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*RACE TO THE TITLE*  
**2009 USSSA**  
**Summer International Championships**  
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The McHenry County Youth Sports Association (MCYSA) is proud to announce that Brazil and Sri Lanka have both committed teams to the MCYSA/USSSA Summer International Championships which will be held in Crystal Lake and surrounding communities this summer in late July and early August.

The Confederacao Brasileira and the Sri Lanka Baseball Association have both been working closely with MCYSA over the past months to establish relationships that have enabled Brazil to create and send a 15U team and Sri Lanka to commit teams for both the 15U and 13U tournaments. With the recent commitments of Brazil and Sri Lanka this brings the number of International Teams committed to the four age groups to eleven total teams. Seven International Teams are currently committed to the 15U tournament, two Internationals for the 13U and one each for the 11u and 9U tournaments.

The 15U tournament will feature Japan, two Puerto Rico teams, the Dominican Republic, Canada, Brazil and Sri Lanka. MCYSA is also working closely with New Zealand, the Bahamas, Russia and two additional Canadian teams to bring the possible total of 15U International Teams to twelve. Additionally, MCYSA expects twenty different states from across the United States to be represented in the event.

A number of the International Teams including Japan, Brazil and Sri Lanka will take part in the “Home Stay” program that MCYSA has had in place for the past fourteen years. Community families host two players each from the International Teams while they are participating in the tournament. It is a unique opportunity for the players and community members to interact and experience different cultures.

For additional information about the MCYSA/USSSA Summer International Championships go to [www.MCYASports.org](http://www.MCYASports.org) or contact Jack Sebesta at 815/482-1565.

**For the past 16 years Events hosted by the MCYSA have been the NUMBER 1 single event economic force in McHenry County, Illinois.**

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