



## **ROSTER REQUIREMENTS**

Starting January 1, 2005, all teams that participate in USSSA Baseball MUST have their team roster on-line in the [USSSA.com](http://USSSA.com) web site system prior to playing their first game. This includes teams that play in tournaments and / or sanctioned leagues. At every USSSA tournament, teams will be required to submit to the Tournament Director a signed copy of their Official USSSA On-Line Roster PRIOR to their first game. All Official USSSA On-Line Rosters will be forwarded to the state office.

What is an Official USSSA On-Line Roster? It's an internet based roster form executed in the [USSSA.com](http://USSSA.com) system at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) with all player's legal names and dates of birth entered into the system by the team manager / administrator (not hand written or typed on a typewriter). The on-line form is then printed and signed by one parent / legal guardian of each minor aged (17 years of age or younger) player. Players that are 18 years of age and older are allowed sign the roster themselves. The team manager must also read and sign the roster affidavit at the bottom. This is the only official USSSA roster and will be required at every USSSA tournament association wide. The penalty for not submitting an Official USSSA On-Line Roster before your team's first game is being prohibited from participation in the tournament.

The main purpose for USSSA registered teams being required to execute an Official USSSA On-Line Roster is to insure players are not jumping from team to team, week to week. A player can LEGALLY only be on one team's roster in an age division and can LEGALLY only play for a team in which his or her name appears on the roster.

When a team qualifies (wins a berth), the team's roster becomes frozen immediately whether the team accepts the berth or not. All players on the roster are bound to that team through the end of the current season (July 31st). The only allowable changes to a frozen roster are those governed by Official USSSA Baseball National By-Laws Rules 4.04 – 4.06.

In addition, starting August 1, 2006, roster will also be required for the Fall / Winter Season (August 1st - December 31st). Teams that earn berths between August 1st and December 31st will not have their rosters frozen until after January 1st.

All managers need to familiarize themselves with Official USSSA Baseball National Bylaws Rules 4.01 – 4.13 and Rules 7.01, 7.01.A – 7.01.P; not knowing the rules of USSSA is not an accepted excuse for violation of the rules.