

2010 USSSA West Texas Rules and Bump Information

Other Important 2010 Dates

August 7-8	WTX Men's Class C State Tournament - Midland, TX
August 7-8	WTX Women's State Tournament - Midland, TX
August 7-8	WTX Men's Class D State Tournament - Amarillo, TX
August 7-8	WTX Men's Class E State Tournament - Amarillo, TX
August 21-22	WTX Hispanic Men's/Women's/Mixed State Tournament - Lubbock, TX

Midwest Division - National Dates - 2010

<u>Men's B</u>	SBW-Eules	September 4-5	Sherwood, AR	August 21-22
<u>Men's C</u>	Cedar Hill	August 28-29	Nashville, TN	August 21-22
<u>Men's C</u>	Tulsa	September 4-5	Lafayette, LA	August 28-29
<u>Men's D</u>	Houston	August 28-29	Fayetteville, AR	August 21-22
<u>Men's D</u>	Hutchinson, KS	August 28-29	New Orleans, LA	August 21-22
<u>Men's D</u>	Boomer-OKC	September 4-5	Jackson, MS	September 4-5
<u>Men's E</u>	Aurora, CO	August 21-22	Lafayette, LA	August 21-22
<u>Men's E</u>	Midland	August 28-29	Tupalo, MS	September 4-5
<u>Men's E</u>	SBW-Eules	September 4-5	Johnson City, TX	August 28-29
<u>Women's</u>	Aurora, CO	August 21-22	Sherwood, AR	September 4-5
<u>Women's</u>	Cedar Hill	August 28-29	Biloxi, MS	September 4-5
<u>Church</u>			Montgomery, AL	August 14-15

2010 World Tournaments

Men's Major World	Sept 22-26	Disney
Men's A World	Aug 13-15	Disney
Men's B World	Sept 17-19	Disney
Men's C World	Sept 23-26	Disney
Men's D World	Sept 23-26	Disney
Men's E World (North)	Sept 23-26	Sterling Heights, MI
Men's E World (East)	Sept 16-19	Disney
Men's E World (West)	Sept 16-19	Aurora, Co
Women's A World	Sept 25-26	Disney
Women's B World	Sept 24-26	Disney
Women's C World	Sept 23-26	Disney
Women's D World	Sept 23-26	Disney
Mixed Major World	Oct 22-24	Disney
Mixed C World	Oct 22-24	Disney
Mixed D World	Oct 22-24	Disney
Mixed E World	Oct 22-24	Disney
Mixed C World (West)	Oct 22-24	Gilbert, AZ
Mixed D World (West)	Oct 22-24	Gilbert, AZ
Mixed E World (West)	Oct 22-24	Gilbert, AZ
Military World	Aug 20-22	Panama City, FL
Black American World	Sept 17-19	Birmingham, AL
Corporate World	Sept 11-12	Indianapolis, IN
Church World	Aug 20-22	Cary, NC
Hispanic World	Sept 10-12	Gilbert, AZ
Masters 35 (North)	Oct 1-3	North Branford, CT
Master 40 (North)	Oct 1-3	North Branford, CT
Masters 45 (North)	Oct 1-3	North Branford, CT
Women's 35 (North)	Oct 1-3	North Branford, CT
Masters 35 (South)	Oct 8-10	Lexington, SC
Master 40 (South)	Oct 8-10	Lexington, SC

Masters 45 (South)	Oct 8-10	Lexington, SC
Women's 35 (South)	Oct 8-10	Lexington, SC
Masters 35 (West)	Oct 1-3	Salem, OR
Master 40 (West)	Oct 1-3	Salem, OR
Masters 45 (West)	Oct 1-3	Salem, OR
Women's 35 (West)	Oct 1-3	Salem, OR
Masters 50/55/60/65	Aug 6-8	Maumee, OH
Boys/Girls (East)	July 15-18	Tupelo, MS
Boys/Girls (West)	July 29-Aug 1	Lubbock, TX

Playing Rules Passed During the Convention

1.) Rule Book Reference Page 25
 Rule 4
 Section 8c

"In the Men's E and Mixed E programs, any batter who hits an untouched fair fly ball over the fence in fair territory will be declared out and it will be an inning ending out."

NOTE:

This will make the penalty for a homerun in Men's E and Mixed E an out, an offensive ejection AND an inning-ending out.

WTX - 3rd HR will end the game in all tournaments except NIT's and National

2.) Rule Book Reference Page 31
 Rule 5
 Section 6

"Allow teams to bat 12 instead of 11, if they chose to do so (two AH's instead

of one)."

NOTE (Does Not Apply to the Mixed Program)

Allows 1 more player to participate instead of sitting the bench. There is no offensive advantage to a team for using this rule, as it makes it that much longer to get back to the top of their order.

3.) Rule Book Reference Page 14
Rule 2
Section 3d

"The Classic Plus Ball:

- 1.) shall have an optic yellow cover; and
- 2.) shall have "USSSA Classic Plus" in 1/8" lettering and the USSSA logo with a 7/8" diameter; and
- 3.) shall have lettering and logo in red and the stitching shall be in blue and lettering and logo shall be applied to be indelible. Manufacturers, however, may have their name and logo in any color; and
- 4.) shall have a COR up to .52 or less under the ASTM test used under the USSSA Softball License Agreement; and
- 5.) shall have a compression between 225 and 375 in weather between 40 degrees and 100 degrees under the ASTM test used under the USSSA Softball License Agreement; and
- 6.) shall weigh 6.4 ounces +/- .2 ounces

NOTE: The Classic Plus ball will be legal in USSSA play beginning April 10, 2010

By-Laws Passed During the Convention

1.) By-Law Reference Page 64
Article II

Section 9(b)

"Change December 1 to February 1"

(b) Teams not reclassified by the By-Laws that want to appeal their classification may do so between December 1 and March 1 and/or June 1 and July 1. Teams reclassified by appeal between December 1 and March 1 may be reclassified by the State Director after the team plays four (4) USSSA sanctioned tournaments or June 1, whichever occurs first. Teams appealing between June 1 and July 1 must have played in four (4) USSSA sanctioned tournaments. Appeals must be filled out on an official USSSA appeal form and submitted to the Division Vice President. The appeal will be reviewed by the Division Vice President, Executive Vice President and Assistant Executive Director

NOTE: West Texas USSSA will ONLY be accepting reclassification requests from teams beginning June 1st. A decision will be reached on all teams' reclassification requests by July 1st and NOT BEFORE. Obviously, we will give more "weight" to a team that participates in the program to a great extent more so than the team who just plays the "minimum" number of events. Two of the four events must be NIT's

2.) By-Law Reference

**Page 64
Article II
Section 9©**

© Exception: Teams reclassified by the By-Laws, with extenuating circumstances, may appeal their new classification between December 1 and March 1. The appeal will be reviewed by the respective State Director, National Program Director, respective Vice President and Executive Vice President and Assistant Executive Director.

3.) By-Law Reference

**Page 65
Article III**

Section 5(b)

"Changes Release Deadline from August 20 to 72 hours prior to the first National Tournament; also allows teams advancing to World Tournaments ability to release players."

(b) A team manager may release up to four (4) players from his team's qualified frozen roster. A team manager may replace a released player with an add-on. No player will be allowed to be released from a qualified team's roster anytime after a team's first National Tournament. NOTE: teams advancing to World Tournament play may release players after their National Tournament in order to make room on their roster for player additions as specified in Sec. 5(a). Players released after National Tournament play may not be added to another team's roster.

4.) By-Law Reference

**Page 69
Article V
Section 4©**

"Removes "Mixed Major" and allows all mixed and women's NIT's to reduce the costs associated with conducting tournaments with a limited number of teams.

© In all Mixed and Women's NIT tournaments with less than six (6) teams, the Tournament Director has the option to run the event without trophies, with one Umpire, and/or without scorekeepers. Teams must be notified by the Tournament Director in advance of these changes and given the option to play or withdraw.

5.) By-Law Reference

**Page 70-71
Article V
Section 8**

"Remove letters a, c, d and e."

6.) By-Law Reference

Page 71
Article V
Section 13©

"Would require the top ten (10) percent of finishing teams in Mixed "D" and "E" World to move up instead of the top six (currentl by-law)."

The top ten (10) percent of the finishing teams in the Mixed "D" and "E" World must compete the following year in a higher classification. NOTE: This includes teams that are tied with teams finishing in the top 10 percent in order of their finish. All percentages are rounded up.

7.) By-Law Reference

Page 65
Article III
Section 5(e)

Change to read "(e) Any exceptions to Article III, Section 5 above must be approved by the respective State Director and Vice President."

8.) By-Law Reference

Page 65
Article III
Section 5(a) and 5(b)

Change the fifth and sixth sentences of Section 5(a) to read as follows:

The team manager shall be allowed to add only six (6) players to the qualified team's roster. One of the six (6) players must be added prior to May 1st; one must be added prior to June 1st, and one must be added prior to July 1st."

Change the first sentence of Section 5(b) to read as follows:

(b) A team manager may release up to six (6) players from his team's qualified frozen

roster.

9.) By-Law Reference

Page 63
Article II
Section 9(a)

Change: NOTE: Any team reclassified by the By-Laws with four (4) or more players (Mixed teams are allowed a maximum of 2 males and 2 females) from the previous year's roster must participate in their new classification for a period of one (1) year; however, teams reclassified by the By-Laws may make an appeal to be reinstated to its former classification only after the team has played a minimum of four (4) tournaments for the Men's, Women's and Specialty Programs and two (2) tournaments for the Mixed Program.

2010 Bumps

Men's D to C

The following teams will be bumped for ALL tournament play through the World tournament. The following criteria was used to determine the following teams to be bumped: 1.) a USSSA Power Rating of 1100 or greater or 2.) an "in class" winning percentage of .600 or greater; or 3.) a top finish in the top 25% of a state tournament in 2009.

The teams bumped should have played in a minimum of 10 or more games in USSSA events.

T Express

Animals

Prodigy Softball

West Texas Fury

West Texas Fury/Indians

F.T.P.

Hitmen Empire

Hitmen

Fair Warning

Outlaws

Phillies

Bravos R

Team Force

Wildcats

Wildcat Softball

Huckleberries

Softball Freaks

Mestizo

Latinos
H & H Softball
Scorpions
Jimmy Finchers/Vintage
Vintage
Tequila
Shirt Factory
Astros O
XZIBIT
Mudcats

EP Rookies
Ghostman on Second
Gomez II Bail Bonds/Los Jefes
Shockers
Dyess Softball Club
Hydro
Invasion
Affliction Softball
Bravos M
La Famiila - Canutillo

Men's Super D

The following teams will be bumped for ALL tournament play in West Texas and New Mexico through State tournaments. These teams must play in Men's C tournaments and be considered as a Men's C team when playing in West Texas and New Mexico events.

Pongase Ready
Just Us
TNT
West Texas Bash
Rams
Blaze
Back 2 Basics
Coldbillies Softball
Turn 2

Midget Mafia
Big House Softball
Bourbon & Blues
Havoc
WARRIORS
Pyramid Softball
Pipelaying Donkey Punchers
Big Dogs Softball
Abilene Gametime

Men's E to D

The following teams will be bumped for ALL tournament play through the World tournament. The following criteria was used to determine the following teams to be bumped: 1.) a USSSA Power Rating of 1100 or greater and 2.) an "in class" winning percentage of .600 or greater; or 3.) a finish in the top 25% at the 2009 Men's E State Tournament

EP Horns
Silver Bullets
EXTREME BALLERS
Untouchables
Da Mix
Astlan/Mestizo
Aftershock
Big Spring Sharks
LOS AMIGOS
N-Dangered
Lubbock Texans
Hit It
Las Tortas
Horns
LOS LOCOS
Lubbock Gunz
Los Primos
Abilene Playaz
Team Mayhem
Major Impact
Cool Arrows
GYS

Thumb Wrestlers
DV Softball
WEST TEXAS CARNALES
EPT Scorpions
EP Rail
RIP Softball
Braves Softball
Extreme Softball
O.A.M./LA Softball
Abilene Express
SEMINOLES
West Texas Venom
FSU
Canes Softball
Odessa Diablos
Silent Explosion
Razorbacks
Boozehounds Softball
Mayhem
Ta Dawgs
Mo Thunder
Odessa Stunners

Men's Super E

The following teams will be bumped for ALL tournament play in West Texas and New Mexico through State tournaments. These teams must play in Men's D tournaments and be considered as a Men's C team when playing in West Texas and New Mexico events.

Phillies
Weekend Warriors

Vanco
Los Amigos Softball

**JNJ Most Wanted
Pitbull Sports
Veneno
Caviness Packing Co./Bad Intentions
Team Shake N Bake**

**FSS
Team Punishers
Texas Big XII
Cobra Kai
Desert Dogs**

Women's D to Women's C

**Jump-n-Jive/Majestic Elite
SLIX
GVPS, Inc
Sucias
West Texas Fury**

**J. Lee Milligan
Bargain Bail Bonds/Young and Useless
Massizo
EP-Athletics
Outlaws**

Women's E to Women's D

**LTX Women
Total Kaos**

Undecided 1