



## MRPA/MN-USSSA 2017 Proposed Team Classifications

Team Classifications with an asterisk for the 2017 season were set based on your finish in USSSA sanctioned tournaments, State, Nationals, Worlds, National By-Laws and the USSSA National Classification Committee. Minnesota USSSA Classification Committee factored in the above placement to the best of their knowledge based on your teams 2016 finish in USSSA and ASA tournaments. Minnesota USSSA also took into consideration USSSA sanctioned tournaments such as: Tower Day's, Father Hennepin, Dudley Classic, Fridley 49er Day's, Blaine Festival, Columbia Heights Jamboree, Pan-O-Prog, Duk Duk Daze, and Crystal Frolics.

MRPA/MN-USSSA classification projections for the 2017 teams listed below was a general observation from the Minnesota Classification Committee (MNCC), tournament directors (TD), and the state director based on the outcome from the 2016 season and potential returning teams with the same rostered players to determine this year's classification, however; this is based on judgment and subject to change based on roster review from the MNCC unless your team was affected by the reclassification from USSSA By-Laws and National Classification Committee. Those teams affected by the reclassification from USSSA By-Laws and the National Classification Committee will be announced at the USSSA National Convention in November and will be added to this document once confirmed.

Any team listed and/or not listed on this document that is playing the USSSA program in 2017 must submit a roster by April 1, 2017 to the Minnesota Classification Committee for review. Once your roster has been reviewed and approved you, the manager can upload your roster into USSSA-ISTS. All teams playing any USSSA sanction event must have their roster online by April 15. Any changes to your roster after approval must go through the state office.

USSSA Men's Classifications			
Class "B"	Class "C"	Class "D"	Class "E"
*Elite Media Design/CCC	Team Stoop/SJK Trucking	NAWT U	Minnesota Lightning
	Minnesota Maniax	The Ugly Finders	Minnesota Combat
	Miken/Lookout	EJF Plastics	The Crew
	Minnesota Jokers	JL Schweitzer's	Lutheran Lumber
	Minnesota Miracle Foundation	CA Hit Nation	Twankie
	Blueline	EE Masonry	Noonan Lawn Care
	Mayhem	Mutiny	Heppner's Autobody
	Budweiser/NLL/CA	Blacksheep	Joe Buck Yourself

	MGK Accounting	C & R Management/BL	Micks
	Showbombs	MN Dirty	Fence Shots
	Demarini Swag	The Future	
	Bryan Rock	Minnesota Mercenaries	
	Infinity	Honey Badgers	
	BBS/Babs	Mile High Club	
	Key Guys/Mikes Hard Lemonade	The Clique	
	Sbi	Trapstarz	
	*MN Mafia	Sterling Trophy	
	*Reckless	Midwest Monsters	
	*Overproof/Krown Apparel	MSF/Dacey Painting	
	*Old Dogs	MN VooDoo	
	*Ed's Collision/Blind Installation	*Sammy's Pizza	
	*Minnesota Wolfpack	*Venue 13	
	*Minnesota A's	*Buffalo House	
	*Lakes Trading	*Nori/Aspire	
	*Archetype Signs	*C & J Stoneworks	
	*AMEC/Jeb Drywall	*EMR	
	*K2 Kitchen & Bath	*Carbone's Pizza-Lakeville	
	*Dehn Brothers	*Team Hennessey	
	*Silverbacks	*Mercy Rules	
	*Streakless	*MN Dirty	

Teams that are sanctioned ASA that may play in USSSA events are classified as "C" below using the same criteria as we classify USSSA teams. Those ASA teams are listed below.

	Eagle Trace		
	Whalers		
	TC Wholesalers/State Farm		
	Midstate Crane		
	Cowboy Jacks		
	Red Bull		
	Pearson Trucking		
	Adrenaline		
	Precision Lining		
	Med City Express		
	OCM		
	Valley Sports/Stage Coach		
	Schmidt Roofing		

#### USSSA Women's Classifications

Class "A"	Class "B"	Class "C"	Class "D"
Minnesota Ice	Xtreme/Miken	Moritz Sports-North Dakota	Metro Merchants
	Free Agents		Elite Nutrition Renegadez-IA
			Extreme Heat
			Menace
			Outlaws
			JL Nation
			Wanderoos
			Great Clips/Imax
			The Doghouse
			Urban Landworks
			Team Vigor
			Extreme Graffix
			Minnesota Jinx
			Silverbacks
			TC Kings
			Minnesota Elite
			Devils
			RH Photography
			TC Stars

			Furious
			Buff Nutrition
			Amax
			BCB
			Schmitz Co

USSSA Mixed Classifications			
Class "B"	Class "C"	Class "D"	Class "E"
	Blainbrook/Xtreme Graffix	Ice Cold Pitches	
	TC Funhouse	Web Gems	
	MF Softball	Schroder's Bar & Grill	
	MN Finest	Tom Kadlee Honda	
	*MN Insane	Fireball	
	*TMNT	Pitches & Hoes	
	*Chicks-N-Sticks	Battitude	
	*TC Turmoil	Blue Ballers	
		Silky Mitts	
		Wall Bangers	
		Chan Legion/DSC	
		Lexington Floral	
		Beards & Babes	
		Running Aces	
		BMW	
		The Dog House	
		Jackalopes	
		Foul Balls	

### APPEAL PLAYER/TEAM CLASSIFICATION

#### National USSSA:

Teams reclassified by the By-Laws, or the National Classification Committee must participate in their new classification for a period of one (1) year. Teams that fail to participate the following year will remain at the new classification until such time as they participate and meet the requirements below.

#### NOTE:

Any team reclassified by the By-Laws, with four (4) or more players from the previous year's roster (Mixed teams are permitted a maximum of two (2) males and two (2) females must participate in their new classification for a period of one (1) year; however, teams reclassified by the Minnesota Classification Committee and/or By-Laws may make an appeal to be reinstated to its former classification only after the team has played a minimum of four (4) tournaments for the Men's program, and two (2) tournaments for the Women's and Mixed program. Such an appeal can only be made between June 1 and July 1 and must be submitted on the proper form, except the mixed program, which is no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. For the Men's and Women's program, the appeal must be made jointly to the State Director and forwarded on to the National Program Director, Vice President, and Assistant Executive Director.

#### Minnesota USSSA:

Teams classified by the Minnesota Classification Committee (MNCC) that want to appeal their classification may do so through the MNCC between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. Teams reclassified by appeal between April 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> may be

reclassified by the State Director and MNCC after the team plays the minimum of three (3) MRPA/MN-USSSA sanctioned tournaments. Appeals must be filled out on the official USSSA appeal form and submitted to the State Director. The appeal will be reviewed by the State Director and MNCC. A decision on all appeals will be rendered within 10 business days. All decisions on appeals are final!

## **WORLD TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION**

### **Men's Program:**

If your team wishes to participate in the World tournament(s) in either Florida, Arizona, California, Michigan, or Nevada in September or October, we want to do everything possible to help you get there. A winner of the Minnesota Conference TOC will earn a paid World tournament berth which may take place of the Central Division National Tournament. Depending on the number of teams entered in the MN-Conference TOC event, travel money could be paid out. In addition, the team winning a Men's "C" and "D" state tournament will receive a paid berth to the Minnesota Conference TOC. The winner of the Men's "E" state tournament will receive a paid berth to the Central Division National Tournament in Iowa, if you win that tournament you will receive a paid berth to the World Tournament.

### **Women's Program:**

Women's "A/B/C" and "D" state tournament champion will receive a paid berth to the Women's Central Division National Tournament. The winner of the Women's Central Division National Tournament will receive a paid berth to the World Tournament.

### **Mixed Program:**

The winner of the Mixed Competitive State Tournament will receive a paid berth to the Minnesota Fall State Tournament. The winner of the Mixed Competitive Fall State Tournament will receive a paid berth to the World Tournament of their choice.

### **ALL Programs:**

We will also offer a non-paid World tournament berth to any team that wants to go to the World tournament that participates in their respective state, conference, national, and fall state tournaments.

### **NOTE:**

If you played the MRPA/MN-USSSA program and met the requirements outlined in this document and struggled in competing at your assigned classification we can review your team history and strength of schedule to determine dropping you a classification to compete in the World tournament at your new assigned classification; however we will require you to play out the remainder of the season at your current classification.