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To all USSSA Coaches, Players and Fans:

I just returned from the 2010 NM USSSA State Meeting and Hall of Fame Banquet, and would like to share some of the highlights of the weekend.

Per National USSSA, **New Mexico USSSA will NO LONGER have a Mens Class Rec+ Division:**

Statewide, all Rec+ teams from 2009 will be reclassified to at least Men's Class E, with approximately 20 of them being moved to Men's Class D.

Approximately 30 of 2009 Men's Class E Teams will be reclassified to Men's D, so that will add around 50 more teams to Men's Class D. (2 Men's E teams have been move to Men's Class C)

Approximately 33 Men's Class D teams have been reclassified to Men's C for 2010, and 11 Men's C teams have been reclassified to Men's B.

Tournaments in the Clovis/Portales/Tucumcari USSSA Area will have Men's C/D (Playing with the C Rule) Men's Class E, and a few will have a separate Class D Bracket , **or** we will have Men's Competitive (Playing by the C Rule) and Men's Recreation (Playing by the Men's E Rule)

Out of State teams may **NOT** Play in Men's E Division without prior approval from State Director, but will be allowed to play in Men's Recreation Division Tournaments.

Women's classifications: No Changes (except mandatory move ups from meeting).

SOFTBALLS:

ALL must be USSSA Approved and be of yellow optic color.

The Classic M and Classic Plus balls may be used only in the Men's and Mixed Programs. The Classic W ball may be used only in the Women's and Mixed Programs.

Note: The Classic Plus ball will be legal in USSSA play beginning April 1, 2010.

New Additional Hitter Rule: Page 29

Sec. 6. ADDITIONAL HITTER (A.H.) rule can be used in the entire program. A team may insert an additional hitter (1) or hitters (2) into its lineup. The batting order must remain constant; however, any 10 of the 11 or 12 players can take a defensive position throughout the game. If an A.H. is used, the team must finish with 11 or 12 players depending on if a team uses 1

or 2 additional hitters or the game is forfeited unless the program uses the shorthanded rule. In the Mixed Program when the A.H. is used a Male and Female A.H. must be used. If an additional hitter or hitters is inserted into the lineup after the game has started the player or players will be ejected.

Here is a link to the 2010 USSSA slow-pitch rule book:

<http://www.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/2010SPRuleBook.pdf>

Below are some of the highlights that pertain to Clovis/Portales/Tucumcari area:

Teams that have been reclassified for 2010, that have at least 4 players from the previous years team or teams (no matter if team name is same or not) must play in the reclassified class. Please see pages 61 and 62 in the USSSA Rule book for better clarity.

ALL Local Area Directors in attendance helped during the reclassification portion of the State meeting. All teams that finished 1st thru 5th in State tournaments were automatically moved up, and others were added using team power ratings and Area Directors input.

Local Area Team Reclassifications: (Total Statewide in parenthesis)

Mixed: Divas and Dawgs, Snider Electric to Mixed C (Total 12 Moved up)

Women: To Women's D ---Queen B...s, Lady Flatbeds of NM, Lady Braves, SOS Softball, Krazzee Pitches, Rukus, Salvejes, Scorpions (Total 18 moved up)

Women: To Women's C---Coronitas, Asesinas (Total 15 moved up)

Men---To Men's D: Degeneration X, Nightcrawlers, Clean-up, RER Lizards, Regulators, Scum, X-Raided, Quakes, Tap Out, Fema, Stich Rippaz, Moment of Truth, Cougars, Think Twice, Lock n Load, Warthogs, Clovis Hitmen, (68 teams moved up)

Men---To Men's C: Snider Electric, Undertakers, Kaos, Gil's Knights, Peligro, La Pandilla, Sena's Rockies (Total 35 moved up)

CONGRATULATIONS:

Koenia Chavez—2009 Inductee in NM USSSA Hall of Fame (Female Category)

Koenia had over 28 friends and family in attendance this weekend to partake in the festivities and honor bestowed to her!

Inductees from our area in 2011:

2011 Manager Category: Dave Jones manager of Warthogs and Angels Men's Teams

2001 Umpire Category: Brenda Depperman (over 30 years umpiring and dedication)

Team category Hall of Honor: Illusions women team from Clovis
(Previous winners from Clovis, Guy's Electric and Ultamitts)

If you have any questions please call or email me.
Roger