



2011 OMAHA CARDINAL CLASSIC USSSA NIT

INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear Team Representative:

The Omaha Cardinal Youth Athletic Association (“Omaha Cardinals”) cordially invites your team to attend the 2011 Omaha Cardinal Classic USSSA NIT (“Tournament”). Please come and celebrate Mother’s Day Weekend with the Omaha Cardinals, the top select baseball teams in the Midwest, and some fantastic baseball!

The Tournament will be held on Friday, May 6, 2011 through Sunday, May 8, 2011 at the beautiful Council Bluffs Sports Complex in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Council Bluffs Sports Complex is located just minutes away from impressive downtown Omaha, Nebraska, as well as several hotels, restaurants, attractions and amenities. Other fields and facilities are also available for practice and play, as needed.

The Tournament is a USSSA NIT World Series qualifier and Nebraska USSSA State Tournament qualifier. The Tournament will follow standard USSSA rules and regulations, guarantees each team at least three games, and will award individual trophies to the first and second place teams. Two Omaha Metro professional and certified umpires will work each game for all age groups.

Families may bring as many people as they wish to each game, as the Tournament will not charge an on-site admission fee. The Tournament will feature on-site sporting good vendors, activities for younger siblings, fantastic raffle prizes, and many other terrific features. A full concession stand will also serve delicious food and drinks throughout the Tournament. The Omaha Cardinals strongly encourage all players to bring their friends and entire families, as the Tournament will certainly offer a tremendously enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved.

The Tournament entry fee is \$350.00. A \$20.00 per player gate fee for each player on a team’s roster will be charged in lieu of an on-site admission fee. T-Shirt’s are \$15.00 for all sizes. Separate checks for the entry fee and gate fee should be submitted and made payable to “**OMAHA CARDINAL BASEBALL**”, with appropriate notations for your team name and age in the memorandum section of your payment instrument.

For entry, information and/or questions, please contact and/or mail entry forms and fees to the Tournament Director for your respective age group, as listed on this entry form. The Omaha Cardinals will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the travel schedules of all out-of-town teams. Also, please visit our website at www.omahacardinals.net for more information and the results of the Tournament.

Thank you for your time, consideration and interest. The Tournament will truly be one of the premier tournaments in the United States, and your players will remember the experience well into the future. Register now, as the Tournament will fill very quickly and space is limited – the 2010 Tournament drew over 60 teams.

Sincerely,

Benjamin E. Maxell
President, Omaha Cardinal Youth Athletic Association

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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

(PLEASE LIST CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRY)

Team Name: _____

Head Coach: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Person Responsible For Entry: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Cellular Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

USSSA Registration No.: _____

Liability Insurance Carrier and Policy No.: _____



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ROSTER FORM

Team Name:	
Age Group:	
City:	
State:	
Team Colors:	
Manager:	
Head Coach:	
Assistant Coach:	
Assistant Coach:	
Assistant Coach:	

	Player Name	Jersey Number
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Tournament Directors must receive this fully completed roster form by April 1, 2011.

A USSSA liability release form and a copy of your team's liability insurance policy must also accompany your Application For Participation and this Roster Form.



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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Standard USSSA and Major League Baseball rules apply, unless otherwise noted on this document. USSSA rules are followed first; Major League Baseball rules are followed second. However, any rule listed on this sheet supersedes all other applicable rules.
2. Regarding the availability of a pitcher and cumulative innings pitched, if a game is canceled/postponed on one day, and then later played on a subsequent day, such game will be treated as if played on the originally scheduled day, in its entirety.
3. The designated home team keeps the official score book for the game, and must ensure that the Pitching Affidavit for each game is completed in its entirety by both teams, signed by both teams' coaches/managers, and submitted to the Tournament Director immediately following the game.
4. In pool play, the home team shall be determined by a coin flip. In bracket play, the higher seed shall automatically be designated the home team.
5. The Tournament Director for each respective age group possesses the final say on all matters.
6. No protests are allowed; especially on judgment calls. All umpire decisions are final. However, Tournament Directors will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that all rules are enforced accurately.
7. Game start time is forfeit time.
8. No pre-game infield practice will be allowed on any tournament field.
9. The 2011 Omaha Cardinal Classic USSSA NIT rainout policy is as follows:
 - A. If a team plays zero (0) games: one hundred percent (100%) refund of entry fee and gate fee, minus One Hundred Dollar and No Cent (\$100.00) Administrative Fee.
 - B. If a team plays one game: fifty percent (50%) refund of entry fee and gate fee.
 - C. If a team plays two games: No refund.
10. The Tournament Director for each respective age group possesses the right to make whatever changes and/or cancellations that the Tournament Director deems necessary in the case of inclement weather and/or exigent circumstances. Such potential changes include, but are not necessarily limited to, playing around-the-clock, shortened games, eliminated pool play games, less teams advancing to championship play, etc... Furthermore, in the event of inclement weather and/or exigent circumstances, the three (3) game minimum guarantee becomes inapplicable.
11. Each team may utilize an Extra Hitter (EH), which operates like any other defensive position. Teams may not utilize a Designated Hitter (DH).
12. Teams may bat their entire line-up, if they wish. However, if a player is hurt or otherwise unable to play when his turn in the order comes up, such player shall automatically be declared "Out". Once a team makes a determination to play its entire roster, such team is forced to play such way for the remainder of the game.

13. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and catcher currently in the game. If a team bats nine (9) or ten (10) players in a game, the courtesy runner must be a player not currently in the line-up. If a team bats all of its players, the courtesy runner is the last recorded out in the game. The courtesy runner may be any player not *currently* in the active line-up.
14. Starting players removed for substitute players may be re-entered for the substitute player that entered for the starting player in the same spot in the batting order. Substitute players who did not start the game and entered for a starting player may not re-enter the game.
15. One (1) out constitutes one-third (1/3) of an inning; innings are measured by outs, not pitches.
16. The following rules will be used to declare the division winners and the tournament champion:
 - A. Win / Loss Record.
Note: If all teams do not complete the same number of games, use winning percentage (wins divided by total games).
 - B. Head to Head.
Note: If three (3) teams are tied at Step "A", throw out Head to Head and move to least runs allowed.
 - C. Least runs allowed.
 - D. Run differential.
 - E. Coin flip.
17. Ages nine (9) through eleven (11) will play six (6) inning games. Ages thirteen (13) and fourteen (14) will play seven (7) inning games.
18. Mercy rules shall be as follows:
 - a. For six (6) inning games, the game shall be called if one (1) team leads by fifteen (15) runs after three (3) innings, or eight (8) runs after four (4) innings.
 - b. For seven (7) inning games, the game shall be called if one (1) team leads by fifteen (15) runs after three (3) innings, twelve (12) runs after four (4) innings, and eight (8) runs after five (5) innings.
19. Pitching rules and limitations will be enforced and tracked. Standard USSSA pitching rules apply.
20. If a team violates any of the foregoing pitching rules, said game shall be declared a 1-0 forfeit for the non-violating team.
21. No new inning shall start after one (1) hour, fifty (50) minutes. This time limit will be in effect for all pool play and bracket games; excluding the Championship Game. The Championship Game will not be played with a time limit.
22. In the event of a tie score, teams shall insert runners on second base and third base, who will be such players that made the last two (2) consecutive outs in the previous inning, and the batter due to hit in normal course shall continue to hit. Each team will begin with one (1) out. The game will then be played in this manner until one (1) team wins the game.