innings – 13U and Older
Pool Play Games: No New Inning After 1 Hour 40 Minutes
Bracket Play Games: No New Inning After 1 Hour 40 Minutes **(Outside The Championship Game)**

Run Rules

12U and Younger	*13U and Older*
20 Runs After 2 Innings of Play	20 Runs After 2 Innings of Play
15 Runs After 3 Innings of Play	15 Runs After 3 Innings of Play
8 Runs After 4 Innings of Play	12 Runs After 4 Innings of Play
	8 Runs After 5 Innings of Play

Game

- **USSSA Bat Rule Will Be Enforced**
- Home Plate Umpire is the Official Clock
- Two (2) Umpires Utilized For Every Game
- Home Team is Determined By:
  - Coin Flip in Pool Play and Championship Games
  - Better Seed in Bracket Play
- Home Team is Official Book
  - Please Confer With The Official Bookkeeper After Each Inning to Ensure Accuracy
- Please Be Prepared To Start *At Least* 30 Minutes Before Scheduled Game Time
- Due to Inclement Weather, Or Other Acts of God, a Complete Game is:
  - 13U and Older: 4 innings (or 3 ½ if the Home Team is Ahead)
  - 12U and Under: 3 innings (or 2 ½ if the Home Team is Ahead)
- MAA Score Cards Will Be Utilized For All Games and **MUST** Be Signed After Each Game
- 14U Will Play 60’ x 90’
- Tie-Breaker System: Outside the Championship Game, If A Bracket Game is Tied After All Innings Have Been Completed, or the Time Limit Has Been Reached, the Millard Athletic Association Tie-Breaker Rule Will Go Into Effect. Each Team Puts the Batter Who’s Scheduled to Bat Last in the Inning on Second Base and Plays a Full Inning of Regular Baseball. This Happens Until the Tie is Broken and the Game is Complete; **Pool Games MAY End In A Tie**.

Pitching Rules

- USSSA Guidelines Apply and Will be Recorded and Available for Public View During the Tournament.

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Appeals

- Appeals are on Rule Interpretations and/or Violations **ONLY**.
- Rule Appeal May be Protested to the Tournament Director for a $100 Fee and Rule Must be Presented in Writing.
- Maximum Time of Appeal Argument is 10 minutes.
- Tournament Director(s) Will Have Final Say on Any Tournament Related Matters.

Warm-Ups

Please Conduct Warm-Ups Prior to Game Time and Please Be Prepared To Start *At Least* 30 Minutes Before Scheduled Game Time.

- There Will Be No Pre-Game Infield Practice Allowed.
- Batting Cages (5) Will Be Available For Teams To Use at Andersen on a First Come First Served Basis.

Line-Up Options

- Teams Will Have the Following Line-Up Options:
  - Option 1: Nine (9) Player Line-Up
  - Option 2: Ten (10) Player Line-Up Utilizing an Extra Hitter (EH)
  - Option 3: Line-Up of all Present, Eligible, Uniformed Players (Bat the Roster)
  - Use of a Designated Hitter (DH) is **NOT** Permitted.
- Notes for Options 1 and 2:
  - All Starting Players May Be Removed and Re-Entered the Game Once, but **MUST** Re-Enter in Their Original Position in The Batting Order.
  - Once Removed From the Mound, A Pitcher May Not Return to the Mound.
  - Non-Starters are **NOT** allowed to Re-Enter.
  - Courtesy Runners:
    - Must Be a Player Not Presently in the Line-Up.
    - The **SAME** Courtesy Runner **MAY NOT** Run for Both the Pitcher and Catcher in the Same Inning.
- Notes for Option 3:
  - If a Team Uses a "Bat the Roster" Option, All Players Other Than the Nine (9) Defensive Position Players are EH's and May Move Freely in Defensive Positions.
  - Any Player Arriving **AFTER** the Game has Begun Shall Be Added to the Bottom of The Batting Order.
  - Courtesy Runners:
    - The Player Making the Last **BATTED** Out.
      - Should the Last **BATTED** Out Be the Pitcher/Catcher of Record, the Subsequent **BATTED** Out May Be Utilized.
    - The **SAME** Courtesy Runner **MAY NOT** Run for Both the Pitcher and Catcher in the Same Inning.
- If At Any Point a Team Falls Below The Number of Players Their Line-Up Started With, Those Vacant Spots Will Be Considered Automatic Outs.

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Ejections

- Tournament Director(s) will Handle Ejections on a Case by Case Basis.
- Penalties are at the Sole Discretion of the Tournament Director(s).

Refunds

- Teams Wishing to Request A Refund After Registering For A Tournament Must Do So In Writing.
- Up to A $125 or 20% (Whichever is Greater) Administrative Fee May Be Withheld on All Refund Requests.
- Cancellation by Teams After the Entry Deadline Results in NO Refund.
- "No Shows" or Forfeits Results in NO Refund.
    - No Games Played Due to Inclement Weather - 75% Refund
    - One Game Played Due to Inclement Weather - 50% Refund
    - More than One Played - No Refund

Tournament Play

- Generally, Each Team Will Play 2 Pool Play Games
- After Pool Play, Teams will be Seeded and Placed into Bracket(s) and/or Consolation Game(s).
- Note: The Format of the Tournament May Change if Necessary

Seeding Procedure

1. Win / Loss Record
2. Winner of Head to Head (If Three Or More Teams Are Tied, Ignore)
3. Least Runs Allowed
4. Highest Run Differential (Max +/- 8 Per Game)
5. Coin Flip

Awards

- Team Awards Will Be Given to Teams Finishing 1st and 2nd.

Concessions and Tournament Merchandise

- Full Concessions and **LIMITED** Tournament Merchandise will be Available at Select Complexes Throughout the Tournament.
- Please Consider Pre-Ordering Your Tournament Merchandise to Ensure We Have Your Size Available.

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