

# Balanced Competition!

**USSSA Baseball brings a new formula to league and tournament play...**

**USSSA**  
*Baseball*

**U**nited States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Baseball exploded onto the youth baseball scene as a new and innovative national program that spread quickly into 34 states. In 1997, USSSA Baseball's rookie season, 1,100 teams representing 16,000 players, played baseball under the USSSA banner. In 1998 those numbers grew to 4,000 teams and 60,000 players. In only two years USSSA Baseball has become one of the most popular national programs.

USSSA Baseball is much more than numbers. USSSA has introduced innovative



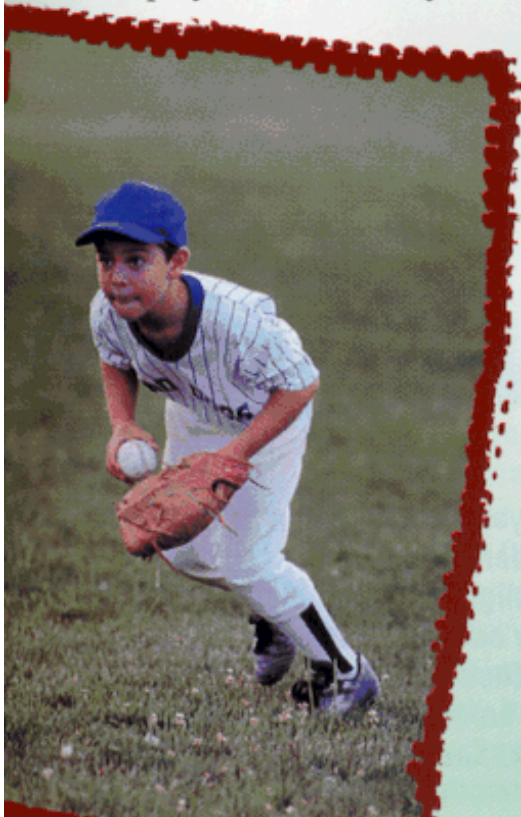
programs that allow more kids the opportunity to play more baseball. The program runs in single age

- groups from eight thru 18
- with three separate classes
- of play in each group. USSSA
- divides each age group into
- Major, AAA and AA classes.
- Each class represents a dif-
- ferent level of experience
- 
-

and skill. Even more exciting is that there are separate State Championships and World Series for the Major and AAA classes. The AA program is still at the regional level in 1999.

The innovative idea of separate classes of play in youth baseball has proven to be extremely popular with coaches, players and parents. No longer does the average team have to compete with the select travel team to go on to a World Series. The numbers for the USSSA World Series show how popular the program has become. Over 350 teams played in a USSSA World Series in 1998. The 13 & under in Tulsa, Oklahoma had 70 teams participate!

Teams can gain a berth to their State Championship in either league play or tournament play. There are many



# BatterUp

A striking new idea to make you a hitting machine



- The only pneumatically driven ball tossing device in today's market
- Lightweight, durable, compact and portable
- Use indoors or out  
No A.C. power required
- Adjustable rate of ball toss and height
- Continuous play with our custom return net




Saunic Sports Inc.

Telephone: (902) 742 7445  
Facsimile: (902) 742 1946  
[www.saunic.com](http://www.saunic.com)

USSSA Baseball qualifying tournaments around the country. If you coach a team or play on a team, now is the time to get involved in USSSA Baseball.

For more information open the web to [www.kcsports.org](http://www.kcsports.org) or call these numbers:  
Jim Swint-Executive V.P. of

Baseball 316-669-0078  
Rick Fortuna, USSSA  
Baseball/KC Sports 816-415-2255  
or email to [Rick@Kcsports.org](mailto:Rick@Kcsports.org) 

Junior Baseball *welcomes*  
*USSSA Baseball as its newest*  
*endorsing organization. See full*  
*list of organizations on page 7.*



