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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 excited to announce that the **15U CC New Zealand Baseball Team 2009** will be coming to the MCYSA/USSSA Summer International Championships which will be held in Crystal Lake, Woodstock, Cary and LITH this summer in late July and early August.

The New Zealand Baseball Federation has been working closely with MCYSA over the past months to establish relationships that have enabled New Zealand to coordinate their national organizations and assemble a team of 15-year olds to come and compete in the Annual International event in McHenry County. With the commitment of New Zealand this brings the number of International Teams committed to the four age groups to thirteen total teams.

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

New Zealand will join Japan, Brazil and Sri Lanka as part of 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.

Before each game that New Zealand plays the players will perform the traditional New Zealand national war chant – the Haka which is an event all on its own. A contingent of almost forty New Zealand players, coaches and fans will make the trip to Crystal Lake this July.

For additional information about the MCYSA/USSSA Summer International Championships or to volunteer for the “Home Stay” program go to www.MCYSASports.org or contact Larry Freck at 815/356-0640.

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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