



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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1) Who do I contact for information?

General information is available from any Board member. If you have a specific league question you can have any Board member forward you to the best person to ask your question. Contact information can be found on our website on the "Contacts" page.

2) Why should I play in any league?

- A great opportunity to get those 4th, 5th and higher starting pitchers consistent work and develop them into reliable tournament weekend pitchers
- Discounted DOL-1 baseballs
- Exclusive discounted tournament entry fees from our partner groups, where you could receive tournament entry discounts totaling more than your \$300 league entry
- Recruitment, training and development of umpires to insure your players will have umpires in the area as they grow up in USSSA baseball
- Real game opportunities to work out kids at new positions, get that 2nd or 3rd catcher some good real game experience

3) Where do I get my equipment?

PST does not provide equipment. If you play for a school feeder program you will need to contact the person in charge of that program. If you play for an independent team then talk with your club representative or coach.

4) What if I don't like my USSSA classification?

Contact the Eastern Iowa Asst USSSA Director (Brian Allison) 319-573-3437

5) I don't want to start any trouble but this coach is trying to recruit my players what can I do?

Contact PST President Jim Lizarraga, his contact information is on the PST website

6) Where can I get USSSA rules?

Go to <http://www.pstbaseball.com/Handouts.html>

7) Who do I call if I am not able to reach the umpire-in-chief?

You can call the Master Scheduler Deanna Lizarraga for assistance. Go to contacts on the PST webpage www.pstbaseball.com.

8) How do you guys make these decisions anyway?

All policies and rules for the PST League are decided by the Executive Board of Directors. The members and Directors are made up of program representatives.

9) What fields do we have that I am responsible for prep on?

All PST sponsored fields should be prepared for teams prior to contests. Many club or school sponsored fields are prepared by their organizations. If you are a coach of one of these programs you may be responsible for field prep.

10) Where are my umpires?

Umpires are people just like you and I, they work and then rush through traffic to get to your game. If an umpire is more than 10 minutes late then you should contact the Master Scheduler or Chief umpire and find out if he or she has been detained or if they are coming.

11) I'm totally confused...where do I get information?

Most of the information you need can be found on our website www.pstbaseball.com or if you still can't find the information then contact a Board member.

12) How much does it cost to get into the league?

The league fee is \$300.00 and team insurance is required through USSSA.com or another private insurance company. There are also other fees required which include game umpires and field rental fees for each league game you play.

13) Do I have to go to the League meeting and the Scheduling Meeting?

No, you are not required to go to the League meeting, However, we do recommend attending this meeting because you will get information at the State and regional level. The Scheduling meeting is MANDATORY and all head coaches or team representatives must attend to get their schedule.

14) How far are the bases for 8U, 9U 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U?

This information can be found in the USSSA Rules located at www.iowaussa.com or you can also find them in the league handbook which can be found at the PST website.

16) Do we have to buy insurance?

Yes, you either have to purchase team insurance through USSSA.com or show proof and a binder number to the board showing that you have purchased insurance privately.

17) Why do we have to buy insurance?

Insurance is required to protect all participants from injury and to protect the league from unnecessary lawsuits.

18) I don't know if I am an independent team or not?

Independent teams are not affiliated with any school based program. Independent teams pay all the fees, insurance and uniform cost. School based teams have all these fees paid for them from a single source.

19) Can we wear metal cleats?

Only U13 and U14 teams can wear metal cleats on skinned infield surfaces.

20) I can't open the league handbook can you mail me a copy?

Contact the league Secretary to get help or a hard copy of the Handbook

21) How much are umpires?

Umpire fees can range from \$50.00 to \$60.00 depending on age group and travel requirements. For specific fee structures go to the website and download the league handbook.

22) I use Lowe Park is that my home field?

Lowe Park can be considered a home field for Linn Mar Youth Baseball and Marion Youth Baseball because they pay Lowe Park directly for the rentals fees and then get reimbursed by Opposing teams that play at this location.

23) Why do I have to pay for every game I play?

Nothing is free; PST pays for all the field rentals and then in turn passes these charges through to the teams (with NO markup) on a per game basis.

24) What if I don't want to play modified rules and the other coach wants to?

Coaches can play modified rules but only if both coaches agree to the specific rule changes. If both coaches do not agree on rule changes then the rules will default to the USSSA sanctioned rules. This does not apply to League modified rules for U7 and U8.

25) What do I do if the field is not ready when I get to the park?

Contact the person in charge of that field. This information can be found in the handbook. Make sure that you confirm your games with the Master Scheduler and make sure it is on the schedule.

26) Great! The other team didn't show up now what?

Did you call, text, or email the opposing coach and confirm your game 24hrs in advance? Contact the opposing coach and find out if he is coming. If the other coach is a "no show" then you get a free practice because if the other coach did not cancel with the PST Master scheduler then he is responsible for the umpire and field fees.

28) Does the league require players to wear protective cups?

No, but it is strongly encouraged to prevent injury. All coaches should be responsible to make sure that there players use the required safety equipment to play the game.

29) Do I have to play all my games at my home field?

No, we encourage teams to try and have a 50/50 split in their home/away games

30) Can I join another league and the PST league?

PST will not restrict teams from playing in other leagues. PST does require that you meet the league minimum games that are required to be part of our league.

31) How do I get to Palo field? You guys need to post directions to every field somewhere.

Field directions can be found on our website at the Fields tab, http://www.pstbaseball.com/Fields_Locations.html. If there is a field that you play on and you can't find directions on our website then let us know and we will add it to our list.

32) How come this other team gets to use our logo?

PST has added a new team logo policy in 2009. If you find that another team is using your colors and or logo contact the league President Jim Lizarraga.

33) Who monitors the coach's behavior?

You do, if you find that another coach is not being nice or is acting in an unsportsman like or unprofessional manner then contact a PST Board member or the league President Jim Lizarraga.

34) I sent you an email on Tuesday and you're just getting back to me on Thursday...what's up with that?

Most e-mails will be returned within 24hrs; if not then there is a reason which may be holiday, vacation, network down? Please understand that we work very hard for you and we have jobs, family, etc. which may keep us from getting back to you in a timely manner.

35) What are the procedures for protesting a league game?

We do not have a policy for protesting a league games.

36) Why do the tournaments cost so much to play in?

Tournament costs have been on the rise. I am told by most tournament directors that the cost of field rentals, umpire fees, event insurance and USSSA sanction fees are the main contributors. There are bargains out there, go to smaller tournaments in small towns or club sponsored tournaments where fees are more reasonable.

37) I'm thinking about dropping my affiliation with *blank* and running an independent team are there any issues with doing this?

Yes, there can be. If you are a school affiliated team you need to be careful about player collusion. PST has a policy on recruiting or taking players from a team by conspiring or leading a player from another team to yours. See the league president Jim Lizarraga if you have questions about this policy.

38) I don't want my boys to play at the bottom but maybe the next level up what do you think?

Team USSSA classifications should be taken up with the Eastern Iowa Asst USSSA Director Brian Allison. Also as an example, teams classified at AA for USSSA tournament events can always choose to play up in PST League play and play in the AAA division for stronger competition.

39) Why do you let people drink alcohol during the games?

We do not allow alcohol at our games. We are not able to police every game for alcohol and some baseball complexes do sell beer. Unfortunately we are not able to control private sports complexes.

40) There is chewing tobacco everywhere, can't you control it?

Chewing tobacco is prohibited during games. Coaches and players are not allowed to use chewing tobacco. If you see it, report it to the umpire or to a board member and we will contact that coach or player.

41) How do I get my son/daughter on a team in your league?

You can contact your school youth program or a local club. If you find yourself without a team then you can give us your information and we can provide it to the coaches in the league.

42) How do I know if our game is rained out?

Is it raining? Maybe it is where you are but not where the game is. If in doubt, show up. You can also check the handbook for rain out procedures.

43) I need to cancel my game what do I do?

Contact the Master Scheduler at pstumpires@gmail.com, Contact the opposing team. There may be fees involved if you do not give notice in a timely manner. Contact the other team and make arrangements to re-schedule