

USSSA State & World Series Tournament Rules

USSSA rules will be used with the following exceptions:

1. In the event of rain, which causes postponement of any game in progress that is not an official game (3 ½ or 4 innings in 12-Under and below and 4 ½ or 5 innings in 13-Under and above) the game will be suspended and completed to the point where it is an official game if the tournament is continued.
2. The home team shall be determined by the flip of a coin between the opposing managers during the pool play portion of the tournament. During the championship bracket play, the home team shall be the team that is the higher seed. The home team shall occupy the first base dugout and shall be the official scorekeeper. Please flip prior to taking possession of a dugout. The umpires will insist on you being in the correct dugout.
3. The designated hitter may be used per the American League rulebook (15U & above) hitter may be used to constitute a 10-man batting order. The EH, if used, shall be considered a defensive position for the purpose of substitution.

Special Playing Rules (“A” Level Only)

4. **9U-13U “A” have the option to bat their roster or bat 9 or 10 using the EH, teams must declare prior to the game.**
5. **9U “A” ONLY!**
 - a) **Runners may advance home only on a batted ball, force (as a result of a walk, hits batsman) or players interference.**
 - b) **Batter is automatically out on a dropped third strike.**
 - c) **The infield fly and balk rule will not be enforced.**
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7. A base runner shall be called out when he does not slide or attempt to slide or avoid contact on any close play and contact is made. In addition, any flagrant or violent contact caused on the part of the base runner shall result in his immediate ejection from the game.
8. **High School Divisions Only** - All bats must conform to the National Federation rules, which state that the length may not be more than three units greater than the weight.
9. **Pitching Limitations:**

The end of the day for the pitching limitations rule is the time of day or night when the ballpark is shutdown and the teams go home for the night break. For games that for what ever reason extend past midnight or start late at night, past midnight and before the teams take the night break, will count as being played on the scheduled day. For games that for whatever reason are suspended and then resumed after the night break (the next day or another day), the part of the game played before suspension will count as being played on the scheduled day and the part of the game played once resumed will count as being played on the resumed day.

AGE DIVISION	COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
9U	4	6	8
10U	4	6	8
11U	4	6	9
12U	4	6	9
13U	5	7	11
14U	5	7	11

8.08.G.1 Column A: The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day.

Rule 8.08.G.1 Example: In the 10U age division, a pitcher may throw up to four (4) innings in one (1) day and still throw the next day; but if that pitcher throws four and one-third (4 1/3) innings or more in one (1) day, he cannot pitch the next day.

8.08.G.2 Column B: The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in one (1) day.

Rule 8.08.G.2 Example: In the 10U age division, a pitcher may throw a maximum of six (6) innings in one (1) day. The pitcher would not be allowed to pitch the next day.

8.08.G.3 Column C: The number of innings a pitcher can legally pitch in two (2) consecutive days.

Rule 8.08.G.3 Example: In the 10U age division, a pitcher may throw a maximum of eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a pitcher may legally pitch any combination of innings the equal eight (8) as long as the first (1st) day pitched does not equal more than four (4) innings due to Column A requirements.

8.08.G.4 For purposes of the pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records

any out above the pitching limits.

Exception: Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play will not be counted against the pitcher.

8.08.G.5 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

8.08.G.6 It is the responsibility of each team's manager to challenge pitching violations by notifying the umpire-in-chief and then the League / Tournament Director.

8.08.G.7 Any innings pitched or outs recorded during a game that is forfeited shall count towards the pitchers' allotted innings.

8.08.G.8 In age divisions 12U and younger, a player that pitches two (2) consecutive days must rest the third (3rd) day regardless of the number of innings pitched on either day.

Penalty: Any violation of pitching limitations Rule 8.08.G.1 through 8.08.G.8 shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. This may be done at any point after an illegal out has been recorded while the pitcher in violation is in the game and in the pitching position. If such violation occurs during Pool-Play, the team in violation of the Rule may not advance to the championship bracket.

10. The following distances will be used in the tournament.

<u>Age/Grade Division</u>	<u>Between Bases</u>	<u>Pitching Distance</u>
9 & 10-Under	65'	46'
11 & 12-Under	70'	50'
13 & 14-Under	80'	54'
15-18-Under	90'	60' 6"

The following general information shall be adhered to during this tournament.

1. No batting practice is permitted at the 3&2 complex. No soft toss is permitted outside the field and balls must not be hit into the fences. **All warm-ups must be confined to on-field space only. Do not swing bats or throw balls in the commons areas.**
2. No baiting of umpires, profanity, or abusive language will be tolerated.
3. All protests will be settled at the time of occurrence by the Tournament Rules Committee.
4. Any player, coach, manager or attached spectator that is ejected from a game shall not be permitted to participate in the next game that the team may play, except for ejection caused by no contact (slide) rule violation.
5. In the event of inclement weather, a message regarding weather and field conditions will be put on our recorders a minimum of two hours prior to game time. The phone number to call is 913-643-3113.
6. Awards will be presented to the first-place team and members and second-place team and members.
7. Game balls will be provided.
8. Each team will be responsible for providing a scorekeeper and one of these scorekeepers shall run the scoreboard. The home team scorebook shall be the official book.
9. No bottled or canned beverages are permitted into the complex. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted on the premises.