

Rules Summary for USSSA Tournaments

	7U-8U Tournament	9U Tournament		10U Tournament		11U-12U Tournaments	13U-14U Tournaments	13U-18U Tournaments
	A/AA/AAA/Major	A	AA/AAA/Major	A	AA/AAA/Major	A/AA/AAA/Major	A/AA/AAA/Major	A/AA/AAA/Major
Bat Roster ^a	Yes	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice
EH or DH	No	EH Optional	EH Optional	EH Optional	EH Optional	EH Optional	EH Optional	Choice ^e
Courtesy runners	For catcher only. Player who made last out.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.	Yes. Player who made last out if batting entire line-up. If not batting entire roster, courtesy runner shall be someone not in line-up.
Runs per inning limit	7	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lead-offs	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	After pitcher releases pitch.	Yes	After pitcher releases pitch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	Max 2 per inning.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Start with 8 ^b	May start with 9. 10th spot is an out each time.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finish with 8 ^b	May finish with 9. 10th spot is an out each time.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scheduled Innings	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7
Complete Game	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Run Spread	(8U-15/3, 8/4) (7U-15/4, 8/5)	15/3, 8/4	15/3, 8/4	15/3, 8/4	15/3, 8/4	15/3, 8/4	15/3, 12/4, 8/5	15/3, 12/4, 8/5
Intentional Walks	Each batter may be int. walked only once per game.	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic	Automatic
Pitching Limitations ^d Only enforced in State and World Series Tournaments	DNA	3, 6, 8	3, 6, 8	3, 6, 8	3, 6, 8	3, 6, 8	3, 7, 8	Unlimited (15-18)
Minimum defensive innings	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
After time limit is called	For any new inning that starts after time limit has been called, each team will start with one out and the batter/runner who made the last out shall be placed on 2nd base. Not applicable in State or World Series play.							
Time Limit ^e	90 minutes	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours

a - If batting just 9 or 10, starters may re-enter one time. Non-starters not allowed to re-enter.

b - An out shall be declared each time the 9th spot comes to bat.

c - In the 15-18 divisions, a dh may be utilized for players other than pitchers.

d - 1st # =max innings pitcher can pitch in 1 day and return the next. 2nd # = max innings pitcher can pitch in 3 consecutive days. If pitcher pitches three days in a row, two full days of rest are required.

e - Time limit will not be in effect for championship games in State or World Series tournaments.

Home team during pool play is determined by coin flip. Home team sits in first base dugout. During bracket play, home team is the higher seeded team. At State & World Series , home team in championship game is determined

Note: Any new inning that starts after time limit has been called, each team will start with no outs and the batter/runner who made the last out shall be placed on 2nd base.