

# **McHenry County Youth Sports Association**

**Press Release  
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Crystal Lake, Illinois:

The McHenry County Youth Sports Association (MCYSA) announced that they have reached an agreement with the United States Sports Specialty Association (USSSA) to host three different age group youth baseball championship events beginning in 2008.

MCYSA is the not-for-profit organization that has hosted the CABA World Series events in Crystal Lake, Woodstock and McHenry County for the past fifteen years. USSSA is a leader in both youth and adult sports activities including baseball, fast and slow pitch softball, basketball, soccer and other sports. In 2007, USSSA saw its youth baseball membership increase to 40,000 teams on all age levels. The three age group events with USSSA will replace the CABA World Series events.

The partnership with USSSA will enable MCYSA to expand its involvement and offerings in youth baseball and other youth sports activities. In 2008 MCYSA will be co-sponsoring additional youth baseball age group events and will also be involved in a number of girls fast pitch softball tournaments. These activities will be in addition to the three baseball championship events in late July and early August. "We have been exploring and looking into various options for the past two years. The MCYSA Board of Directors believes that our partnership with USSSA will enable our organization to be involved in bringing a wider variety of youth sports activities to McHenry County and its communities.", states Jack Sebesta, President of MCYSA.

In the past six years MCYSA has granted \$22,000 in college scholarships to past participants and contributed in excess of \$70,000 to area youth sports groups, high schools, recreation organizations and McHenry County College. "Involvement with USSSA opens more doors for MCYSA and allows us additional opportunities to contribute positively to the economic base of Crystal Lake, Woodstock and the rest of McHenry County. We have been very lucky over the years to have the support of the Crystal Lake Park District, Sage Products, the City of Crystal Lake and School District #155. All of those organizations have been phenomenal supporters of the World Series events that we have hosted. The City of Woodstock, McHenry County College and School District #300 have come forward and also been key partners. One of the key factors in the success over the years has been the dedicated group of volunteers from the local host teams and the community in general. Without those unsung heroes, whose names you never hear, these great events would just not happen. The volunteers from the Babe Ruth, Cyclones, Hurricanes, Travelers/Cardinals, Bombers, Lightning, KC Baseball and GWBA organizations – those are the people who really deserve the credit for what has happened here in the past fifteen years and they will be the ones who will continue to make everything possible.", continued Sebesta.

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Additional information will be available in the near future. MCYSA is currently updating its new website – [www.MCYSASports.org](http://www.MCYSASports.org). Gregg Sibigtroth, Executive Tournament Director, can be reached at 708/826-1804. Jack Sebesta can be reached at 815/482-1565 or [JSebesta@Crystallakeparks.org](mailto:JSebesta@Crystallakeparks.org).