

# Quad City Hitmen USSSA NIT Classic

## **14 & Under Tournament**

### **April 30 – May 2, 2010**

**All Coaches please check in with Tournament Director at Campbell's Complex 30 minutes before your 1<sup>st</sup> game.**

The **QUAD CITY HITMEN** in association with **USSSA BASEBALL** is hosting this **Global NIT** tournament. The tournament will be held at the WBSA Complex at 1715 78<sup>th</sup> avenue in Rock Island, Illinois and at Campbell's Sport Complex, Camden Park, and the Brian P. Rangel Field of Dreams. The format will consist of 2 preliminary games with each team being seeded into a single game elimination format. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games unless the tournament format is altered due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Team and individual trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Places. Individual plaques will be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places.

Gate fees are \$5.00 per person on Saturday and Sunday. Children under 10-years old are free. The WBSA and Campbell's Complex will have a full service concession stand and prohibit any food or drinks from entering the facilities. **Please no food, beverage, or coolers allowed** in the complex. The **players** can bring individual jugs of water for their own use. Please comply with these rules. Bags may be checked at the gate. **This is a WBSA and Campbell's Sports Complex policy and will be strictly enforced! Failure to comply with the facility rules may result in forfeiture – PLEASE INFORM YOUR PARENTS!**

### **Tournament Rules:**

- We will follow the Official USSSA Baseball Rules, with the following exceptions:
- Games will consist of 7 innings.
- Base lengths will be 80' and the pitching will be 54'.
- A new USSSA rule this year allows teams to bat 9, bat 9 with an EH, or bat the entire line up. Each team must inform their opponent and umpires of their intentions prior to the start of each game. Teams must also end the game the way they start.
- 1 hr 40 minute time limit. No inning will start after said time limit expires. Time starts for the next inning upon the last out at the bottom of the just completed inning. **In preliminary rounds, if the game is tied at the end of the time limit, teams will place the last two players who batted from the line up the previous inning on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base (last batter on 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last batter on 3<sup>rd</sup> base). The inning will start with 1 out and a maximum of 1 extra inning will be played. If the game is still tied after 1 extra inning of play, a winner will be determined by the following tie breakers: (1) number of walks allowed, (2) number of walks allowed through 3 innings, (3) coin flip.** The same time limit applies to the Seeding Games, but the games must be played to a winner. No time limit for the Championship games. The home plate umpire will keep the official time and call it out at the beginning of the game.
- A Courtesy runner for the catcher or pitcher allowed any time. Have catcher ready to go at the start of the inning. Courtesy runner must be someone not currently or previously in the game. If all players have been used, the last out from the previous inning will be the courtesy runner. No single individual player can courtesy run more than once in an inning.

- Run Rule: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5.
- The game is official after 4 innings if called because of weather. If called before that it will be considered a suspended game and play will resume at that point.
- The Tournament Directors reserve the right to alter the format of the tournament due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Have teams warmed up and ready to go at listed game time. No Infield will be allowed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> team listed on the preliminary round schedule will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. During the tournament round, the higher seed will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- Flip before the game will determine home/visitor.
- 8 warm up pitches before the game and when a new pitcher comes into the game. 5 pitches between innings.
- Pitching limitations: No pitching restrictions. Please use common sense. **NO WIN IS WORTH RUINING A YOUNG ARM!!!**
- **Balks: No warnings.**
- The home team will have the official book. Each team's scorekeeper should check with each other to confirm the score at the end of every inning.
- The Tournament Director or a Field Supervisor will be present at each facility so that tournament management will be present at all times.
- ***The home team is responsible for filling out a game report form at the end of each of game. The score, runs allowed, and each coaches' signature need to be on the form. Please hand into the Field Supervisor or to the Tournament Director at the end of your game.***
- **Seeding for the Tournament Round will be based on the following criteria:**
  1. Seeding based on win-loss record. Winners of each pool will receive 1-4 seed, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers will receive 5-8 seed, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will receive 9-12 seeds.
  2. Ties decided by fewest Runs allowed in preliminary games
  3. Walks Allowed
  4. Walks Allowed in First 3 innings
  5. Coin Flip
- Umpires' rulings are final. No protests. Please support the umpires. Thanks!!
- **Each team needs to provide two new baseballs (Diamond DOLA or equivalent) to the field representative at your location before the 1<sup>st</sup> game.**
- Each team needs to have birth certificates for each player on the roster. Every team that participates in a USSSA Sanctioned Tournament MUST have their team's roster on line in the USSSA system. To enter your roster on line, you must have registered your team for the 2010 season. After registering, you receive an ID and password to log in to the USSSA system. You may enter your team's roster on line after logging in. If you do not know your ID and password, go to [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) and click on the "Lost ID" button and submit your email address and the National Office will email you your ID and password.

After completing your team's roster on line, print the roster and have all your parent's sign the roster. Please turn in completed rosters to the Tournament Director at initial check in. All managers must make player birth certificates immediately available upon request by any tournament director or official.

- **Steel baseball cleats are allowed.**
- Maximum of 3 coaches allowed on the field.

### **Facility Rules:**

- Please park in the parking lot located at each facility. **At the WBSA, please do not park along the driveway on the west end of the facility, in or around the batting cages, in Lincoln's Trail parking lot, or in posted areas.** If you have a special needs parking request or need special assistance please advise us in advance or see a tournament official.
- We have limited bleacher seating. Please bring lawn chairs for your convenience.
- Please do not hit or take soft toss on the grass in the outfield. Please stand in the warning track areas to hit. Also no soft toss of any kind into any facility fence. There is plenty of open space around the facility to warm up.
- No infield or ground ball practice of any kind before the game starts on the infields.
- No standing or sitting on the helmet/glove racks in the dugouts.
- Please pickup the dugout after each game.
- Parents, grandparents, relatives, and fans: please pick up your general area after each game. It sure helps us out and keeps the facility nice for everyone the whole tournament. Thanks in advance!!
- Please throw your trash away in one of the many trash receptacles located throughout the facility and in the parking lot when leaving.
- **The QC HITMEN want this tournament to be a fun and positive experience for everyone involved. We will be charging a gate fee and running a full service concession stand.**
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### **Batting Cages:**

There are 4 batting cages located at the WBSA at the West end of the facility. These cages are open to anyone involved with the tournament. If there is no one using them, they are on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. Teams that are getting ready to play have the rights to these cages as follows. Teams preparing to play on Field #1 have batting cage #1 etc. The cages are numbered 1-4 starting with the North cage being #1. Teams listed 1<sup>st</sup> on the pool play game schedule or the higher seed in the tournament round have the batting cage from 1 1/2 hours before the game to 45 minutes to game time. The teams listed 2<sup>nd</sup> on the pool play game schedule or the lower seed in the tournament round have the batting cage from 45 minutes before game time to game time. Please use the L screens and use caution while using the cages.

### **Directions:**

*(Maps are on [www.wbsaqc.org](http://www.wbsaqc.org))*

**The WBSA Complex** is located on Andalusia Road just to the West of the Milan city limits. The address is 1715 - 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Rock Island, IL.

**From the East:** From I-280, take Milan Exit (15). Take a right at the stoplight onto East 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. At the 1<sup>st</sup> light turn left onto Rte 67 ( 1<sup>st</sup> Street East ). At the 2<sup>nd</sup> light turn right onto 78<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Andalusia Road). Go approx. 1 mile and the WBSA Complex is to the right just past Ridgewood Road.

**From Quad City Airport:** Follow Airport Road west for approx. 2 miles. Turn left at Milan Beltway. Turn right at first four-way stop. Follow 78<sup>th</sup> Ave. West through Milan (about 2 miles) just past Ridgewood Road and WBSA complex will be on the right.

**From the West:** Take I-280 to Andalusia exit (11A). Follow Rte 92 to stop light (Andalusia Road). Turn left. Travel 1.3 miles. WBSA Complex sits on the left just past the campground.

### **Questions During the Tournament:**

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