



Dear Coaches, Parents and Players,

Welcome to the **USSSA Bring on the Wicked Heat Tournament** at the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club in East Hartford, CT. We look forward to a successful and exciting tournament.

Please read this all as there is IMPORTANT information.

1. You must go to the USSSA website and complete your roster if you have not already done so. It must then be printed and signed by all players, parents and manager. Then you must bring the original and a photocopy of the roster to your check-in. If you have provided me a roster in a previous tournament this season you do not need to provide one. If your roster is updated I will need a new version.
2. You also must bring proof of insurance. You do not need to present birth certificates but you will need them in the event there is a challenge. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ALL THE PROPER FORMS YOU CANNOT PLAY.**
3. All 6 fields are in use. Please park in the designated areas. You can also park on Clement Road. You cannot park on Silver Lane.
4. Because all fields are being used, warm-up space will be tight. All of field 1 is designated for warm-ups. Do not park on the grass anywhere in the park.
5. Because all 3 divisions have an uneven number of teams one team in each division will play 4 games. Their last game of the day will not count toward their seeding.

What follows is all the information you will need about our tournament and the facilities. We look forward to seeing you. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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POOL PLAY 6/18/11

	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00	1v11	1v2	3v4	5v8	4v5	1v2
10:30	1v5	1v3	2v4	4v8	2v3	3v4
12:00	2v6	5v7	6v8	3v7	2v3	1v5
1:30	5v11	1v9	2v10	7v8	9v10	2v4
3:00	1v2	4v5	3v6	4v11	3v5	1v4
4:30	1v3	7v9	8v10	4v9	10v6	5v6
6:00	7v10	7v8	9v10	6v9		

BLUE IS 12U

RED IS 16U

GREEN IS 18U

Teams

12U

CT Titans 12U Green 1
 CT Mirage 99's 2
 The Wicked 3
 NWS Elite/Berkshire Blaze 4
 CT Mirage 12U Teal 5
 Hudson Valley LadyHawks 6
 Rhode Island Thunder Gold 12u 7
 CT Eliminators 12U Black 8
 Berkshire Force 9
 CT Tigers 12U 10

18U

The Wicked 1
 CT Bombers 18U 2
 Xtreme Chaos 18U 3
 Connecticut Raiders 18U Blue 4
 Mirage Gold 5
 The Wicked Green 6
 CT Tiger 18U 7
 Brewster Rockets 8
 Total Kaos 9
 Dutchess Debs 10
 CT Carnage 11

16U

Mid-Hudson Lady TIGERS 1
 Connecticut Raiders 16U Orange 2
 CT Eliminators 14U Black 3
 CT Comets 16U Black 4
 Breakers 14U 5

Sunday Single Elimination 6/19/11

BLUE IS 12U

RED IS 16U

GREEN IS 18U

<u>Field# 2</u>			<u>Field# 5</u>					
<u>TIME</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Game #</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Game #</u>			
9:00	8v9	1	9:00	7v10	2			
10:30	4v5	4	10:30	3 v Winner G3	5			
12:00	1 v Winner G1	6	12:00	2 v Winner G2	7			
1:30	WG4 v WG6	8	1:30	WG5 v WG7	9			
3:30	WG8 v WG9	10						
<u>Field# 3</u>						<u>Field# 4</u>		
<u>TIME</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Game #</u>				<u>TIME</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Game #</u>
9:00	8v9	1				9:00	7v10	2
10:30	4v5	3				10:30	3v6	4
12:00	1 v Winner G1	5				12:00	2 v Winner G2	6
1:30	WG3 v WG5	7				1:30	WG2 v WG4	8
3:15	WG7 v WG8	9						
<u>Field# 6</u>								
<u>TIME</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Game #</u>						
9:00	6v11 (18U)	3						
10:30	4v5	1						
12:00	2v3	2						
1:30	1 v Winner G1	3						
3:00	WG2 v WG3	4						

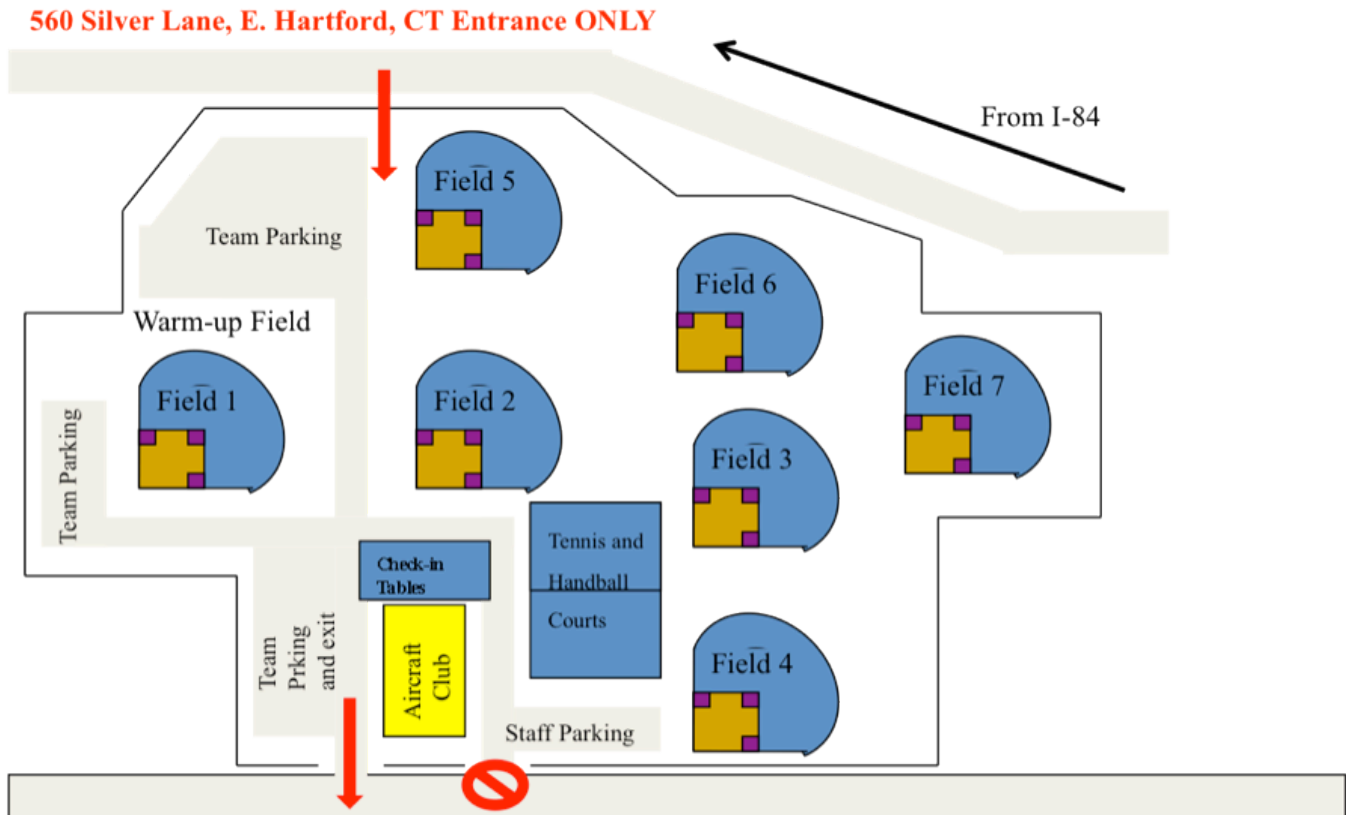
Directions to Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club Fields

For GPS users insert the address: 560 Silver Lane Entrance, East Hartford, CT 06118

[GOOGLE MAP LINK](#)

From I-84 East or West take the Roberts Street/ Silver Lane Exit. See sign for Rentschler Field. Turn left on Silver Lane and follow to fields on the left and turn left into the complex. During tournament there is no entrance from Clement Rd but you can exit to Clement Rd and park on the street, if desired.

Aircraft Club Softball Field Map



Clement Road **NO ENTRANCE HERE DURING TOURNAMENT**

PARKING- Please enter from Silver Lane ONLY and park in the lots designated on the map. DO NOT enter from Clement Rd. Parking by the Tennis Courts or the small rear lot is for umpires and USSSA staff only. **All fields will be in use. You can park in designated areas or also on Clement Road. No parking in grass or on Field 1.**

WARM-UP- **Field 1 is the designated warm-up area.**

CHECK-IN- Please check-in at the tables in front of the Club House.

FOOD- There is full service professional food vendor at the complex offering a variety of breakfast and lunch food as well as drinks. **NO GRILLS OR COOKING ALLOWED ON THE PREMISE.**

BATHROOMS- There are large spacious bathrooms. Please take care in keeping them clean as they are the club member locker rooms.

MERCHANDISE- There is a large variety of merchandise, tournament T-shirts, Apparel and softball novelties available. **Cash, Checks and all Major Credit Cards Accepted.**

NO SMOKING- There is no smoking allowed anywhere within the park.

Come Shop at the USSSA Store

The USSSA store at the tournament has something “softball” for every one and at really great prices! For your shopping convenience we accept **DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS, CHECKS AND CASH**. Our inventory changes over the course of the season so come often to see what we have. Our normal stock includes:

- Tournament T-Shirts custom designed for the Tournament.
- Assorted Softball T-Shirts
- Assorted Softball Hoodies
- Softball Apparel including many styles of shorts, lounge pants, flannel pants and shorts, flip flops and more.
- Glitter headbands, pre-wrap, hair and sleeve scrunchies
- Sunglasses (sports and designer styles)
- Softball jewelry
- Softball magnets and window decals
- Softball accessories such as scorebooks, gorilla gold, rosin bags, chin straps, bat grips and chemical cold packs
- Summer accessories such as sunscreen, lip balm and travel size medications such as Advil and Tylenol.

Come Hungry and Eat at “Scott’s Skillet” and cool off with “Bubba’s Family Ices.”

Scott’s Skillet, owned by Scott and Claudette Chateauneuf, is the official food vendor of the CT USSSA. Scott and Claudette have a full service food truck offering a variety of freshly cooked breakfast and lunch offerings at super reasonable prices. They have a large menu from hot breakfast sandwiches to grilled chicken and chicken salads to softball standards such as burgers and dogs. They also have freshly made fries, mozzarella sticks, candy and other goodies. They offer a “special” each tournament and will expand the menu as the summer heats up.

Bubba’s Family Ice will be on hand each week selling delectable, refreshing Italian Ices in a variety of flavors such as Lemon, Blue Raspberry, Strawberry, Almond and Watermelon. Bubba’s Ices, made fresh by the famous South End Italian Bakery in Hartford, will cool you down on those hot summer days.

2011 CT USSSA TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament Format: Pool play to single elimination.
2. Time limit - All games except the championship game will have a 1:20 time limit. No new inning may start after 1:20. The clock starts when team break the pre-game homeplate huddle with the umpires.
3. Championship games will have no time limit. The clock begins immediately after the pre-game conference ends. If the time limit is up and the home team is leading and at bat, then the game ends with whatever the score is at that point (ie, the final inning is not completed in this case – this is not the same as the drop dead rule).
4. Standard USSSA mercy rules in effect for all games (12 after 3; 10 after 4; 8 after 5).
5. Pool play games that are tied when time limit expires will be recorded as a tie.
6. In pool play, the winner of a coin toss prior to the start of a game will have choice of being home or visitors. In championship play the higher seeded team will have the choice. If both teams are equally seeded in championship play then a coin toss will be used.
7. All games are seven innings (6 innings 10U) when time permits.
8. Once pool play is completed, the order of finish within each pool is determined by an average point system, whereby two points are awarded for each win, 1 point for each tie and no points for a loss. Teams are ordered by the average points earned per game played. To break ties, the following are used in order:
 - 1) head-to-head (only applies when 2 teams are tied)
 - 2) lowest average runs allowed per games played
 - 3) head-to-head (only if two teams remain after 2)
 - 4) highest average runs scored per game played
 - 5) head-to-head (only if two teams remain after 4)
 - 6) number of wins
 - 7) coin toss.

Notes:

- (a) In a three-way tie, once one team is selected as the best team by the tiebreaker process, then head-to-head is applied to the remaining two teams. If the two teams did not play each other or if there are more than two teams remaining, then the process continues from the point at which the first team was selected. For example, assume Teams A, B & C have given up 5, 4 & 3 runs, respectively, have all earned the same average points and A beat B, B beat C and C beat A. Then Team C would be the top seed based on least average runs allowed. Team A would then be the 2nd seed due to head-to-head between teams A and B.

Note: If three teams are tied by average points and one of those teams beat the other two then that team will be the top seed among those three and the remaining two teams will follow the procedure above. Alternatively, if one of those teams lost to both the other two then that team will be the bottom seed among those three and the remaining two teams will follow the procedure above.
 - (b) A team will receive two points as a result of winning by forfeit. The points awarded for the forfeit will count toward the average points, but the forfeit will not count in the runs allowed or scored tiebreakers. A team will not be allowed to improve their seeding position by virtue of forfeiting their final pool game, whether done intentionally or not.
 - (c) Games that are not official do not count toward any of the tiebreakers above.
 - (d) If a team is scheduled to play a 4th pool game, then the last pool game for that team will not count toward their point total or run averages, although it does count for their opponent. However, if necessary, the head-to-head aspect of the game will be used.
9. Coaches and rostered players are the only ones allowed to be in the dugout or bench area during the games. Bat boys/girls are no longer permitted unless they are a rostered player.
 10. The tournament director reserves the right to change, shorten, modify, or alter games and/or schedule in order to conclude the tournament successfully. (See rain out policy item #22).
 11. If no games are played on Saturday, the Saturday schedule will be played on Sunday and seedings will determine a winner. If rained-out on Sunday seedings from Saturday will determine a winner.
 12. Team and individual trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Trophies will be presented after the championship game is completed.
 13. USSSA rules and regulations will apply to the tournament. Remember, In CT face guards and chin straps on all helmets are mandatory.

14. Protests on any issue other than an umpire's judgment will require a \$100 cash fee. Protests of an umpire's judgment will not be allowed and no fee will be accepted. Protests on rule or procedural interpretations during a game must be made before the next pitch and will be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. Protests on rule/procedures that occur at the end of the game must be made before the next game begins on that field. Protests on player eligibility must be made before either team starts their next game and will be decided upon before either team continues play. The protest committee will be made up of any part of the following: tournament director, site director, tournament UIC, site UIC or any of their designees. If the protest is upheld the \$100 will be refunded. If it is denied the fee will be forfeited.
15. Game time is under the control of the umpires on the field.
16. The winning team is responsible for reporting the final score to the check-in area.
17. Tie breakers.
 - a. If Saturday game is tied after seven innings (6 innings 10U) and there is still time left, the international tiebreaker will go into effect. A base runner will start at second base with no outs. The runner will be the batter who made the last out in the previous inning.
 - b. Sunday tiebreaker — international tiebreaker will be used after seven innings. A base runner will start at second base with no outs. The runner will be the batter who made the last out in the previous inning.
18. The DP/Flex may be used. Also, up to 2 APs (additional players) may be used. They must be on the lineup card and only hit. However, APs may be substituted for defensive players.
19. Courtesy runners will be allowed for the catcher and pitcher at any time by a legal courtesy runner.
20. All teams must report to the check-in person at least 1 hour before their first game. You will need the following: Proof of insurance and original signed USSSA roster. Also a photocopy of the roster must be provided for the CT USSSA state office at check-in. if you already provided one at a previous tournament, none is needed. All teams must have and be able to produce your official USSSA roster and birth certificates on demand.
21. If an ineligible player participates at any time during the tournament, the player and team manager will be ejected from the remainder of the tournament and all games in which that player participated will be forfeited. Participation is defined as either actively playing in the game or appearing anywhere on the official lineup that's presented prior to the start of a game. Examples of ineligible players include, but are not limited to, playing on two teams in the same event, not being listed on the team roster that was presented prior to the tournament, violating the age requirement, playing under an assumed identity, use of a fraudulent birth certificate, not presenting a birth certificate when requested to do so, etc.
22. Minimally the winner and runner-up will receive a berth to any USSSA World Series Tournaments if the event is a qualifier. More berths are awarded based on number of teams in the event. See the [website](#) for details.
23. Game time is forfeit time. However, the director's discretion may be used if unique circumstances warrant. Forfeits will be entered as no score (0-0). But the winner will receive the 2 points for the win during pool play.
24. Teams must be prepared to play 15 or more minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a game, due to mercy games or weather issues. The tournament director will decide if games start early.
25. Fields will be lined at the start of each day but WILL NOT be re-lined after games. This allows us to stay on schedule. Constant re-lining adds time to the day and teams prefer to come and go on time.
26. Warm-up in the designated warm-up area only. During pre-game no infield will be taken on the field other than the edges of the infield by the outfield grass. Pitchers cannot use the game pitching circle to warm up.
26. In the event of rain, snow or acts of God, the tournament director reserves the right to reduce game times. Refunds will be given according to the following policy. If at least 2 games are played no refund is provided. If 1 game is played a 50% refund is given. If no games are played an 80% refund is given.
27. Sunday seedings will be sent via email only (no phone calls) to the email address on file at the tournament check-in.
28. We look forward to your participation. Remember to act appropriately and to keep it fun.

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