

# Baseball Tournament Rules

## 2026 Spring Season

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### Tournament rules for all age groups:

- 1.) All coaches should always have copies of birth certificates and or player report cards for grade exemption players in their possession. Tournament director will not require proof but in the circumstance that a team is challenged on age this will need to be provided to the tournament director. All protests must occur during the game and not prior. There is a non-refundable \$100 fee that must be paid when challenging a team. The tournament director will have the final decision.
- 2.) 2 Game balls will need to be provided to the home plate umpire during the plate meeting. If an umpire request more balls during the game these will need to be provided by each team. At the conclusion of the game, you will receive your game balls back from the home plate umpire.
- 3.) Any triple AAA teams will be required to play up a division. For example, if you're deemed AAA by USSSA in 11u, you will be required to play 12u. If we have more than 3 AAA teams in one age group, we will have separate brackets for that age group. This will also be the tournament director's decision. It will be based on the USSSA website and or GameChanger.
- 4.) Tournament seeding will be based upon the following, 1. Record, 2. Head-to-Head, 3. Runs allowed, 4. Runs scored, 5. Coin Flip.
- 5.) Ties can occur during pool play. On championship Sunday we will play extra innings until the winner is decided. The only time a tie will not be allowed in pool play is if the tournament is a round robin format.
- 6.) 9u-12u if a pitcher throws more than 3 innings on Saturday, he will NOT be eligible to pitch on Sunday. 1 pitch= 1 inning. Home plate umpire will keep track of this. All head coaches are required to sign after the conclusion of pool play game. If a pitcher that isn't eligible throws a pitch at any point the game will be forfeited, and the other team will be awarded the win. If this happens in tournament play the team will be eliminated. At bases loaded tournaments and events we take the well-being of our young players seriously. It's not worth injuring a kid and possibly ruining his or her future to win a ball game.
- 7.) 13/14U will not have single day pitch restrictions however a pitcher can only throw (9) innings in a weekend. (7) if it's a one-day format.
- 8.) No metal cleats will be allowed in 7-12U. 13/14U metal cleats are permitted but cannot be worn on a portable mound.

### Coach/Parent Conduct

- 1.) At any point where a umpire feels like a Coach/Parent needs to be removed from the game he can do so at his disclosure. If a coach is removed from the game, he will not be allowed to return for that weekend. If a parent or fan is removed from the game, they will need to leave the facility immediately. Failure to do so could result in local law enforcement.
- 2.) If a coach makes, contact or has intent on harming another person that team will be removed from the tournament with no refund issued. We have a Zero chance policy on this issue, and it will not be tolerated.

- 3.) If a coach has an issue with a call made by the umpire, only the head coach is allowed to address this issue to the home plate umpire.

	7/8U	9/10U	11/12U	13/14U
Time Limit	5 innings. 1 hour No new inning after 55 minutes	5innings. 1 hour 20 minutes No new inning after 55 minutes	5 innings. 1 hour 20 minutes No new inning after 55 minutes	6 innings. 1 hour 30 minutes No new inning after 1 hour 25 minutes
Bats	Must have a USSSA stamp or USA stamp. Any barrel size is allowed.			13/14U -5 or BBCOR
Leadoff	N/A	After the ball crosses the plate.	High School Rules	High School Rules
Pitching	N/A	6 innings per weekend. 3 inning max on Saturdays. 5 inning max for one day tournaments.	7 innings per weekend. 3 inning max on Saturdays. 5 inning max for one day tournaments.	9 innings per weekend. 7 inning max for one day tournaments.
Batting Lineup	Can bat the entire roster	Can bat the entire roster with free subs on defense	EH, DH or bat the entire roster. Free subs only apply if batting the entire roster.	EH, DH or bat the entire roster. Free subs only apply if batting entire roster.
Defense	10 defensive players. 4 outfielders	9 defensive players	9 defensive players	9 defensive players
Mercy Rule	6 runs per inning. Game will end if team is mathematically beat.	6 runs per inning. Game will end if up 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.	Unlimited runs per inning. Game will end if up 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.	Unlimited runs per inning. Game will end if up 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5.
Courtesy Runner	Catcher only	Catcher/Pitcher	Catcher/Pitcher	Catcher/Pitcher
Sliding	No headfirst slides unless coming back into base	Headfirst slides are allowed.	Headfirst slides are allowed.	High School Rules.